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Photo by Virginia Bacon

Snow on Spring Ridge

Virginia Bacon of Portola Valley took several photos of the snowfall on local hillsides on Dec. 7. This one is of Spring Ridge from the top of Palmer Lane in Portola Valley. "What a beautiful sight," says the photographer.

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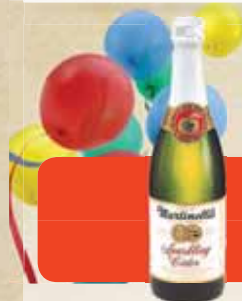
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Extra! Extra! Top stories of 2009

By Andrea Gemmet,
Sean Howell and Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writers

Good news seemed in short supply in 2009, and that was certainly true for residents of the Midpeninsula. A year of big decisions, tight budgets and stretched resources took its toll on local governments and school districts, with consequences that will surely resonate through 2010.

After perusing the contents of overflowing notebooks, Almanac reporters selected the top five stories of 2009. These are the topics that galvanized readers, provoked endless hours of discussion in city council chambers and board rooms, and filled the pages of the newspaper.

For Menlo Park, two enormous land-use decisions loom large. One could reshape the city's downtown, the other could introduce development on a massive scale near Marsh Road and Bayfront Expressway.

Residents of Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood faced the foreclosure crisis first-hand, and the city struggled to find ways to save homes. Atherton faced a series of painful and embarrassing financial setbacks, while the Menlo Park City

School District wrestled with how to house an influx of students on an increasingly tight budget.

The Sequoia Union High School District's lengthy fight against Everest ended in defeat, with the newest charter school opening its doors in August.

A year of living arduously

Life, even for institutions, has its ups and downs. Life has been mostly up since August for Everest Public High School, a new charter school that opened in Redwood City.

Everest is a clone of six-year-old Summit Preparatory Charter High School, which has been highly successful in preparing kids for four-year colleges. There's a waiting list every year at Summit Prep, as there was for Everest in its first year.

But to open its doors, Everest officials, on behalf of its lottery-chosen freshman class, engaged in a year of bare-knuckled fighting with elected and appointed officials from the Sequoia Union High School District. Also participating,



Photo by Dave Boyce/The Almanac

Andy Richter, right, and his teammate get advice from Jon Deane, executive director of Everest charter high school, during an August scavenger hunt, part of freshman orientation. Everest has been at the center of a debate about the future of the local high school district.

Atherton family honors slain son Rich May

Family and friends of slain East Palo Alto police officer Rich May, including his stepfather Frank Merrill of Atherton, plan to build the first regulation playing field in East Palo Alto through the Rich May Foundation, Mr. Merrill announced Dec. 22 in a news release.

In addition to his stepfather, Rich May's mother, Clarise Merrill, and sisters Tami McMillan and Amy Merrill also live in Atherton.

On Nov. 25, the jury in the Rich May murder trial found the defendant, Alberto Alvarez, guilty of first-degree murder, and on Dec. 22, the jury recommended the death sentence for the 2006 killing.

A social psychologist testified during the trial that a factor contributing to this tragedy was that the defendant lived in a community that lacked athletic

opportunities.

"The (Rich May) family hopes that this field will be the beginning of changing that," Mr. Merrill said.

The playing field, serving youth in East Palo Alto and the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, will be built on about two acres of land at 1425 Bay Road that was donated by the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Ravenswood City School District, he said.

The plan is for a synthetic turf field, plus a picnic area, bathrooms, storage, an office and parking areas, he said. The field will be lighted for night use and will be suitable for soccer, rugby, football, running, and field hockey.

Over the past three years, the foundation has started a rugby

and always in the thick of it, were lawyers.

With Everest now suing the Sequoia district over an allegedly illegal offer of facilities in East Palo Alto, the fight is far from over.

Hostilities began in September 2008, when a majority of the Sequoia board denied Everest a charter, then followed Everest's petitioners to the San Mateo County Office of Education to

lobby that board to also deny Everest, which it did. The district claimed economic hardship and that Everest would skim motivated kids from traditional schools and leave the tough cases.

Everest countered that it would do as good or better job for much less than it costs the district, and that its students mirror the district's in terms of ethnic, academic and socio-

economic diversity.

As the state Legislature's rules recommend, Everest petitioners took their case to the state Board of Education in Sacramento, where they won a charter on a unanimous vote.

The battle then shifted to the Sequoia district's obligation to offer Everest "reasonably equivalent

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After covering mortgage payments, city takes possession of below-market-rate condo

By Sean Howell
Almanac Staff Writer

An unusual case in which the city of Menlo Park paid mortgage installments and homeowners association fees on a below-market-rate condominium unit for over two years ended with the city's finally obtaining the property through a court ruling on Dec. 1.

While the city occasionally has to step in to modify loans or resell properties when below-market-rate homeowners fall into default, this is the first time in the city's history that it was forced to resort to the legal system to obtain the title to a home, according to city attorney Bill McClure.

Through the below-market-rate housing program, land developers either build or pay for the construction of below-

market-rate units, which are then sold to people on a waiting list who meet income requirements.

The payments the city made on the home came through that fund, rather than the city's general operating fund, according to Mr. McClure.

Ning Docena bought a condominium in the Menlo Square development near the train station in February 2004. The city first learned that she had defaulted on a loan in September 2007, according to a complaint filed in San Mateo County Superior Court.

While the city paid off loans, it also worked to prevent a handful of lenders, as well as the homeowners association, from foreclosing on the property and trying to sell it. The city eventually asked the court to declare that Menlo Park had first right

of refusal to buy the property, a request that the court granted.

The city covers mortgage payments when a below-market-rate homeowner defaults in order to keep the unit in the below-market-rate program, with a set resale value, according to Mr. McClure.

Now that the city owns the unit, it will offer to sell it to another applicant for below-market-rate housing.

Throughout the process, Ms. Docena did not respond to any of the city's letters or notices, according to Mr. McClure. He said he believes she is still living in the unit.

The Almanac was unable to contact her.

"It's very unfortunate," Mr. McClure said. "Generally we try to work with property owners to

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Carroll Ann Hodges retired from the Woodside Town Council to the warmth of her wood-imbued home on Canada Road and the comfort of her animal companions.

Wood and animals, and rocks

Carroll Ann Hodges has a household of friends, animate and inanimate

By **Dave Boyce**

Almanac Staff Writer

Recently retired three-term Woodside Town Council member Carroll Ann Hodges seems to find satisfaction in the elemental.

In her work as a geologist, she focused on the study of rocks and minerals, the essence of fundamental and touchable physical reality. In choosing a car in the 1960s, she picked a sports car, but one with the raw power to tow a horse trailer from Texas to Colorado and, a year later, over the mountains to the Bay Area. She likes single-malt Scotch and still owns her first piece of furniture, a table saw.

"That's been my most useful piece of furniture, and the most important," Ms. Hodges, 73, says in an interview at her home along Canada Road. She shares her place with a red 1964-and-1/2 Mustang convertible (it was introduced six months early); three tawny cats, including one who reportedly rolls over, sits and jumps through hoops on command; and a horse that could charm a carrot from Bugs Bunny.

At home, a one-story 1977 structure of her own design, she is surrounded by real wood — knotty pine on the inside and cedar on the outside, including new shakes on the front that she replaced herself. The elegant pine dining table that seats 12 is her work. (To make it, she bought a plank planer.) On her workbench outside are the

barn-wood elements of a new medicine cabinet she's making.

All this is not to say Ms. Hodges does not appreciate nuance. She has a doctorate in geology from Stanford University and was a consulting professor there for the last two years of her 25-year career with the U.S. Geological Survey. She retired in 1995.

She taught geology at Colorado State and San Jose State universities, and her career includes private-sector work as a geologist for Shell Oil and for San Francisco-based Utah Construction and Mining.

Her USGS career includes work on terrestrial and Martian volcanoes and topological studies of the moon and Mars. She was an editor of draft reports on "orbital science" for the Apollo 17 moon mission. From the USGS Menlo Park offices, she led the Geologic Division, Western Region.

For three months in 1963, while a graduate student at Stanford, Ms. Hodges gave lectures and campfire talks and led hikes as a ranger and naturalist in the Grand Canyon. "The best job I ever had," she says.

In 1980-81, while with the USGS, she went to Washington, D.C., as a congressional science fellow for the American Geophysical Union. Working with a Nevada congressman, she studied the environmental and economic impacts of an Air Force proposal to station intercontinental ballistic missiles in Nevada.

In three essays for Eos, a Geophysical Union magazine, Ms.

Hodges recounts her congressional experience and maps strategies for scientists wanting to lobby that august body. The essays are online (at tinyurl.com/CAHodges) and are interesting reading even after 25 years.

Friend to equestrians

Ms. Hodges' horse Midnight, a purebred Morgan gelding, stands a little over 14 hands high and spends his time in the field and stable behind her house. She rides him on Woodside's trails just about every day — a reward, she says, for her day's accomplishments.

Midnight, as his name implies, is black, as black as he can be. "There's not a white hair on him," Ms. Hodges says.

After an introduction and a friendly hand on his withers, Midnight assertively snuffled this reporter's sweater with his mouth, leaving the sweater curiously dry and unwrinkled and the reporter feeling welcomed, as if he'd just shaken hands.

Horses have been integral to Ms. Hodges' life and to her involvement with Woodside, a town that identifies itself with the equestrian lifestyle. (A larger-than-life bronze sculpture of a mare and foal is set to debut on downtown's Village Hill in the spring.)

Ms. Hodges was the Town Council liaison to the Livestock and Animal Control Committee, and is a charter member of

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Local New Year's Eve events range from a party for the equestrian set at the Mounted Patrol clubhouse to dinner and dancing at the Village Pub. If you know of other local events, go to AlmanacNews.com and post them in Town Square, the online forum for our local communities.

FOG Trio at Kohl Mansion

The FOG Trio, a Bay Area piano trio, will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Kohl Mansion, 2750 Adeline Drive in Burlingame.

There will be a pre-concert talk with Kai Chistiansen at 6 p.m. and a post-concert champagne reception with the musicians. Tickets are \$75. For more information, call 762-1130.

New Year's Eve party at Mounted Patrol

The San Mateo County Horsemen's Association and the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County are planning a New Year's Eve party from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Mounted Patrol clubhouse, 521 Kings Mountain Road in Woodside.

All equestrians are invited to attend and bring a potluck dish to share. Rolls, condiments, coffee and soft drinks will be



Dance, buffet at Little House

A New Year's Eve dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at Little House, 800 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park. The Jerry Jay Quartet will play music for dancing. Formal attire is requested. A buffet will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and \$30 per couple. For reservations, call 326-2025.

New Year's Eve aboard the Hornet

A New Year's Eve party will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the enclosed deck of the historic USS Hornet aircraft carrier in Alameda.

The party will feature a 17-person band, party favors, a silent auction, and a midnight countdown. The evening will start with "A Tribute to the Andrews Sisters" as guests are greeted by a performance of the Singing Blue Stars.

Last year's party drew 850 partygoers.

Tickets are \$48 to \$90 per person and include free parking. An optional buffet dinner is available for purchase. The ship is permanently berthed at 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, in Alameda.

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provided.

The event is a benefit for the Huddart/Wunderlich Trail Fund and the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association. Admission is free; however, a donation is requested (\$25 for adults and \$10 for children). For more information, call Don and Sandie Pugh at 851-2052, or send an e-mail to don@sandon.com.

Dinner, dancing at Village Pub

Live music, dancing and party favors will be part of the fun on New Year's Eve at The Village Pub, 2967 Woodside Road in Woodside. Cost of the early seating dinner is \$100 per person (not including wine, tax and gratuity) and \$140 for the late seating. For the menu, visit thevillagepub.net.

Barber walks from Fremont to Menlo on 75th birthday

Jym Marks, proprietor of the Markstyle hair salon on Willow Road, walked 12 miles to work from his Fremont home to celebrate his 75th birthday Sunday, Dec. 20.

Mr. Marks had a brief celebration with friends and family when he arrived, but did not open his shop. He had been training five to six days per week over the last several months to prepare himself, he said.

"I hope that the next time I do this, it's going to be for some type of benefit that would motivate and inspire men my age to get out and walk," Mr. Marks said. "In other countries, people walk. In America,

we go around the block four or five times because we can't find a parking spot directly in front of the place we're going into."

Mr. Marks was joined by his son, Jason, who surprised him by coming up from Los Angeles for the occasion. They were taken off-guard by alarms and flashing lights when they tried to enter the bike lane from the Dumbarton Bridge, and were forced to make a detour to reach the bike lane, he said.

Mr. Marks estimated that the detour took an extra 20 minutes, though the men still finished in a very respectable three hours, thirty-five minutes.

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WHOA, the Woodside Horse Owners Association. WHOA, she says, is "very focused and determined to keep the emphasis on horses in this town."

Is the town's equestrian focus still sharp? "We hope so," she says, and credits WHOA, the Woodside Trail Club and the Trails Committee. "The groups that are really concerned about the equestrian image are very active," she says. "I do what I can

from my limited perspective."

That's a little self-deprecating from someone with her background. She's cruised the whole of the Mississippi River and up the Ohio River to Pittsburgh on the Delta Queen steamboat, she says.

She's been to Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana and Namibia, the home of the Skeleton Coast and its desert elephants. She's ridden a bike in Provence, and horses in Killybegs, Ireland, and eastern France.

Asked about her reading, she

has, "of course," read "Sea Biscuit," and is working through "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. A favorite is "Dominion: The Power of Men, the Suffering of Animals and the Call to Mercy" by Matthew Scully.

Ms. Hodges is a vegetarian on principle. "I know how dreadful — dreadful — factory farming has become," she says. She will buy and cook fish, and as a guest, will eat what is before her, she says. ■

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lent” facilities. The district, claiming prerogatives to locate charters where it sees the most need, proposed pre-manufactured buildings on a lot in residential East Palo Alto.

Everest turned it down and offered a compromise site in centrally located Redwood City. The Sequoia district turned Everest down and appears to have tried to run out the clock by claiming environmental problems with the site, though agencies with oversight gave it a clean bill of health.

Everest surprised the district at the end of July with a lease for a floor in a furnished empty office building in Redwood City, leaving the Sequoia district no time for an effective countermove.

Menlo's future in the balance?

In weighing a long-term plan for its downtown and considering a proposal for a massive office/hotel project in the city's eastern reaches, Menlo Park council members say they're simply trying to solidify the city's financial standing, and to let the community determine the future of development in its downtown.

But committed activists are prepared to fight tooth and nail next year to prevent the million-square-foot Bohannon project and the higher-density downtown plan from becoming reality — in their currently planned forms, at least. The council is expected to vote on each project by November 2010, a date that could make for another hot Menlo Park election season.

A group of powerful downtown property and business interests, including Nancy Couperus, Mark Flegel and the Draeger family, has organized to oppose preliminary plans for a revamped downtown. Early proposals for two- to three-story buildings along Santa Cruz Avenue, plans to replace some surface parking with parking garages, and a small covered marketplace are among the aspects of the plan that have raised hackles.

And familiar political players including Paul Collacchi, Morris Brown, Patti Fry, Elias Blawie and Vince Bressler have ... well, not opposed the Bohannon project, necessarily, but expressed grave concerns about the proposal currently on the table. Mr. Brown has said he sees a push toward a

higher-density, big-city atmosphere in both projects.

“People don't want another Redwood City, or another Palo Alto,” Mr. Flegel told council members at the Dec. 15 meeting. “We want a Menlo Park.”

A series of unfortunate expenses in Atherton

Atherton's budget took a beating in 2009, and much of it was self-inflicted.

The ghost of decisions past continue to haunt the town, which grappled with an unexpected \$2 million shortfall early in the year, a big deal in a town with a \$10.6 million budget. More than \$1 million of that shortfall could be traced to lost revenue and refunds caused by problems with the collection of the business license tax.

Atherton may well face another big hit to its budget in 2010, if the City Council decides to issue further refunds for the road-impact fee. The fee, charged to builders and used to repair roads damaged by heavy construction vehicles, is of “questionable legality” and was dumped by the council in December upon advice from new city attorney Wynne Furth.

An outcry from residents who paid thousands of dollars in road-impact fees may convince town officials to dig deep and refund some of the roughly \$5 million collected since 2001.

Legal problems plagued the town in 2009, as former finance director John Johns filed a lawsuit seeking to be reinstated, two years after he was fired. A sexual harassment lawsuit against Public Works Supervisor Troy Henderson filed by now-retired Atherton police officer Pilar Ortiz-Buckley resulted in a \$230,000 settlement that will come out of the town's general fund. Mr. Henderson, who has allegedly racked up sexual harassment complaints for 15 years or more, is still employed by the town.

Foreclosures plague Belle Haven

As activists in the center of Menlo Park worked to preserve the city's “village character,” scores of residents in the eastern section of the city scrambled to hang on to their homes.

Predatory lending practices and a sinking real estate market during the recession left

community, where his focus was helping and becoming involved with the troubled youth,” said Mr. Merrill in the news release. “Rich once said: ‘Find one young person who needs help. Help that person become a good and responsible adult. And, do it with a smile.’”

Go to RichMayFoundation.org for more information or to make a donation.

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program for East Palo Alto youth, established a scholarship program to fund soccer and rugby camps, and funded field trips and mentoring programs in the community, Mr. Merrill said.

“Rich was very popular and well liked by the East Palo Alto

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get them engaged and involved, and to provide assistance.”

“This is not the first time the city has covered mortgage payments,” he continued. “There have been situations where the city has stepped in, provided financial assistance, cured default, and worked out some-

thing with the homeowner — a loan-modification agreement, to allow somebody to stay in their home.”

Mr. McClure said he hadn't worked out the total cost to the city in payments and legal fees, though the court found that, by the time it signed the property over to the city, Ms. Docena's equity had been wiped out. Court documents reveal that the city

made a \$10,607 payment to one lender in December 2007, and a \$7,464 payment in August 2008.

Mr. McClure said he doesn't think the case signals a need for the city to rework its below-market-rate housing policy.

“This is the first time we've ever had to do this,” he said. “You don't necessarily change a whole system because of one circumstance.” ■



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Habitat for Humanity volunteers break down wall structures on a foreclosed home in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood. The Habitat program is one of three the city is helping to fund in an attempt to address a wave of foreclosures.

many homeowners either “underwater” or unable to meet mortgage payments, or both. In 2009, there were never fewer than 100 homes in Menlo Park in some stage of foreclosure proceedings, the vast majority of them in the Belle Haven neighborhood. As of mid-December, that number had crept above 150, according to realtytrac.com.

While aid from federal, state and regional governments has not been forthcoming, the city of Menlo Park initiated two innovative programs aimed at keeping people in their homes, and fixing up foreclosed properties for people in need of affordable housing. The city is also helping to fund a Habitat for Humanity project to rehabilitate and sell homes to “very-low-income” residents.

Still, those efforts haven't succeeded in diminishing the steady stream of defaults and foreclosures. “The issues are just so massive,” Housing Manager Doug Frederick said in a January 2009 interview. A year later, not much has changed.

Too many kids and no place to put them

Will 2010 see another bumper crop of kindergarteners in the Menlo Park City School District? Officials in the K-8 district, which serves residents of Menlo Park and Atherton, are bracing themselves for another record number of students.

Despite a \$91 million building campaign to add two-story classroom buildings, improve facilities and reclaim playground space, the latest demographic projections show that

district schools are rapidly running out of space.

Too many students and not enough money is a common problem in local school districts, but in Menlo Park, the problem is particularly acute. The school board is watching carefully to see if kindergarten enrollment, which opens in February, will again exceed projections. If it does, it may signal the need for desperate measures.

The board is weighing whether to reclaim its O'Connor campus and take on the expense of opening a fourth elementary school or find another way to accommodate an anticipated surge of students over the next 10 years. Menlo Park already has two of the biggest elementary schools in the Bay Area, in terms of student population, and they're likely to get even larger.

In an era of tight budgets and uncertain revenue, unpalatable options may be the only ones available. Class sizes could grow, or the dreaded portable classroom trailers could once again eat up playground space on elementary school campuses.

Another alternative would shrink enrollment by ending inter-district transfers. The district would suspend the Tinsley transfer program, a product of a desegregation lawsuit settlement that allows 24 new students from the Ravenswood School District to transfer to the Menlo Park district each year. The district would also stop allowing the children of teachers and district staff to attend Menlo Park schools.

The grim prospects for revenue make it likely that voters will soon be asked to support a parcel tax to preserve programs and class sizes at district schools. ■

Helicopter pilot, M-A grad James Rowen dies at 32

It's not for everyone, being a helicopter pilot. For James Marshall Rowen, who grew up in Menlo Park and Atherton, it was a childhood dream that he made come true.

On location in Panama with his commercial license, Mr. Rowen ferried members of the TV crew for the program "Survivor," and he was aiming for South Africa and a job flying over game preserves to monitor wildlife populations, his mother Suzanne Rowen said in an interview.

That part of his dreams will not come to pass. Mr. Rowen died peacefully at his home in Atherton on Dec. 6, relatives said. He was 32.

A memorial service for Mr. Rowen is set for Saturday, Jan. 9.

Mr. Rowen attended Phillips Brooks School in Menlo Park and Crystal Springs Uplands School, and graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School in 1996.

At M-A, he played soccer and baseball and liked sailing. He also liked to help other people, his mother said. He attended the University of California at Santa Barbara, but left school to pursue helicopter work, she said.

"He was a natural pilot," and the helicopter's multi-directional capabilities challenged and interested him, his mother said. "Blending

all of that was his passion," she said. "He could just do it. Unfortunately, he didn't get the chance to make that his career."

"His passing reminds us that life is short and is to be lived to its fullest," family members said in a statement. "His life, though brief, was full and meaningful. His absence in our lives is fully apparent."

In addition to his mother, Mr. Rowen is survived by his father Steven of Atherton; and his sisters, Elizabeth of San Francisco and Stephanie of Menlo Park.

The Jan. 9 memorial service begins at 3 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 468 Grand St. in Redwood City.

The Rowen family asks that anyone with thoughts and stories about their son to write to James-RowenLegacy@gmail.com

The family also requests that donations in memory of Mr. Rowen be made to The Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation at 550 Ridgewood Road in Maplewood, NJ 07040. The foundation's Web site is www.jbrf.org.



James Marshall Rowen

■ 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

Stolen vehicle report: Gold 1995 BMW 740i, first block of Valparaiso Ave., Dec. 19.

Auto burglary report: 1000 block of El Camino Real, Dec. 18.

Fraud report: Unauthorized account created, Ashfield Road, Dec. 22.

MENLO PARK

Fraud reports:

■ Victim gave \$500 to person in parking lot selling box supposedly containing flat screen

TV and laptop computer but box, opened later, contained phone books. Location: Jack in the Box at 1401 Willow Road, Dec. 21.

■ False accounts opened using forged identities resulting in theft of \$21,000, Tyco Federal Credit Union at 3715 Haven Ave., Dec. 21.

■ Unauthorized opening of FedEx shipping account, 700 block of Sharon Park Drive, Dec. 21.

■ Unauthorized use of credit card to steal \$209, Willow and Middlefield roads, Dec. 24.

■ Resident received call from someone claiming that resident's grandson needed money for lawyer, first block of Sunset Lane, Dec. 18.

Grand theft report: Laptop computer valued at \$1,400 stolen, 600 block of Santa Cruz Ave., Dec. 24.

Residential burglary reports:

■ TV stolen, 1000 block of Sonoma Ave., Dec. 24.

■ Attempted break-in, Nancy Way, Dec. 22.

WOODSIDE

Residential burglary report: Property valued at between \$25,000 and \$50,000 stolen while victim was not home, 100 block of Crest Road, Dec. 17.

WEST MENLO PARK

Commercial burglary report: Deli employee Jose Villegas Lara arrested after admitting to entering deli during non-business hours and taking \$60 from desk drawer and file cabinet, Lutticken's Deli at 3535 Alameda de las Pulgas, Dec. 21.

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Menlo checkpoint nabs 30 drivers

A Menlo Park checkpoint in the 1000 block of Marsh Road on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26 and 27, netted 30 vehicles towed away between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m., including five for suspicion of drunken driving and 25 due to unlicensed drivers, Menlo Park police report.

The checkpoint was near Florence Street and the post office.

Officers from San Mateo County's 23 law enforcement agencies made 131 arrests on drunken driving charges over the 10-day

period from Dec. 18 to Dec. 27, according to statistics from the California Avoid campaign, the multi-agency effort to catch drunken drivers that continues until Sunday, Jan. 3.

The arrests, all the result of routine traffic stops, represent a 7 percent increase over the 122 arrests from routine stops in the county during the same period a year ago. However, last year there were 37 additional arrests at checkpoints and by DUI strike teams.

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Free custom energy audits for large homes

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

You've heard of megawatts. How about negawatts? They don't exist in nature and you won't find it in the dictionary, but Acterra, the Palo Alto-based environmental nonprofit, is seeking to produce "negative watts" through free residential energy audits to cut electricity waste in high-end homes in five upper-income communities in the Bay Area.

Beyond having residents with

large disposable incomes, these communities — Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley, Los Altos Hills and Monte Sereno — are among the most prolific users of electricity in Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. territory, according to Acterra and based on PG&E's 2005 data.

Together, they are eligible for \$166,000 in funds from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, a \$3.2 billion program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Each town has authorized

Acterra to use its share of the grant money to conduct voluntary energy audits of large homes, including 240 in Atherton, 180 in Woodside and 150 in Portola Valley, according to program volunteer and Los Altos Hills resident Steve Schmidt.

Portola Valley has \$25,000 available, and the council voted 4-0-1 on Dec. 9 for the program after a presentation by Acterra representative Debbie Mytels. Atherton and Woodside have \$40,000 and \$30,000, respectively, and their councils gave

their approvals in September.

(Portola Valley Councilman Ted Driscoll abstained. His venture capital fund, while not yet invested in any company with technology that Acterra may recommend to reduce energy consumption, does "actively invest in energy audit and energy efficiency companies" and thus could be invested in the future, he said in an e-mail.)

Recommendations coming out of the audits will be discreet, given the clients' privacy concerns, Ms. Mytels said. After an audit, electricity use tends to drop by 20 percent and natural gas by 10 percent, leading to annual savings of about \$1,500, she said.

Signing up

The program works on the initiative of the homeowner to contact Acterra and sign up. Acterra will collect and analyze the data, make recommendations to the homeowner, then remotely monitor the home's utility bills for 12 months — with the homeowner's permission.

For information, write to Ms. Mytels at debbiem@acterra.org and mention the High Energy Home program.

Audits will be progressively less

personal, Ms. Mytels said. The first phase will include visits by Acterra volunteers. In the second phase, Acterra will interview residents by phone, and in the third, homeowners will enter the relevant information via the Web.

"How are you going to motivate people to actually do the work?" Councilwoman Maryann Moise Derwin asked during the Dec. 9 meeting.

"That's the real challenge," Ms. Mytels replied. It's important to "get a buzz going," she added, which might include signs in the front yards of program participants.

The profile for a typical California home shows heating water and heating and cooling the air using the most energy.

In large homes, Acterra's data shows greater consumption in the so-called plug-in load: extra refrigerators and wine coolers, home theater and whole-house audio systems, stand-by power for instant-on TV and audio systems, gadgets like towel warming racks, and heated spas, Ms. Mytels said.

"Maybe (the spa) doesn't need to be that hot," she said. "Maybe they don't need to have it on that many days of the year." ■

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- For Girls: Wednesdays, January 6 & 13

- For Boys: Mondays, January 25 & February 1

▶ GRANDPARENTS SEMINAR

Designed for new and expectant grandparents, this class examines changes in labor and delivery practices, the latest recommendations for infant care and the unique role of grandparents in the life of their grandchild.

- Sunday, January 31: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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It's a bird

Woodside resident Michael Scott, left, and Neil Leeman of San Mateo were among many area birders who stopped by the corner of Creek Drive and Arbor Road in the Allied Arts neighborhood of Menlo Park on Saturday, Dec. 5, to study a visiting female yellowbellied sapsucker. The species normally frequents the East Coast, Mr. Leeman said.

Deadline for Saroyan writing prize Jan. 31

Nominations for the 2010 William Saroyan International Prize for Writing are due by Jan. 31. The prize is given by Stanford University Libraries, in partnership with the William Saroyan Foundation.

The \$5,000 prize recognizes newly published works of fiction and nonfiction, according to Sam Petersen of Stanford University Libraries. "The prize is designed to encourage new or emerging writers and honor the Saroyan literary legacy of originality, vitality and stylistic innovation," Ms. Petersen said in a news release.

Novels, short stories, drama, biography, history, and memoirs

first published in 2008 or 2009 are eligible for consideration, according to the contest Web site. Poetry will not be considered. All entries must be predominately in English, and available for individual purchase by the general public.

Entries should be submitted to: Administrator of The Saroyan Prize Committee, Stanford University Libraries, 557 Escondido Mall, Stanford, CA 94305-6004.

An official entry form can be found at library.stanford.edu/saroyan. The Web site also includes more information about the prize and what judges will consider in reviewing the entries.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Sally Wood Williams aids Spencer Lin into the Scoot shuttle as Forester Christensen waits in the back, at Laurel Elementary School's parking lot.

Scooting around town

New business provides transportation service for kids

By Jane Knoerle

Almanac Lifestyles Editor

■ BUSINESS

“I can’t believe nobody else is doing this,” says Sally Wood Williams of Menlo Park, who launched Scoot, a kids’ shuttle service, in September.

As a mother of two who has done a lot of driving for her own children, Jackson and Elissa, to after-school activities, she realized the need for a door-to-door transport service for the schoolyard set. Her first customers have been working moms.

At present, the shuttle service consists of the Williams’ Chrysler Aspen SUV, with Ms. Williams as driver. “It seats eight and is very comfortable, a little more plush than a mini-van.”

She envisions a fleet of five SUVs cruising around town. She already has another driver, also a mom, waiting in the wings.

Typical runs for Ms. Williams are picking up a kindergartner and taking her to a baby sitter, or delivering a child to after-school lessons or sports practice.

“The number one thing I do is make sure the child gets to the destination safely. I always wait until the child makes the connection, then I send the parent a text message,” she says.

“So far, my business has been after school, but I envision getting requests to take children to school,” she says.

The charge is \$9 for a trip of a mile or less and increases about \$1 a mile for each additional

mile.

She says Scoot is certified by the California Public Utilities Commission and operates with strict compliance to its rules governing the safe transport of children. The permit covers transportation in Palo Alto, Atherton, Menlo Park, and Redwood City.

“Our goal is to provide ... a reliable and affordable option to get your kids from here to there, safely and on time,” says the Scoot Web site (ScootShuttle.com). “Scoot is focused on earning your trust every day as we carefully transport your most precious cargo.”

Potential clients may register online, with reservations handled online as well. Customers are sent invoices at the end of the month, which they can pay online via Bill Pay.

Sally Williams is a local girl. She grew up in Sharon Heights, where her parents, Bob and Barbara Wood, still live. She is a graduate of Woodside High School and UC Berkeley. Her husband, Mark Williams, is the son of the late Gary and Elissa Williams, who were well-known in the Menlo Park community.

Ms. Williams has had a career in advertising, but likes the flexibility of her fledgling company. “I don’t want to be away from my kids all day,” she says.

Go to ScootShuttle.com or call Ms. Williams at 862-6750 for more information. ■

Holiday hours

The Portola Valley Town Hall is closed this week for the holidays, and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

Woodside Town Hall also is closed and reopens at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

The libraries in Portola Valley, Atherton and Woodside close at 5 p.m., two hours early, on Thursday, Dec. 31, and are closed all day the first three days of January — for “cost savings,” according to the San Mateo County Library system.

Bill targeting loud ads passes House

For decades, loud TV commercials have been among the leading complaints to the Federal Communications Commission, says Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park.

A bill she drafted and that passed the House of Representatives on Dec. 15 aims to do something about it.

The Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation (CALM) Act, would bar TV

ads from playing noticeably louder than programs running at the same time. A companion bill has been introduced in the Senate.

“This problem has existed for more than 50 years, but no one has properly addressed it,” Rep. Eshoo said in a statement. “Under the CALM Act, consumers will no longer have to dive for the mute button.”

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Meets third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

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CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises and assists the Town Council, Planning Commission, and staff on conservation, open space, noise, public services and facilities as pertaining to the elements of the Town’s General Plan.

LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Wednesday of each month; 5:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises the Planning Director on applications for commercial stable permits, dog kennel permits, and exception requests to the private stable regulations.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises and assists the Town Council, Planning Commission and staff in implementing the policies and goals of the Open Space and Conservation elements of the General Plan, specifically with respect to acquisition and maintenance of conservation easements and open space preservation.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meets on call of Chair; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises the Town Council and staff on issues of community public safety, including police and fire services provided within the Town.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meets first Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.; appointed for three-year term.

The Committee guides the activities of the community recreation programs.

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Meets second Thursday of each month, 3:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee reviews land divisions, subdivisions and conditional use permits for locations for equestrian, pedestrian and bicycle trails and makes recommendations to the staff and to the Planning Commission.

WOODSIDE HISTORY COMMITTEE

Meets second Thursday of each month, 9:30 a.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises the Town Council and staff regarding actions, policies and plans relating to historic preservation.

Committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council.

Interested residents may request information and applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5:00 p.m., from the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, or telephone (650) 851-6790, or through the Town’s web site at www.woodsidetown.org. Deadline for applications is Friday, January 15, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

Sen. Yee named a friend of student journalism

State Sen. Leland Yee (D-San Francisco), whose district includes Portola Valley and Woodside, was named a Friend of Scholastic Jour-

nalism by the Journalism Education Association, an organization based at Kansas State University with a mission to encourage and

reward excellence in student journalism.

Sen. Yee authored AB 2581, signed into law in 2006, that pro-

hibits censorship of college student press, including newspapers and broadcast journalism, and retaliation against students for exercising press-freedom rights. His 2008 bill SB 1370 extends this protection to

faculty advisers.

The award recognizes significant contributions to school-based journalism on the part of professional journalists and media outlets, individuals or groups.

"It is essential that our high school and college campuses have a press free from censorship and that our laws protect students and teachers from retaliation by administrators," Sen. Yee said in a statement.

"It is a shame that every state does not have a legislative leader such as California's Senator Yee who understands the vital role advisers play in the development of scholastic journalists as responsible and productive members of a democratic society," said Susan Hathaway Tantillo, JEA's past awards committee chair.

Bohannon donates to Girl Scouts

A \$2,000 donation from the David D. Bohannon Organization will help two local Girl Scout troops pay for camping trips, community service, and other troop activities. The troops will use the money to cover meeting space rental fees over the next two years, according to troop leaders Amy Bowers, Kim Postlewaite and Maren Steiver.



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11 Weeks 	Wed.	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM		Wdse. Village Church Guild Hall	\$187	Jan. 6
11 Weeks	Thurs.	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Wdse. Village Church Guild Hall	\$187	Jan. 7
11 Weeks	Fri.	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM		Independence Hall	\$187	Jan. 8
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- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula**
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 Serves hundreds of hot meals six days a week in a social and friendly atmosphere to anyone in need. Funded entirely by contributions from the community, St. Anthony's is the largest soup kitchen between San Francisco and San Jose. It offers groceries to take home and distributes clothing to families.
- Fair Oaks Community Center**
 Serves more than 2,500 households each year with services ranging from food assistance to shelter referral to rental and crisis assistance. The center also has a subsidized child-care program and a fully operating senior center, and offers a variety of other social services and programs throughout the year.
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 Provides many programs to help people who struggle with substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental health, relationship and communications issues. Helps strengthen youth, families and individuals to overcome challenges through counseling, education, and residential services.
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Fundraiser benefits Kenyan water project

By Shellan Isackson

The Woodside Elementary School community participated in a "Walk for Water" on Sunday, Nov. 22, as part of an effort called the "Woodside Wishing Well," established to raise \$13,000 for a fresh-water well benefiting more than 1,000 people in the severely drought-stricken Samburu region of Kenya.

More than 100 community members, from 2-year-olds to grandparents, signed up for the "lapathon," enjoying a blessedly sunny afternoon of brisk exercise and lively African music, and embracing community spirit.

The fundraiser benefits the Samburu Project, formed by Kristen Kosinski in 2005 with the ambition of dramatically improving the lives of women and children in this remote region.

Samburu women and children walk up to 12 miles every day in search of water that they must carry on their backs, typically from the same unsanitary water holes where animals get their water. As a result, children are often sick, women have no time or opportunities to pursue employment, and many children, especially girls who join their mothers in the search for water, don't attend school.

Over the last three years, the Samburu Project has drilled 22 water wells, serving more than 22,000 people. In these areas, the health benefits have been immediate, the number of girls attending school has tripled



Photo by Doretta Bonner

Theo Isackson, left, and **Henry Baldwin**, followed by **Emma** and **Liz Dressel**, lead the parade of walkers participating in the "Walk for Water" in Woodside.

to 3,840, and employment for women outside the home has increased by more than 10 times, to 793.

The tremendous success of the Nov. 22 event is the culmination of fundraising efforts that began

this summer with children making lemonade stands, washing cars and babysitting.

Shellan Isackson is a resident of Woodside and a volunteer with the Samburu Project.



AYSO honors

James "Jim" Madison of Menlo Park, left, and Karl Bizjak, formerly of Portola Valley, were honored at recent ceremonies at Menlo-Atherton High School by the Southern District of AYSO, now known as areas 2A/2J. The soccer league for ages 14-18 has been named the James R. Madison League in tribute to Mr. Madison's 40 years service to AYSO. Mr. Bizjak was also recognized as the founder of AYSO Section 2 in 1968.

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The No. 1 killer of children no one is talking about

By Dr. Madelyn Kahana

In the time it will take you to read this introductory paragraph, a child will die of pneumonia somewhere in one of the poorest pockets of the globe. Pneumonia is the number one killer of children under age 5, claiming nearly 2 million lives globally each year, or one child every 15 seconds.

Pneumonia is a severe case of infection of one or both lungs that makes it difficult for a child to breathe. Symptoms include rapid or difficulty breathing, cough, fever, loss of appetite, and in severe cases, drawing in of the lower chest wall. Left untreated or treated too late, a child can die.

As a practicing pediatrician for more than 20 years, I am astonished that children globally are still dying in such staggering numbers from this preventable and easily treatable disease. Here in Menlo Park and throughout the United States, children have easy access to vaccines to prevent pneumonia and antibiotics to cure it.

But, that is not the case for millions of children worldwide, especially the poorest, who live far from the nearest health clinic or hospital. That is why I paired up with Save the Children, an international humanitarian agency, to do more to stop these needless childhood deaths. My first assignment was to travel in October with Save the Children to Bangladesh, where pneumonia accounts for more than 25 percent of deaths in children under 5.

Bangladesh is a country surrounded by water — a lot of water. Our visit to Barisal, in the southern part of the country, included traveling by pontoon plane, ferry boat, speed boat, and then car to get to some of the remote areas where families live.

There's no Draeger's market or Peet's coffee shop, let alone a state-of-the-art Stanford Hos-

About the author: Dr. Madelyn Kahana, a resident of Menlo Park, is associate chairman of pediatrics for education, the pediatrics residency program director, and professor of pediatrics at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. She recently traveled to Bangladesh with Save the Children to see how local health workers are preventing childhood deaths from pneumonia in some of the most remote areas of the globe.

pital nearby. Yet, despite the differences between Barisal and communities like Menlo Park, there is one striking similarity: families and communities, just like here, want the same thing for their children — the opportunity for them to survive and thrive.

This was evident in the passion of the local community health workers I met — young women trained by Save the Children who volunteer in their community to help diagnose and treat children with pneumonia and other life-threatening illnesses.

Jasmine is one such woman who helped a young boy named Nadeem. His mother noticed his chest drawing in and rushed to Jasmine to see if she could help diagnose the problem. Right away, Jasmine recognized this symptom as a danger sign for pneumonia and she told Nadeem's parents to take him to the hospital.

They borrowed \$15 from a relative to take a rickshaw — a bicycle-like vehicle — to the hospital, a 1-1/2 hour journey over bumpy, dirt roads. There, Nadeem was treated with antibiotics for severe pneumonia and released after six days. His life had been saved, thanks to Jasmine's training and swift actions.

Unlike many diseases for which cures are still being sought, we know what it takes to treat pneumonia and save lives. By bringing health care closer to children's homes, in addition to



Save the Children/Jeff Holt

Menlo Park resident and pediatrician, Dr. Madelyn Kahana, plays with Tuhin, age 2, in Parsibpur Village in the Barisal District of Bangladesh in September 2009. Tuhin was diagnosed and treated for pneumonia by a community health volunteer trained by Save the Children.

vaccines and antibiotics, more than a million lives could be saved each year from pneumonia.

We can all — foundations, corporations, governments and Menlo Park residents — truly make a difference if we do our part. Here are just a few ways you can join me in this effort:

■ Get the Facts about Pneumonia. Visit Save the Children's special Web site www.mission-pneumonia.org and play the interactive online quiz, "Mission: Pneumonia."

■ Contact senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Rep. Anna Eshoo. Urge them to support new legislation before Congress that would

expand the reach of life-saving tools — vaccines, antibiotics and trained health workers — to more mothers and babies in poor countries.

■ Spread the Word. Tell your friends and family in person, or through Facebook or Twitter, about childhood pneumonia so it will no longer be a "forgotten killer" of children.

Together, we can help give parents everywhere the tools they need to protect their children from childhood pneumonia.

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Karin Enstam Jaffe wins 'excellence in teaching' award

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She is an associate professor of anthropology and chairman of the department of anthropology at Sonoma State. She received her doctorate from UC Davis in 1992.

The honor includes an award of \$5,000 from the Sarlo Foundation. Finalists for the award are voted on by students and a group of faculty and administrators.

The daughter of Sandra and Dennis Enstam, Ms. Jaffe lives in Mill Valley with her husband, David Jaffe, who is assistant curator of carnivores at the San Francisco Zoo.



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High-speed rail running off track

Even if the state budget wasn't \$20 billion or more in the hole, California has no business spending \$10 billion now and much more later to fulfill the well-meaning but totally impractical ballot Proposition 1A to start building a high-speed rail link between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The latest installment of this grandiose scheme was released a few weeks ago in the form of a "business plan" that ventures to estimate how many riders would use the trains, how much they would be willing to pay for a round-trip ticket, and how much the project would cost to build. It is no surprise that when compared with the initial plan, the number of riders has dropped from 55 million to 41 million a year; estimated fare prices between Los Angeles and San Francisco jumped from \$55 one way to \$105; and the total cost has jumped from \$33.8 billion to \$42.6 billion.

How can any of this, as well as an estimate of profitability on \$2.87 billion in annual revenue by 2035, be taken seriously when it is virtually impossible these days for economists to predict even five years out, let alone 25 or more?

On top of this wildly optimistic business plan, we have to ask whether it makes any sense at all for the state to issue nearly \$10 billion in bonds when the latest state budget estimate predicts at least a \$20 billion shortfall. This comes as many state workers are already either laid off or on once-a-month furloughs, students are protesting drastic tuition increases and cutbacks in classes offered at state colleges and universities, support for local schools is dwindling, and local

governments and districts are seeing a good part of their income sucked into a bottomless pit of state debt.

In the meantime, a handful of Peninsula communities are fighting a lonely battle on several fronts to either reroute the trains over Altamont pass instead of through the Peninsula or persuade the High-Speed Rail Authority to construct a costly tunnel for the trains through Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, and maybe a handful of other communities.

But even another route or a tunnel on the Peninsula would not solve high-speed rail's biggest problem, which is the state's chronic lack of money and the rail authority's flimsy business plan. We hope the governor and Legislature find the courage to put Proposition 1A on the shelf or put it on the ballot again so that saner minds can prevail. The state simply does not need to lead the federal government and private industry in spending \$40 billion or \$50 billion to build a transportation system that almost certainly will not be competitive with airfares if it becomes operational in 10 years, which is highly unlikely. And if fares are increased to reflect the railroad's increasing cost, ridership will decrease, adding up to a Catch-22 that could leave the system in the red for years and years.

There are many other things the state could do with its money in these tough economic times, like restoring some of the terrible cuts to social services and schools that already have damaged the lives of many of our residents and students. We certainly don't need to take even more money away from education and other programs to spend billions we don't have on a high-speed rail system that we don't need.

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Our readers write

Menlo's new mayor on right track

Editor:

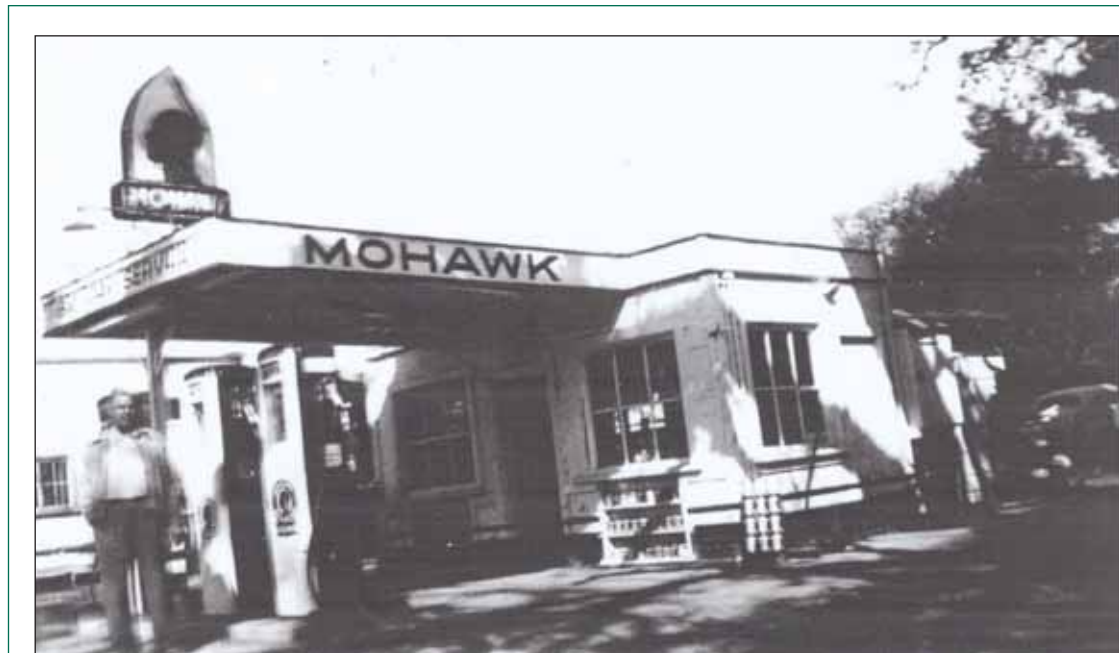
It was good to see the recent guest opinion by Mayor Rich Cline, outlining his personal hopes and goals for Menlo Park in 2010. He's a clear writer and makes a lot of sense.

His emphasis on sustaining our city's quality of life is the best vision for Menlo Park's future. As I read the piece I found myself seconding his points, which enumerated Menlo Park's key positives, especially the kudos for our schools and community organizations.

He concluded with two important points:

1. By asking us all to "put some of our differences aside for the bigger picture," he is showing the wisdom of a leader. Our community must fashion a sustainable budget process, in order to continue providing the services which will maintain our city's quality of life.

2. And we must "accept that change is necessary," to stay healthy and be economically competitive with our neighboring cities over the long run. The building where Kepler's is located was a huge change, and its mixed-use design



Jac Audiffred Collection

Our Regional Heritage

In the early 1950s, John Cox ran the Mohawk gas station in front of the Little Store, which was a fixture on Woodside Road in Woodside for many years.

improved our downtown greatly. The expansion of Draeger's market was a big change, which made our downtown better.

I hope that the anti-growth backward-lookers will have a little faith in the future (and in their fellow citizens) and work together for

a healthy economic future for all of us. Dealing with Menlo Park's budget realities and balanced planning to sustain our quality of life depend on collaboration in 2010.

Clem Molony
Menalto Avenue, Menlo Park

Inspiring article on Chinese adoption

Editor:

I found Katie Blankenberg's Dec. 16 article motivating and inspiring. To me, it brought out that there is

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High-Speed Rail Authority should get coal for Christmas

By Kathy Hamilton

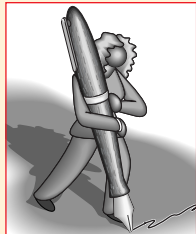
There is no doubt the High-Speed Rail Authority has been naughty and not so nice this year. Authority board members have described Peninsula communities that oppose their plans as “rotten apples,” and described Central Valley critics as “farmers screaming bloody murder.” And, according to board member Quentin Kopp, our communities are “hotbeds of agitation.”

The authority’s eagerly awaited business plan has been roundly criticized and it is still not credible. In a nutshell, costs have risen, ridership estimates have decreased, and the fares’ cost projections have doubled, and yet the authority estimates a \$2.87 billion per year profit.

Other highlights:

■ The authority hints that it may need state guarantees to attract private

investors. This was also discussed in the economic workshop held in Sacramento in the fall. If this is done, it will be the state taxpayers holding the bag if the numbers fall short.



GUEST OPINION

■ Estimated ridership in the plan dropped to 41 million per year but is vastly overstated, according to the Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies, which estimated 8 million is a more likely figure. The institute also says that without ridership volume, the project is unlikely to be energy efficient.

■ A credible ridership study is key to correct data, and this survey, conducted in 1996, uses statistics that raise eyebrows, such as: 96 percent of the inter-regional commuters (who take trips of up to 100 miles) surveyed about their

interest in taking the train to commute were current train riders — compared with less than 1 percent of today’s commuters.

■ Proposed ticket costs also rise sharply in the business plan, from \$110 round-trip between Los Angeles and San Francisco to \$210 round-trip, meaning the high-speed trains will have difficulty attracting airline passengers who today can find \$98 round-trip fares on Southwest Airlines.

■ The total cost of the rail project has risen from \$33.8 billion to \$42.6 billion, and yet so much is missing. Extra cost options like tunneling for the San Francisco to San Jose segment, eminent domain, start-up and debt service on the sale of bonds are either missing or inadequate.

■ Though voters approved only \$9.95 billion in state bond funds for the rail project that is expected to cost \$42.6 billion, in recent articles both the High Speed Rail Deputy Director Jeff Barker and board member Rod Diridon have said they have identified all the capital for the project.

Menlo Park resident Marty Mazner wrote in response, “I am glad to hear

that the CHSRA has ‘identified’ funding sources for the project. I have ‘identified’ several billion dollars in gold in Fort Knox but seem unable to have it transferred to my personal account.” Bottom line: You can’t say you have it, until you have it.

■ The Legislature has a dilemma on its hands, since no one wants to cause our state to lose stimulus funds. The pressure in Sacramento will be almost overwhelming to turn a blind eye and approve just about any business plan the authority submits. There is no doubt that the application for the stimulus funds is driving the process to complete the application by the required dates in 2012.

California has applied for \$4.7 billion out of the \$8 billion federal bucket for high-speed rail. Many states are after that same money and there are no assurances what money they will be granted. Regardless of stimulus funds, the citizens of California did not vote for high-speed rail at any cost. Let’s do it right, or not at all.

Kathy Hamilton is a Menlo Park resident who writes occasionally on transportation issues.

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a whole world out there that each of us can reach out to, that needs our help — and we need its help. It is time to get “out of the box” and expand our concept of “family.”

The article stated: “Many in China do not have the money to support a child. In addition, many parents are forced to give up their children because of China’s one child policy.” With this in mind, I ask, “Why do couples have more children than is lawful, or than they can afford?” It is vital to have only the number of children a couple can properly provide for emotionally, physically, financially and spiritually.

I was grateful to see this article in print.

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

Warming comes from meat, dairy

Editor:

During the international climate conference in Copenhagen, the world’s attention was focused on global warming and the resulting coastal flooding and extreme weather patterns.

An article in the respected World Watch magazine suggests that most man-made greenhouse gases responsible for global warming are emitted not from industrial smokestacks or car exhausts, but from meat and dairy production. This represents a substantial increase from the 18 percent contribution estimated by the 2006 U.N. report.

A major share of greenhouse gas carbon dioxide is emitted by burning forests to create animal pastures and by combustion of fossil fuels to operate feed crop, factory farm, and slaughterhouse machinery, trucks, and refrigeration equipment. The much more damaging

methane and nitrous oxide are discharged from digestive tracts of cattle and from animal waste cesspools, respectively.

Regardless of what the 190 nations’ representatives decide in

Copenhagen, each of us can help reduce global warming three times a day. Our local supermarket stocks a rich variety of soy-based lunch “meats,” hotdogs, veggie burgers, dairy products, and ready-to-eat

frozen dinners, as well as a vast cornucopia of more traditional fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds.

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MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve Concert with J. S. Bach. Celebrate New Year's Eve with the music of J. S. Bach. James Welch performs "Fantaisie in G," "Sonata in E-flat," "Prelude & Fugue in e minor," "the Schuebler Chorales," and a pedal exercise piece by Bach. Thu., Dec. 31, 8-9 p.m. \$10 donation at the door. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-856-9700. welchorganist.com

25th Annual New Year's Eve Day Bash. Lunch, live band, dancing and champagne. Buy pre-sale (\$13) tickets at Lucie Stern and Cubberley Community Centers, Avenidas & Oshman Family JCC. Presented by Palo Alto Recreation. Sponsored by Palo Alto Recreation Foundation and La Comida de California. Thu., Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$13 pre sale/\$18 door. Cubberley Community Center Auditorium, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2280. www.cityofpaloalto.org/recreation

Bay Area Singles New Year's Dance Party. Food, drinks, music and singles at this New Year's dance party. Dec. 31, 8 p.m.-11 a.m. \$30-\$60. Illusions Dining & Entertainment (Grand Ballroom), 260 S California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 408-557-8885.

New Year's Eve Ball. Vintage music by Paul Price's Society Orchestra. This is a non-alcohol for all ages. Thu., Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m.-12:15 a.m. \$25. Palo Alto Masonic Lodge, 461 Florence St., Palo Alto. www.PaulPriceOrchestra.com

Talks/Authors

Author Jonah Lehrer, 'How We Decide'. Science writer Jonah Lehrer talks about the latest brain research on how the brain makes decisions. Tue., Jan. 5, 7-9 p.m. \$10 OFJCC members & students, \$15 non-members. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. http://www.paloaltojcc.org

Gene Baur, president & co-founder of Farm Sanctuary. Part of Ethics of Food & the Environment series. Gene Baur provides first-hand accounts of conditions on today's farms, outlines efforts to combat the current inhumane system, and puts forward a vision for a healthier and more sustainable food system. Thu., Jan. 7, 4:45-6:15 p.m. Free. Stanford Campus, Bldg 260, Rm 113, Stanford (corner of Lasuen Mall and Escondido Mall), Stanford. Call 650-723-0997.

The History of the Stanford Museum. Betsy Fryberger, Emerita Curator of the Cantor Arts Center at the Stanford University, will talk about the history of the museum. Thu., Jan. 7, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center Auditorium, Stanford University, Stanford. Call

650-725-3332. http://histsoc.stanford.edu/programs.shtml

Waverley Writers Poetry Open Mic. Poetry to be spoken and heard aloud. Every First Friday except for July and August. 7:30-10 p.m. Free. Waverley Writers, 957 Colorado (near Greer), Palo Alto.

Art Galleries

"Small Treasures." Portola Art Gallery presents "Small Treasures" for the month of December. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

10 Years. Modernbook Gallery celebrates their 10 year anniversary with a rotating selection of gallery artists, showcasing a broad range of contemporary fine-art photography. Through Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. free. Modernbook Gallery, 494 University Ave., Palo Alto. www.modernbook.com

Classes/Workshops

Anger management with adolescents. Through real life examples, learn how to teach volatile adolescents to manage anger at home, at school and in the community. A Children's Health Council Parent Ed. Class. Wed., Jan. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. No fee (pre-registration required). Children's Health Council, 650 Clark Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-688-3669. www.chconline.org

Feldenkrais. Feldenkrais classes are intended to help participants improve flexibility, coordination and strength. Fridays, 11 a.m.-noon. \$40 members/\$45 nonmembers(4 classes). Little House fitness room, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-327-9419. www.Umovebetter.com

Fitness and Faith. All women are invited to join this class for stretching, toning and light aerobics to Christian music; followed by prayer support. Drop-ins always welcome. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 9-10:15 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 111 University Drive, Room, D-11, Menlo Park. www.mppcc.org

Pacific Art League Winter classes. Register now for Winter term classes and workshops at the Pacific Art League. From painting to printmaking, sculpture to jewelry making, we have over 75 offerings for adults and kids. Classes run Jan. 4 - March 28. Pacific Art League of Palo Alto, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. www.PacificArtLeague.org

Dance

Ballroom Dancing. West Coast Swing will be taught Fri., Jan. 1, 8 p.m. Lessons for beginning and intermediate levels, no experience

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."

and no partner necessary. General dance party 9 p.m.-midnight. Singles and couples welcome. Free refreshments. Dressy casual attire. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$8. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-856-9930. www.readybyte.com/fridaynightdance

Exhibits

"Horsing Around in San Mateo County." The exhibit will feature 20 miniature saddles by local artist Reg Buyle and include historic photographs chronicling the use of horses in San Mateo County for transportation, sports and entertainment. Through Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$2-\$4. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. www.historysmc.org

"Water, Light and Textures." This exhibit showcases images from John Harrison's trip to Yosemite including his "Nature's Firefalls", an image of a waterfall lit up like lava. "Water, Light and Textures" images are show the different ways that light, water and rock textures in nature come together. Through Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Mike's Cafe, 2680 Middlefield Road (Midtown), Palo Alto. Call 408-368-1565. www.jharrisonphoto.com

Feelings to Brushstrokes. Massimo Mazzone and Fongwei Liu exhibit of "Life, Figurative and Landscape" oil paintings. Through Jan. 5, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menallo Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-1926. cafezomenlopark.com

Et Alia

Filoli Volunteer Recruitment Open House. Introduction to volunteering at Filoli. Reservation required to attend. Please RSVP by e-mail to volunteer-<@>filoli.org or by phone to 650-364-8300, ext 300 by Jan. 6. Sat., Jan. 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Filoli Center, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Call 650-364-8300 ext. 300. www.filoli.org

Woodside Library Book Club. Truman Capote's nostalgic short story, "A Christmas Memory." Tue., Jan. 5, 11 a.m.-noon. free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. www.smcl.org



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Water will be cloudy, but quality unaffected, water agency says

Peninsula residents may notice cloudiness in their drinking water as early as this week, but water quality won't be affected, according to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The change is the result of a temporary switch in water source from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in the Sierra to local reservoirs, the SFPUC said.

The cloudy or milky-white appearance is due to tiny air bubbles in the water resulting from an increased rate of flow from the Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant in the East Bay. If the water is allowed to stand for a few minutes, the cloudiness should dissipate, the SFPUC said.

The agency is switching its water supply source because of scheduled construction work on the Hetch Hetchy system. The work is expected to be completed around Feb. 20, the SFPUC said.

Menlo Park holiday hours

Menlo Park's library will close early at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and the library and administration buildings will shut down completely on New Year's Day, but will reopen Saturday, Jan. 2.

Residents won't need permits to leave their cars overnight on the streets on both of those days, and people will be able to park for three hours rather than two in the public plazas (except the Draeger's lot) through Jan. 3, according to police.

Environmental group seeks volunteers

The Environmental Volunteers organization is looking for adults who would like to help schoolchildren gain an appreciation for the great outdoors. A training program begins Friday, Jan. 8.

Volunteers lead hands-on, small

group activities for elementary and middle school students in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. A formal background in the natural sciences isn't required, said Executive Director Allan Berkowitz.

"We simulate an earthquake in the classroom allowing students to understand the physics of earthquake waves. Students get to dig into a bucket of bay mud to explore the bay's food chain," Mr. Berkowitz said in a statement.

The Environmental Volunteers has been providing environmental education for 37 years. Last year, 11,000 students participated, but hundreds more had to be turned away for lack of volunteers to work with them.

Go to EVols.org for more information about Environmental Volunteers. For information on the training session, contact Britany at (650) 961-0545 or Britany@evols.org.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE PENINSULA

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula offers places where young people from six to 18 are welcome every day after school and all day in summer. At each of the Club's three clubhouses and five school-campus sites, trained and caring staff and a cadre of volunteers work through a broad range of programs helping kids develop attitudes and life skills they need for good educations and productive lives. Now in its 50th year, the Club focuses on academics, science and technology, social education and life skills, athletics and fitness, and the arts. The club also offers programs designed specifically to engage and support teens from 13 to 18. These include COLLEGE BOUND, which provides mentoring and guidance to help teens graduate from high school with a plan for their futures. Many of the Club's programs are offered in partnership with local schools and community organizations. The Club's annual budget, this year nearly \$5 million, depends on support of individuals, foundations, corporations and public partners.



Guiding the youth of our community to develop attitudes and life skills they need to thrive: that's the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula.

Community conditions faced in the challenged areas served by the Club.

- Too few places for children to learn and play.
- 80% of students score below grade level in reading and math.
- Nearly 70% of kids don't graduate from high school.
- Average per capita income is \$19,000 (in a normal economy).
- Many families are working multiple jobs.
- Too few affordable childcare options.
- Many families don't speak English or have limited education and cannot help children with homework.
- Gangs are prevalent.

Club solutions working in partnership with schools and families.

- Club offers safety and support for children at eight sites in the community.
- Provides after-school academic programs, focuses on literacy, and aligns with programs at schools.
- Runs prep operations like COLLEGE BOUND, designed for teens.
- Volunteers and staff mentors offer positive adult role models for youth at all ages.
- Provides "Whole Child" nurturing, that blends technology, science, social and leadership skills, graphic and performing arts, as well as fun, healthy games and sports.
- Encourages full Club membership at affordable fees so young visitors can participate in all programs to benefit from added continuity and progress measurement.

3,000 kids participate in the Club's programs annually. 1,000 attend daily.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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1100 Alma Street #200

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is being conducted by Limited Liability Company.

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 05/30/2006.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk/Recorder of San Mateo County on November 30, 2009.

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REJOUENCE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 236471

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Rejouence at 1375 Burlingame Ave., Ste. 204, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Mail Address: 3529 Ryder St., Santa Clara, CA 95051:

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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 December 11, 2009.

(Almanac Dec. 23, 30, 2009, Jan. 6, 13, 2010)

ZBATECH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 236487

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Zbatech at 1057 Windsor Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County: TIM REDJAIAN

1057 Windsor Dr. 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 December 14, 2009.

(Almanac Dec. 23, 30, 2009, Jan. 6, 13, 2010)

SEQUOIA SOLUTIONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 236468

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Sequoia Solutions at 2995 Woodside Road, Suite 400-305, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County:

RICHARD BOOTH 10520 La Honda Road Woodside, CA 94062

This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 07/18/2000.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk/Recorder of San Mateo County on December 11, 2009.

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DAY'EYE PRESS AND STUDIOS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 236543

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Day's-Eye Press and Studios at 770 El Granada Blvd., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, San Mateo County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 628, El Granada, CA 94018:

DIANE LEE MOOMEY 770 El Granada Blvd. Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.

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SMARTECH VENTURES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 236475

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Smartech Ventures at 1 Morro Vista Lane, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County:

JEAN GASTINEL 1 Morro Vista Lane Portola Valley, CA 94028

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UPHOLSTERY AND A FABRIC SHOP

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 236548

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ROBERT J. RAY 2403 Whipple Av. Redwood City, CA 94062

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INVESTOR'S CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 236295

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Investor's Capital Management, LLC at 1100 Alma Street #200, Menlo Park,

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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-227925-C Loan No. 0359152905 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/4/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash,

cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR:RONALD J. MIDDLE AND AMELIA R. MIDDLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded 2/16/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-024813 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, Date of Sale:1/13/2010 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, California Property Address is purported to be: 1016 BAY ROAD EAST PALO ALTO, California 94303-0000 APN #: 062242-360-6 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$341,341.00, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [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 2923.55. Date: 12/17/2009 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Omar Solorzano, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3363680 Almanac 12/23/2009, 12/30/2009, 01/06/2010

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cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR:RONALD J. MIDDLE AND AMELIA R. MIDDLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded 2/16/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-024813 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, Date of Sale:1/13/2010 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, California Property Address is purported to be: 1016 BAY ROAD EAST PALO ALTO, California 94303-0000 APN #: 062242-360-6 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$341,341.00, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [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 2923.55. Date: 12/17/2009 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Omar Solorzano, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3363680 Almanac 12/23/2009, 12/30/2009, 01/06/2010

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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. Date: 12/18/09, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, Chet Sconyers — FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 530-672-3033. 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. NPP0148638

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1214092-11 APN: 012-187-050-5 TRA: 13-020 LOAN NO: Xxxxx3078 REF: Ta, Minh IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED September 09, 2004. 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 January 19, 2010, at 12:30pm, CalWestern Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded September 17, 2004, as Inst. No. 2004-188279 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California, executed by Minh A Ta and Grace Diem Tran Husband And Wife As, May Tran A Married Woman As Her Sole And Separate Property, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank At the main entrance of the city hall of records 401 Marshall Street Redwood City, California, 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: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 827 Tamarack Ln / 827 Miller Ave S San Francisco CA 94080 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$708,733.15. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in civil code § 2923.53(k)(3), declares that it has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to civil code section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in civil code section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to civil code sections 2923.52. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. CalWestern Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: December 10, 2009. (R-281123 Almanac 12/30/09, 01/06/10, 01/13/10)

T.S. No. 272521 Order No. 3206-223766 Loan No. 272521 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/6/2007. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late

charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Franklin C. Walt, a married man as his sole and separate property Deed of Trust recorded: 10/04/2007 as Instrument Number 2007-145430 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California Date of Sale: 1/13/2010 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other reasonable estimated charges: \$977,223.51 Street Address or other common designation of purported real property: 300 Sand Hill Circle #202 Menlo Park, CA 94025 A.P.N.: 110-480-020 See Exhibit "A" (Legal Description) attached hereto and made a part hereof Exhibit "A" All that certain real property situate in the County of San Mateo, State of California, described as follows: (City of Menlo Park) Parcel A: Unit 62 in the Condominium Project Area as shown on the Subdivision Map entitled "Sand Hill Circle Unit 2, Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California", herein after referred to as "the Map", filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California on July 9, 1971 in Book of Maps at Pages 25 through 26, inclusive. Excepting, however, the following: Any portion of the Condominium Common Area or the Development Common Area lying within said Unit. Parcel B: Together with the following appurtenant easements: A. Non-exclusive easements for ingress and egress and support of said Parcel A through the Condominium Common Area as defined on the Map and for repair of said Parcel A through all other Condominium Units and through the Condominium Common Area. B. The non-exclusive right of pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress over the Development Common Area as shown on the Map to and from the Condominium Project Area, provided, however, that such right shall not be exercised in a manner which will interfere with landscaped areas, recreational facilities or vehicular traffic on the Private Road Common Area as designated on the Map. C. The non-exclusive right of the owners and their invitees to use the Private Road Common Area as shown on the Map and on the Subdivision Map entitled "Sand Hill circle Unit 1, Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California". D. The right to use, occupy and enjoy the recreational facilities and the landscaped portions of the Development Common Area. E. The right subject to prior approval of the Board of Governors to construct, maintain and operate through, in or across the Development Common Area, public or private sewers, wires, conduits for transmission of electricity, for lighting, power, telephone antennae and any other purposes and for the necessary attachments in connection therewith, and the right to construct any public or quasipublic utility through, in and across the Development Common Area. Said right shall be exercised along the shortest and most convenient route between the Condominium Project Area and the nearest public utility line or lines. F. An exclusive easements over the Development Common Area for a roof overhang, balconies and other building protrusions. G. An exclusive easements to use balcony area B-62 as shown on the Map. H. An exclusive easement to use parking area(s) P-19 & 20 as shown on the Map. I. An exclusive easement to use storage area(s) S-15 as shown on the Map. Parcel C: An undivided one-eighteenth (1/18th) interest as tenant in common in and to the Condominium Common Area. Parcel D: Together with the following easements appurtenant to the Condominium Common Area: A. Non-exclusive easements through each Unit for support and repair of the Condominium Common Area. B. Non-exclusive easements for encroachments upon the air space of all in the Condominiums Units by and for the portions of the Condominium Common Area lying within the Condominium Units. The easements and rights described in Parcels B and D above were created by that certain Deed recorded December 8, 1972 in Book 6286 of Official Records at Page 502 (File No. 85183-AF), Records of San Mateo County, California. Assessor's Parcel Number 110-480-020 Joint Plant Number 1101-048-480-02A The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code § 2923.5 declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent contacted the borrower to assess the borrower's financial situation and to explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure. For Sales Information, please call (714) 573-1965 or log onto www.priorityposting.com Date: 12/15/2009 Rincon Asset Management, LLC, as Trustee 20700 Ventura Blvd., Suite 222 Woodland Hills, CA 91364 800.720.7827 Erik Haberstroh, Trustee Sale Officer

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Trustee Sale No. 737674CA Loan No. 3013655638 Title Order No. 3206-250532 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/20/2007. 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 1/19/2010 at 12:30 PM California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 05/03/2007, Book, Page, Instrument 2007-068585 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: ANDRES G TORRES, AN UNMARRIED MAN, AND SERGIO SALAS 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 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: \$538,044.39 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 1666 PURDUE AVE, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 APN NUMBER: 063-031-090-2 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 email; 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 Thom Title: First Vice President Date: 12/24/2009 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 Avenue Mail Stop N110612 Chatsworth, CA 91311 P647128 Almanac 12/30, 1/6, 01/13/2010

Trustee Sale No. 737561CA Loan No. 5303854854 Title Order No. 3206-250430 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/19/2006. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/19/2010 at 12:30 PM California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 06/02/2006, Book, Page, Instrument 2006-082856 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: Cruz Herrera Tineo, an unmarried woman, as trustor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS), solely as nominee for lender, United Financial Mortgage Corp, it's successors and assigns, 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: \$518,973.78 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 2830 ILLINOIS ST, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 APN NUMBER: 063-024-130-5 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 email; 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 Thom Title: First Vice President Date: 12/22/2009 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 Avenue Mail Stop N110612 Chatsworth, CA 91311 P646368 Almanac 12/30, 1/6, 01/13/2010

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No. CV490222 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NICO ALEXANDER JAYNE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: NICO ALEXANDER JAYNE to NICO ALEXANDER DI VITA. 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: January 28, 2010, 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: December 11, 2009

/s/ Stephen M. Hall JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac Dec. 23, 30, 2009, Jan. 6, 13, 2010)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 4264826 TS No.: 20099073502089 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/23/00. 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 January 19, 2010 at 12:30 PM, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/24/00, as Instrument No. 2000 061478, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of SAN MATEO County, State of California. Executed by: WILLIAM H PALMER, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(hb), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice at 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# 079-060-310-4. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 169 SAUSAL 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 \$2,747,750.68. 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. 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. Date: 12/25/09, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, Chet Sconyers — FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 530-672-3033. 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. NPP0149620 Almanac 12/30/09, 01/06/10, 01/13/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 4263543 TS No.: 20099070819709 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/08/05. 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 January 19, 2010 at 12:30 PM, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 07/18/05, as Instrument No. 2005-

119163, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of SAN MATEO County, State of California. Executed by: CHIP W NORRIS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(hb), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice at 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# 076-213-200-1. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 169 WAYSIDE ROAD, 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 \$848,861.98. 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. 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. Date: 12/25/09, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, Chet Sconyers — FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 530-672-3033. 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. NPP0149592 Almanac 12/30/09, 01/06/10, 01/13/10

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