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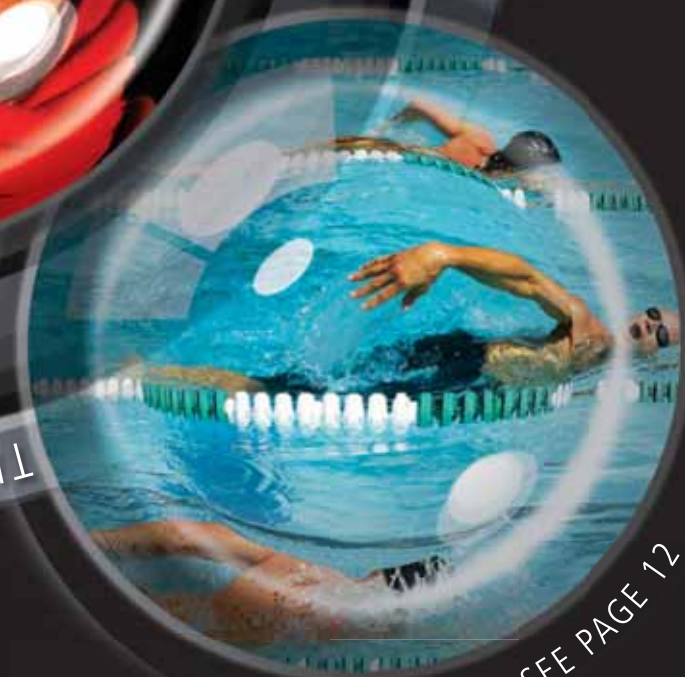
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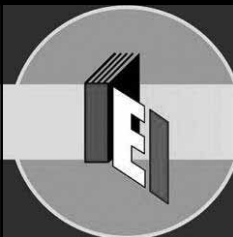
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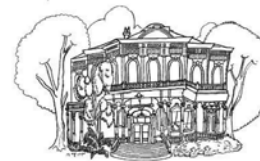
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Menlo Park blog captures local life, people, vignettes

By Sean Howell

Almanac Staff Writer

It's a cool winter's day here in Menlo Park, California, latitude 37 degrees, 44 minutes; longitude 122 degrees, 11 minutes. The sky is beginning to show some sneaks of light in the east there, over the Stanford foothills.

The shops on Santa Cruz Avenue are opening up, getting ready for business. They're already open at Peet's at the corner of Santa Cruz and University, serving steaming coffee to the early risers on their way to work, or on their way home from an early morning walk.

Dan Dowler over at Cook's Seafood is preparing crabs; he's optimistic about this year's catch after talking with some of the fishermen in Half-Moon Bay and seeing the first haul. Dr. Bill, a chiropractor and a familiar face around town from his days coaching Little League and chairing the Chamber of Commerce, is greeting patients in his practice in the Sharon Heights Shopping Center.

A custom '53 Corvette is sitting in one of the public lots; a lone protester is standing on Sand Hill, holding a "Condi lied" sign; some

road work's going on at one end of Sharon Park.

And in a Sharon Heights home, Linda Hubbard Gulker, Chris Gulker and Scott Loftesness are blogging about it, all of it — that is, assuming they're not out on the street already, talking to their favorite local people, poking around in unfamiliar territory.

They are the founders of a "hyper local" community blog called InMenlo (inmenlo.com), and they're striving to convey some sense of what it's like to live here. While the news divisions of traditional print newspapers, including this one, tend to focus on what's changing — warning residents of land development proposals or pending school expansion, for instance — InMenlo sketches the community, and the people in it.

"We love unearthing characters, scouting out stories," said Mr. Gulker, who handles most of the photography for the site (with rare exceptions, each story comes with a photo).

They catalog local people, hang-out spots, community events, trends, and weather reports. They give shopping tips. They look into complaints of increased ticketing

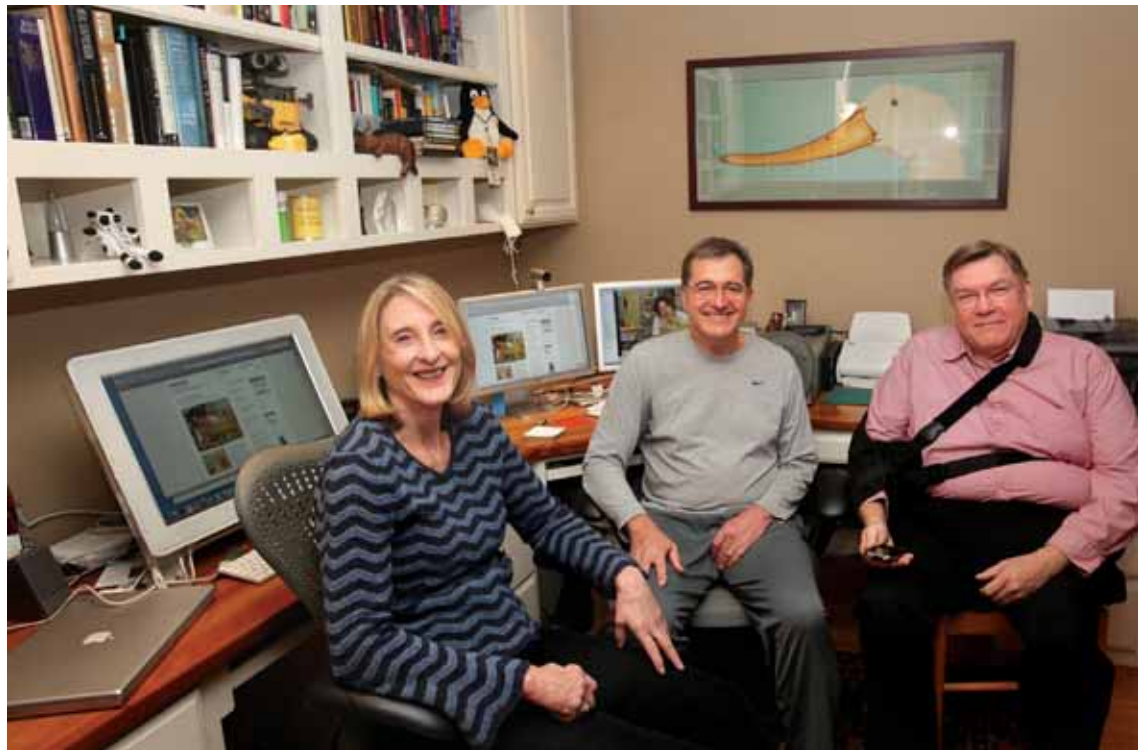


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The people behind the **In Menlo** blog are, from left, Linda Hubbard Gulker, Chris Gulker and Scott Loftesness. Every day, the bloggers peek into a different slice of Menlo Park life. Go to InMenlo.com.

by police — but not too deeply.

"We aren't a news site," said Ms. Gulker, who does most of the writing. "We want to focus on people."

There's not much "negative" news, the blog's founders admit, though they did post a blurb about a community meeting on preventing teen suicide. Though they say they would welcome contributors, they're wary of the blog getting hijacked by political activists.

The stories tend to focus on Sharon Heights and the downtown area, where the founders spend most of their time, though there

have been a few posts from east of Middlefield Road. At the moment they are seeking topical rather than geographic diversity, though they say they will look to expand their scope as the number of contributors grow.

For now this is just a hobby; Mr. Loftesness pays the fees to maintain the site out of pocket. Visitors fluctuate wildly day-to-day, a sign that the site hasn't yet gained a toehold, according to Mr. Gulker.

Still, for a project that started on a whim, the bloggers have been remarkably persistent, posting at

least one short story per day. The goal is to establish a "daily cadence" that readers can get used to, Mr. Loftesness said.

Ms. Gulker's favorite stories are the ones about places that people tend to overlook. She particularly enjoyed writing about the cemetery on Santa Cruz Avenue, where the street kinks.

"For most people, it's just noise, it's part of the landscape," she said. If her story gets people to pause for a moment the next time they pass the cemetery, she's done her job. ▀

Woodside attorney Theodore Zayner appointed to county Superior Court

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Woodside resident and trial attorney Theodore C. Zayner to be a Superior Court judge in Santa Clara County, the governor announced Dec. 29.

Mr. Zayner, 53, has practiced law since 1983 and is currently with the Campbell firm of Adleson, Hess & Kelly. He has a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and a law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

Superior Court appointments are for six years, after which a judge's name goes on the ballot for an up-or-down vote on another six-year term. The starting salary is \$178,789.

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apply to and are initially vetted by the Judicial Appointments Secretary, who passes them on for further review to the Judicial Selection Advisory Committee and panels from the state and local bar associations.

Mr. Zayner already serves as a temporary judge and judicial arbitrator in Santa Clara County, and as an arbitrator and mediator for superior courts in San Mateo and Merced counties, according to his online bio at Adleson, Hess.



Theodore Zayner

Woman arrested in philanthropy theft case

By Kelsey Mesher

Mountain View Voice

The woman suspected of embezzling \$100,000 from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation was arrested Dec. 30, Mountain View police reported.

Former employee Frances Louise Stewart, 52, of San Carlos, was taken into custody at a friend's residence in Redwood City, said police spokesperson Steve McCoy. There had been a warrant out for her arrest since Dec. 24.

She was booked into the Santa Clara County main jail in San Jose.

Mr. McCoy said Ms. Stewart is the sole focus of the investigation and she is cooperating with authorities. He would not release further details.

On Dec. 28, the foundation

announced that it had fired an employee on suspicion of theft.

"Our finance department noticed a discrepancy, and they began trying to figure out what was going on," said Rebecca Salner, vice president of marketing and communications for the nonprofit, located at 2440 West El Camino Real in Mountain View.

An internal investigation was launched, and on Dec. 9 the case was turned over to the Mountain View Police Department.

Ms. Stewart worked in the foundation's human resources department, Ms. Salner said.

"The theft was identified by our finance department as a result of internal controls and we intend to pursue every possible remedy to ensure that restitution is made to the community foundation," said CEO and President Emmett D.

Carson in an e-mail.

"The incident remains under investigation by external authorities and the community foundation is engaging a forensic accountant to provide further assistance as needed," said a statement on the organization's Web site.

The statement emphasized that the money taken was from "flexible spending accounts" that are used for employee health care and dependent care expenses. The monies were not budgeted for any philanthropic grants or programs, the statement said.

Any money that is not recovered will be covered by insurance, the statement said.

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation oversees donations to numerous local nonprofit organizations, and in 2008 awarded \$264 million in grants. ▀

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Officials: Silence on settlement an oversight

By Andrea Gemmet

Almanac Staff Writer

■ ATHERTON

Atherton officials said that the failure to inform residents about a \$230,000 pay-out to a former police officer was an oversight, and one that won't happen again.

In late October, the town reached a settlement with Pilar Ortiz-Buckley, a now-retired Atherton police officer, said her attorney John Bonagofsky. The \$230,000 settlement ends the sexual harassment and disability discrimination lawsuit Ms. Ortiz-Buckley filed against the town and Atherton public works supervisor Troy Henderson.

While the settlement deal was finalized Nov. 19, information about it didn't become public until nearly a month later, when Mr. Bonagofsky posted information about it on attorney-rating Web site Avvo.com.

City Attorney Wynne Furth told The Almanac that the town is required only to respond to inquiries about multi-party settlements but is under no legal obligation to announce it.

"We have a new city manager, and a new city attorney and we simply need to give them instructions on what the council wants in the future," said Councilman Charles Marsala. "I think they did the right thing by following the letter of the law, but that's the minimum standard and our residents and our council expect things to be more transparent. I don't think it was anything malicious on their parts, but I think we can do better."

Peter Carpenter, the president of the Atherton Civic Interest League, said he was outraged at how the settlement was handled, and pointed out that it represents about 20 percent of Atherton's annual parcel tax revenue.

"Frankly, I think the town was morally derelict in the way that they have handled this," he said in an e-mail to The Almanac.

Mr. Marsala requested that the council discuss creating a policy on disclosure of information at next week's study session on the town's priorities for the coming year. The meeting is set for 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11.

"In hindsight, if you want to analyze it, obviously a press release should have been issued immediately from the city attorney or city manager," said Councilwoman Elizabeth Lewis. "It was certainly not something that was an attempt to hide anything."

Councilman Jim Dobbie said the council should have made the announcement. "I think it was a mistake not to announce it," he said.

Council members were instructed not to discuss the settlement until it was finalized, but the council members reached for this story said they did not know precisely when that occurred.

Ms. Ortiz-Buckley and her attorney were first to sign the settlement, on Nov. 4, and Mr. Henderson was the last, on Nov. 19. City Manager Jerry Gruber signed on behalf of the town on Nov. 16.

Ms. Furth said she and the city manager executed the settlement as instructed and did not report back to the council when it was finalized.

Mr. Gruber said he didn't want to second-guess why Ms. Furth didn't inform the council when the settlement was finalized but said he was

committed to making sure the council is kept informed in the future.

"I think we can do a better job of communicating with the public regarding settlements, absolutely," he said. "There's a commitment from my office that we will make every effort to make sure we're transparent at city hall."

The case was on a City Council closed session agenda on Oct. 19, just a few weeks before Atherton voters were asked to renew the town's special parcel tax in the Nov. 3 election. At that meeting, the council voted unanimously to authorize settlement negotiations, Ms. Furth told The Almanac on Jan. 4.

The \$230,000 payment comes out of Atherton's general fund, and isn't covered by insurance, according to Mr. Gruber. The sum represents a sizable chunk of the town's annual revenue.

In February, Atherton faced a \$2 million revenue shortfall in its \$10.6 million adopted budget and had to make a series of mid-year cuts.

Atherton now has employee practices liability insurance that would have covered the lawsuit settlement — after a \$100,000

deductible — but apparently the town didn't elect to get that coverage in the past, said Assistant City Manager Eileen Wilkerson.

"It's a lot of money, and the only reason for the amount of money is that we believed it would cost even more money if (the lawsuit) went ahead," Mr. Dobbie said. "There's not any great guilt there, but legal fees are so high that if you keep going to court, it can get up to that amount of money very quickly."

Attorney Jim Ewert of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, an expert on California's open meeting law known as the Brown Act, said that by staying quiet about the settlement, the town followed the letter of the law, but it's questionable whether officials had the spirit of the law in mind.

"The pending litigation exemption in the Brown Act is to permit agencies to discuss the merits and weaknesses of pending or existing litigation without having to reveal to the other litigants what the town's strategy is. Since the (Atherton) litigants were already involved in the settlement, everyone knows what's going on except for the public," Mr. Ewert said. "There really is no public benefit to sitting on it, other than not looking bad."

In her lawsuit, Ms. Ortiz-Buckley charged that public works supervisor Mr. Henderson subjected her to ongoing verbal sexual harassment. She filed a lawsuit against Mr. Henderson and the town in April 2009, alleging that Mr. Henderson's supervisors did nothing to curb his behavior, and that when she complained, she faced retaliation and was forced out of the police department.

A June 2008 incident in which Mr. Henderson allegedly lunged at her exacerbated her existing back injury, and the town failed to accommodate her disability, she said.

Mr. Henderson was prosecuted for misdemeanor assault and battery stemming from the June 2008 incident, but a jury found him not guilty in July 2009. ■

Menlo Park man named to Superior Court

Menlo Park resident V. Raymond Swope is moving from the Office of the San Mateo County Counsel to a perch on the bench of the county's Superior Court.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Mr. Swope, 57 and a registered Democrat, to a judgeship on the court, the gov-

ernor's office announced Dec. 29. Mr. Swope will make \$179,000 a year. He had served as deputy county coun-



Raymond Swope

sel since 1998.

Prior to working for the county, Mr. Swope practiced law with several private firms.

He fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Carl Holm, according to the governor's office. He will be one of 15 judges on the court, according to the county's Web site.

Atherton council picks Kathy McKeithen as mayor

By Andrea Gemmet

Almanac Staff Writer

Kathy McKeithen will handle the gavel at Atherton City Council meetings in 2010. Ms. McKeithen, the vice mayor for 2009, was unanimously selected by her colleagues for the largely ceremonial position of mayor at the council's Dec. 16 meeting.

She served as the town's mayor once before, in 2004.

Mayor McKeithen said that in the coming months, the town will be addressing a "pretty severe" revenue decline. As mayor, she said she would try to make council meetings more efficient in order to encourage public participation. "We want a kinder, friendlier town," she said.

She exhorted the public to stay abreast of town affairs through official town sources — by reading the Athertonian newsletter and meeting minutes, and by coming to meetings.

"I want to aim for transparency," Ms. McKeithen said. "There are lots of rumors and very few facts. I encourage you to substantiate information."

Jim Dobbie won the post of vice mayor on a split vote, with Mayor McKeithen and Jerry Carlson supporting his candidacy. Charles Marsala, who was nominated by Elizabeth Lewis, lost the 3-2 vote.

The position of vice mayor usually goes to the council member who has been on the council the longest without having been selected. Mr. Marsala served as vice mayor in 2005 and as mayor in 2006. Mr. Dobbie,



Kathy McKeithen

who was elected in June 2008, has not held either position.

Ms. Lewis, elected in November 2008, is the newest member of the council. She is the only other member of the town's governing body who has not served as either mayor or vice mayor.

Mr. Carlson, Atherton's mayor in 2009, said he was thankful that voters passed a renewal of Atherton's parcel tax in November. "It buys us some time to find a long-term sustainable financial structure for the town," he said.

Upcoming challenges facing Atherton include the California High Speed Rail project, and the need to make seismic improvements to the Town Council Chambers and to replace the police station facilities, he said.

He thanked his colleagues, town staff, his family and "the residents who kept me on my toes and keep me humble."

"It's been a privilege to serve as mayor in a town that has so many smart people," Mr. Carlson said.

Ms. Lewis praised Mr. Carlson's leadership for getting the parcel tax passed and for representing the town and the region on numerous boards and committees.

"He's raised the bar on the council for civility and team-building," she said. "I truly respect Jerry Carlson." ■

Music teacher, performer Stanley Buetens dies at 78

Stanley Buetens of Menlo Park died Sept. 13 at the Veteran's Affairs hospice in Palo Alto of kidney failure after a year of declining health. He was 78.

Born and raised in New York City, he attended Queen's College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in voice.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. In New York he worked as a musician, playing the lute, and as a music editor for films.

Mr. Buetens came West in 1966 to attend graduate school in music at Stanford University, and never left the area.

He continued his career performing and teaching lute, guitar and voice. He even wrote a method for the lute that was widely used throughout the

OBITUARY

Obituaries are based on information provided by families and mortuaries.

world, family members say.

Mr. Buetens worked at various jobs, including as a music professor, music publisher, printer and paralegal. He

thought of himself as a tinkerer and Renaissance man, the family says. He was always busy creating, in one way or the other, says his oldest child, Sophi Buetens of Oakland.

He had a love of classical music and opera, languages,



Stanley Buetens

gardening and science. He followed the news, loved to read and cook, and enjoyed watching football and tennis. He was always exceedingly proud of his children and never ceased encouraging them in their own pursuits, says Ms. Buetens.

His wife, Blair Scott Buetens, died in March.

Survivors include his four children, Sophi Buetens and Sara Buetens, both of Oakland; Raymond Buetens of Aptos; and Julian Buetens of New Mexico. Other survivors are his sister, Miriam Simpson of New York; brothers Bernard Buetens of New Jersey and Melvin Buetens of Florida; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in April.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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These rates have energized the residential real estate market and should continue

to do so during the first half of 2010. Rates however are not going to stay this low for the long term so if you are thinking of buying a home, you should do so soon and take advantage of the lowest rates in decades. Home prices have stabilized but lenders and appraisers are conservative in their property valuations and buyers should be prudent as well.

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Happy New Year.

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Are red-light cameras working?

By Sean Howell

Almanac Staff Writer

The decision of which pedal to pound when the light changes from green to yellow is one that every driver faces, often on a daily basis. Hit the gas? Slam on the brake? Usually it's made in a fraction of a second, its roots obscure and tangled.

Of course, it's also among the most important calls a driver makes. Red light runners cause 260,000 accidents per year in the United States, a calculus that local towns have not escaped. That fact hit home most recently when 6-year-old Menlo Park resident Lisa Xavier was killed in an early afternoon hit-and-run accident in mid-November at the intersection of Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road.

While an array of factors influence driver behavior, Menlo Park is hoping that new red-light cameras will make people think twice before running reds. The city has installed the cameras to catch violators at four local intersections, including the one at which the car Lisa was riding in was struck. One and a half years and some 9,000 citations after the first of those cameras became operational, is the program working?

That will remain an open question, as the city has not established any criteria for evaluating the program. Even if the cameras' presence doesn't succeed in changing the behavior of drivers, it will still provide a windfall for the city of about \$300,000 per year, if citations continue at current rates.

While Finance Director Carol Augustine said monthly fine payments have not dropped, there has been a substantial decline in the number of violations detected at the notorious Bayfront/Willow intersection. That number fell 27 percent from the period May through December 2008 to the same time period in 2009, according to statistics provided by Sgt. Sharon Kaufman.

Meanwhile, the frequency of accidents at the intersection has not changed, though the sample size is probably too small to lend much

insight. There were 13 accidents at the intersection in the year prior to the installation of the camera, compared with 12 in the following year.

Sgt. Kaufman cautioned that people shouldn't necessarily read the decline in violations as an indicator that the system is working, saying that traffic volume may have fallen in tandem with the economy, among other factors. She uses a simpler and more immediate index: the number of major-injury or fatal accidents.

"Our hope was that by having red-light cameras (at the Bayfront/Willow intersection), that we would significantly reduce or eliminate altogether major-injury or fatality accidents that occur there due to red light violations," she said.

There has been about one such accident at the intersection "almost every year" before the cameras were installed, including the accident that killed Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Halberstam in 2007, according to Sgt. Kaufman.

Lisa Xavier's death represented the first at the intersection since the cameras' installation in May 2008. Police believe the responsible driver was racing another vehicle at the time of the crash.

"The driver was involved in an activity that already showed a blatant disregard for public safety," Sgt. Kaufman said. "Running the red light was somewhat of a secondary action."

The lone camera at the intersection did not catch the driver running the light, because it faces in the opposite direction, according to police spokeswoman Nicole Acker.

Some have cited the awkward configuration of the intersection as one cause of accidents. Because Bayfront Expressway is in Caltrans' jurisdiction, Menlo Park can't do much outside of lobbying that to modify the intersection.

In the big picture, changing behavior will require a societal shift, Sgt. Kaufman said. In the meantime, the city will continue to rake in fees from drivers who lay on the gas when the light turns, hoping that the threat of a fine will make them reconsider. ■

Violations are down 27 percent at key Menlo Park intersection, but accidents haven't decreased.



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Hiker finds human remains near open-space area

By Bay City News Service and Sue Dremann

Human bones were found in a rugged and remote area of unincorporated San Mateo County on Sunday, Dec. 27, a sheriff's lieutenant reported.

A hiker found the remains in an area below Star Hill Road, west of the El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve in unincorporated San Mateo County, west of Woodside.

Emergency personnel could not recover them until Monday due to the rugged terrain, San Mateo County sheriff's Lt. Wes Matsuura said.

Despite media speculation that the remains could be of San Carlos resident Douglas May, 55, a hiker who went missing in that area in July, a spokesperson at the San Mateo County Coroner's Office on Wednesday declined to speculate on whose bones were found.

The bones are being tested for DNA to determine the person's identity, she said.

Mr. May never came home from a hike in the

Skeggs Point area of unincorporated San Mateo County on July 16, 2009, which is within a few miles of where the bones were found. Family members contacted the Sheriff's Office when he hadn't returned.

A sheriff's deputy found Mr. May's car just before 1 a.m. on July 17 in the Skeggs Point parking lot. Skeggs Point is part of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, located on state Highway 35, south of state Highway 92 near Woodside.

Authorities in July said they did not suspect foul play but believed Mr. May was lost or injured.

Sheriff's office spokeswoman Sgt. Linda Gibbons said at the time Mr. May had had medical problems in the past but declined to give further details.

More than 40 officers, multiple aircraft, and mounted patrol and K9 teams searched for Mr. May in off-trail and hilly areas after he was reported missing. ■

Bob Augsburger, first executive director of POST, dies

Robert R. "Bob" Augsburger, a former vice president of Stanford University and the first executive director of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), died Dec. 31 at his Portola Valley home of a brain tumor. He was 83.

A lawyer and businessman in his early life, Mr. Augsburger brought private-sector thinking and financial practices to nonprofit management.

"Bob used to say that one should re-pot oneself every five years. This he did quite successfully, enriching his own and other people's lives. He was unafraid to take a contrary view, did so frequently, and was usually proved to be right," Rosemary McAndrews, a colleague at Stanford and long-time friend, said of Mr. Augsburger.

He was raised in Canton, Ohio, graduated from Purdue University and Case Western Reserve University Law School. He worked for the Glidden Company in Cleveland as director of financial relations and manager of corporate pension funds.

In 1963 he became vice president for the investment firm of

Donaldson, Lufkin, & Jenrette in New York. He was instrumental in taking DLJ public in 1970, making it the first publicly traded investment firm in the United States.

He took a year off to explore his next career move. Serving as deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Madison, New Jersey, he considered becoming a minister or opening "Bob's Bar," where he could practice lay ministry as a bartender. He became interested in land use, serving as adviser to the planned "New Town" community of Columbia, Maryland.

In the early 1970s he developed a passion for international travel.

In 1971, he entered into his longstanding relationship with Stanford as vice president of business and finance. He had to walk the line between student dissent, conservative stakeholders, and faculty members who objected to his private-sector views.

Mr. Augsburger supervised Stanford's significant real estate holdings. In 1972 and 1973, he worked with Ms. McAndrews to renovate and expand Stan-

ford Shopping Center, a major income source for the university, transforming it into one of the nation's most upscale shopping destinations.

As a Portola Valley resident, he developed an appreciation for nearby open spaces, including Stanford lands such as "the Dish" and Webb Ranch. His vision of land use, following the Columbia "New Town" model, was to condense development in quasi-urban centers to preserve open space elsewhere.

This led him to join Ward Paine in 1977 in founding POST, a nonprofit organization that links landowners, donors and government agencies — working closely with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD).

As POST's first executive



Bob Augsburger had a longstanding relationship with Stanford as vice president of business and finance.

director, Mr. Augsburger established priority lists for land acquisition. He put POST on the map with important projects, including Windy Hill, where "Bob's Bench" (his preference rather than his full name) provides a place for hikers to rest while enjoying the view.

"Bob brought to POST a passion for conservation, a knowledge of his community, a deep network of friends and colleagues, and an entrepreneurial spirit, all of which set up the organization for long-term success," Audrey Rust, POST's current president, said. "POST and I have benefited greatly from Bob's vision and 'get it done' attitude."

"As we look back at the early days of POST, I realize how far ahead of his time Bob was in looking to preserve land, especially in the Bay Area," Sue Crane, a former POST board member and co-founder of Ridge Vineyards, said.

In 1982, Mr. Augsburger was instrumental in the creation of the Land Trust Exchange, a national organization of private land trusts now known as the Land Trust Alliance, represent-

ing 1,700 land trusts that have protected more than 37 million acres.

He also was active in other nonprofit organizations, serving as a trustee of Hidden Villa, an educational organization in Los Altos Hills, and as president of the Children's Health Council board. An opera and theater enthusiast, he served as senior adviser for National Arts Stabilization, an arts-management group to help arts organizations build a strategic foundation for funding.

In recent years, Mr. Augsburger served as a lecturer at Stanford's Graduate School of Business (GSB), teaching courses in nonprofit management.

"Bob's work at the GSB, following his tenure at POST, gave him a chance to share all he had learned about nonprofit management with thousands of students who are 'out there doing it,'" according to Christy Holloway, long-time POST board member and wife of Stanford GSB professor Chuck Holloway. "What a grand legacy for a person who gave so much of himself

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'Summit' on state government reform efforts

The Web site for the California Secretary of State lists 51 initiatives that have been cleared for circulation and signature gathering. They include call for a constitutional convention and another that would prevent the state from appropriating local government revenues.

To examine the potential impacts that such initiatives could have in San Mateo County, Supervisor Rich Gordon

has invited officials from the county's cities, towns and school districts to a day-long "summit" on Saturday, Jan. 9, at Canada College in Woodside. The meeting is not open to the public.

Mr. Gordon chairs the City, County Schools Partnership, a joint effort by statewide organizations formed in 1997 to represent the local interests of California's cities, counties and school boards.

This group met in July in Sacramento and agreed on a set of principles, including protecting local government revenues and revisiting term limits in the Legislature, Mr. Gordon said in an interview.

The day's events will include presentations on selected ballot initiatives and on the work of a committee composed of members of the state Assembly and Senate and looking at ways of "improving state government."

Assemblyman Jerry Hill aims to toughen DUI laws

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs could soon become a permanent scar on one's record if legislation proposed by Assemblyman Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, is approved.

At a news conference in South San Francisco on Dec. 30, Mr. Hill along with San Mateo

County District Attorney Jim Fox and law enforcement officials stressed the problem of repeat offenders.

DUI convictions are erased from offender's records after 10 years, according to California Highway Patrol Sgt. Trent Cross. The new legislation would change that law so a DUI conviction would remain on offender's records forever.

The bill would authorize the court to permanently revoke the driver's license of a person previously convicted of three or more DUI offenses.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about one-third of the

annual 1.5 million DUI arrests are repeat offenders.

"We see a continuous pattern of people getting multiple DUIs," Sgt. Cross said. "We think it's very important ... that people learn from their mistakes."

In California, he said, one-third of fatal traffic crashes are alcohol-related. Last year, more than 1,000 people were killed by drunken drivers and another 28,000 were injured.

Throughout California, about 154,000 residents have received two DUIs, and more than 34,000 have been convicted three or more times, according to Mr. Hill.

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to our community with devotion and twinkle in his eye."

A former student of 20 years ago, Morgan Dudley, recalls: "While most of the courses at the GSB dealt with optimizing profits, Bob's classes operated on a deeper, human level: confronting ethical dilemmas, making difficult choices with limited resources, and determining how to serve society and the common good."

"His ultimate lesson was that any one of us has the ability to contribute to society, to help others in need, and to make the world a better place."

In retirement, Mr. Augsburg served as an officer of the Stanford Historical Society — his pet project was the history of the Stanford endowment fund. Prior to his death, he was collecting material on the important financial developments that have made education possible at

Stanford and had hoped to write a book on the subject. He also served on the advisory board of the Stanford GSB Oral History Program.

In his final home at The Sequoias retirement community in Portola Valley — adjacent to the Windy Hill Open Space Preserve — he worked to develop onsite assisted living and memory facilities for residents.

In his one-year term as president of the Residents' Council, Mr. Augsburg was responsible for a major overhaul and reinvigoration of The Sequoias committee system. He played on the lawn-bowling team, was a member of the Tuesday night poker group, and was known for his outlandish costumes at the annual Halloween party.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jean Ann Augsburg; sons David and John; daughter Jane McLaughlin; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service is pending. ■

■ BIRTHS

Menlo Park

- Monica Stoner and Noah Richmond, a girl, Nov. 19, Sequoia Hospital.
- Rebecca and Scott Morrow, a boy, Nov. 21, Sequoia Hospital.

■ GRADUATE

- Menlo Park resident Jennifer Coler has graduated from Excelsior College in Albany, New York, with an associate in science in nursing degree.



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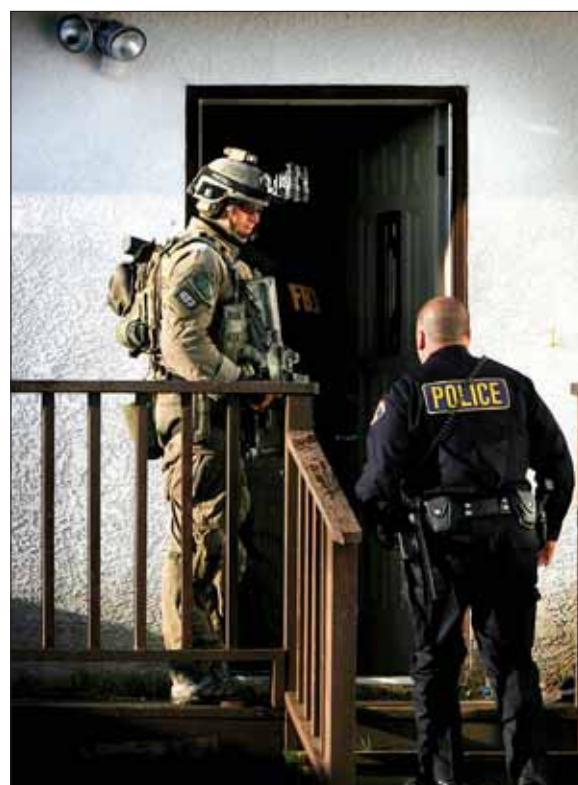
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The pictures in the strip, from left, are: Students from Menlo Park and East Palo Alto on a peace walk to protest violence in their neighborhoods. Officials are bombarded with questions about high-speed rail at the Menlo Park City Council Chambers. La Entrada eighth-grade students hang out before commencement ceremonies. Freestyle swimming at Burgess Pool. Firefighters in the office area above Peet's Coffee on Santa Cruz Avenue in the aftermath of a March fire. Visitors to the Webb Ranch "U-Pick" berry farm on Alpine Road.



Here is a sampling of photographs by The Almanac's staff photographer, Michelle Le, taken in local communities during 2009, and capturing the range of human experience, from joy to tragedy.

At top left, Nereida Angulo is a swirl of blue and white skirts as she performs with Ballet Folklórico Alma de México at Encinal School in Atherton on May 15. Encinal students celebrated the culture of Mexico all day.

Above right, Shiji Varghese of Menlo Park mourns the loss of her 6-year-old daughter, Lisa Xavier, who died after a hit-and-run accident Nov. 12 at the intersection of Willow Road and Bayfront Expressway. The photograph was taken during a Dec. 9 vigil at Laurel School in Atherton, where Lisa was a student.

At left, Menlo Park and other police forces worked with the FBI in a raid of the Taliban street gang in several cities, including East Palo Alto. At right, Sally Stewart of Portola Valley wrapped up 26 years on the governing board of the Sequoia Union High School District.

IN PICTURES



Photos By Michelle Le | The Almanac



Left: Jason Picetti, a former La Entrada School math teacher who suffers from ALS, and his daughter, Emma, share a birthday: On April 1, Jason turned 40, and Emma marked her first year. On March 28, family and friends gathered for a birthday party, where this photo was taken. It ran on the cover of The Almanac with a story on how this beloved teacher, facing a terminal illness head-on, offers lessons in courage and determination.

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The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

District 3 encompasses the area east and south of Woodside Road, Bear Gulch Creek (south of Woodside Road), west of Mountain Home Road and Manzanita Way, and Sand Hill/Portola Roads, and the Family Farm/Hidden Valley areas east of Portola Road.

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■ 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

Auto burglary report: Front doors left open but nothing taken, 100 block of Elena Ave., Dec. 27.

Grand theft report: Camera and lens stolen, Report made at police station lobby, Dec. 28.

MENLO PARK

Robbery report: Police arrested Menlo Park juvenile, 17, on charges that he hit 20-year-old Menlo Park man on head and stole his bike, 1200 block of Holyburne Ave., Dec. 25.

Residential burglary reports:

■ Two computers, TV, stereo receiver, video game player, video games, camera, watches and currency stolen with losses valued at \$22,000, 1000 block of Del Norte Ave., Dec. 26.

■ Flat screen TV valued at \$2,500 stolen, 1000 block of Almanor Ave., Dec. 26.

Grand theft reports:

■ Bose headset and speakers stolen with total loss valued at \$1,188, 2400

block of Sand Hill Road, Dec. 29.

■ Four tires and BMW wheels stolen for loss estimated at \$880, 2200 block of Sharon Road, Dec. 29.

Commercial burglary report: Trailers broken into, UPS office at 1355 Adams Court, Dec. 26.

Stolen vehicle report: Beige 1998 Toyota Corolla, 300 block of Hamilton Ave., Dec. 29.

Auto burglary reports:

■ Stereo damaged, 1500 block of Adams Drive, Dec. 26.

■ Two vehicles broken into but nothing stolen, 1000 block of Del Norte Ave., Dec. 27.

■ Wallet with cards and \$9 stolen, Menlo Park Ave. and East O'Keefe St., Dec. 28.

■ Laptop computer valued at \$1,000 stolen, 300 block of Sharon Park Drive, Dec. 29.

■ Cell phone valued at \$100 stolen, 900 block of Cloud Ave., Dec. 30.

■ GPS device and cell phone stolen for total loss of \$900, 800 block of Bay Road, Dec. 30.

Vehicle accident reports:

■ Eastbound driver under-compensated during left turn from Santa Cruz Ave. on to Sand Hill Road and collided with idling westbound vehicle waiting to turn

left from Sand Hill on to Santa Cruz. No major injuries. Dec. 30.

■ Big rig carrying scrap metal overturned and caused four-hour road closure, Marsh Road and U.S. 101. No major injuries. Dec. 30.

Fraud report: Unauthorized charges of \$532 on credit card, 2300 block of Sharon Road, Dec. 26.

Spousal abuse reports:

■ 200 block of Newbridge St., Dec. 30.

■ 1100 block of Marsh Road, Dec. 26.

Child Protective Services report: 1300 block of Henderson Ave., Dec. 31.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Theft report: Lock cut and two leather construction belts valued at \$150 stolen from tool box at construction site, 200 block of Westridge Drive, Dec. 28.

WEST MENLO PARK

Auto burglary report: Window smashed and toys stolen with total loss estimated at \$454, in the 300 block of Leland Ave., Dec. 24.

Police seek driver in hit-and-run

A black Acura hit a large tree, knocked down a fence, tore through a lawn and smashed into three parked cars in a driveway on San Mateo Drive near Middle Avenue in the early-morning hours Sunday, Jan. 3, according to Menlo Park police.

The collision was reported around 3 a.m. The driver fled before police arrived. Police found a cell phone and a wallet with an identification card in

■ BRIEFS

the car, and are trying to determine whether they belong to the driver.

The car came to rest after hitting a black Acura sports-utility vehicle, a black Volkswagen passenger car, and a white Toyota van -- all parked in the same driveway, according to police spokeswoman Nicole Acker.

Police don't know whether the driver was drunk at the time. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Volunteer training for home energy audits

A Palo Alto environmental nonprofit will hold two training sessions in coming weeks for volunteers interested in performing home energy audits.

The training sessions are part of Acterra's "Green@Home" program, through which the organization teaches people how to save energy in their home. The sessions will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11, and Monday, Jan. 25.

Many of the audits take place in Menlo Park. The city helps

fund the program, which the Almanac profiled in a cover story (available at tinyurl.com/ydkz5dk).

E-mail greenathome@acterra.org or call 962-9876, ext. 380, for more information or to sign up.

VIVIAN HARLAND

Vivian Harlan, longtime resident of Menlo Park, passed away peacefully on December 23rd. She succumbed from a long term illness surrounded by loving family members.

Vivian was the eldest daughter and third child born to the late Victoria and Hugo Erickson. Vivian was born February 11th, 1921 in Palo Alto where she spent her childhood; upon graduation from Palo Alto High School, she briefly attended San Jose State. In 1941, Vivian met and married her future husband, the late retired Colonel John Harlan who, at the time, was a young instructor pilot stationed at Moffet Field. At the end of WWII, John and Vivian located to the Palo Alto/Menlo Park area to settle and raise their family. Vivian was a devoted homemaker and later, with children grown, pursued a career as a realtor most notably with Taylor Properties, Menlo Park.

Vivian is sister to the late Victor Erickson of Los Altos and Adolph Erickson, Dallas, TX. She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Gullixson who currently resides in Santa Rosa. Vivian is mother to Patricia Solari of Sunnyvale, John Harlan, Jr., San Antonio, TX and Elizabeth Hemmerling, Menlo Park. She is grandmother to Eric and Katherine Hemmerling; Lindsey Harlan; Christopher, Ryan and Bradley Solari. Vivian is also survived by great-grandchildren Carissa and Kenneth Solari.

Graveside services for family and friends Noon on Wednesday, December 30th at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto.

Arrangements with Roller Hapgood and Tinney Funeral Home in Palo Alto.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Districts 4

The Planning Commission participates in the administration of the planning laws and policies of the Town. It is responsible for recommending to the Town Council ordinances and resolutions necessary to implement the General Plan and adopted development policy. The Commission also conducts necessary public hearings to administer the planning laws and policies of the Town and acts upon applications for zoning amendments, conditional use permits, variances, subdivisions and other related functions as may be assigned by the Council.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; Commissioners are appointed for a four-year term.

District 4 encompasses the Emerald Lakes area, the Cañada Road area north of Arbor Court/Olive Hill Lane, including the Runnymede Road and Raymundo Drive areas.

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

RICHARD (DICK) B. MADIGAN

Richard (Dick) B. Madigan, a resident of The Sequoia's, died peacefully in Portola Valley on December 11, 2009. He will best be remembered for his warm and generous spirit.

Born on May 27, 1924 in Seattle, Washington he was the only child of Walter and Marion Madigan. The family moved to Oakland when Dick was in grammar school and he later graduated from Piedmont High School.

Dick went onto Stanford where he played football and was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity. In 1943 he enlisted in the Marine Corp and as part of the Navy V-12 program was sent to CAL to continue his education for the next two years. While at CAL, he earned his big "C" for football. Following active duty in China, he returned to Stanford to complete his undergraduate degree in 1946 and to earn his Block 'S' in football. Dick was one of only seven individuals to have lettered in football at both Cal and Stanford.

In 1946 Dick married the love of his life, Jean Richards, having met her when they were both freshmen at Stanford. They were married for 59 years until Jean's death in 2005. Dick went on to earn his MBA at Stanford in 1949 and while attending the business school he was assistant freshman football coach with Chuck Taylor. Their undefeated freshman football team went on to play in the 1952 Rose Bowl. Dick's business career began in San Francisco as a food broker and Vice President of Mailliard and Schmiedell for 19 years. From 1969 until his

retirement in 2008, he was in the investment management business, initially with McMorgan & Company, which he co-founded with Daniel J. McManney, Jr. and Thomas Morton, and then later with the related companies of California Pacific Commercial Corporation and P.M. Investment Company.

Family and friends were the center of Dick's life and he loved spending time with them at his homes in Atherton and Stinson Beach, as well as on his many world travels. He is survived by his son and daughter in law, Brian and Bridget Madigan, his daughter, Nancy Merwin, six grandchildren and their spouses, and four great-grandchildren.

Throughout his life Dick was an avid supporter of Stanford Athletics serving on the University's Athletic Board for 40 years, and as President of the Buck Club. In 2007, Dick was given the Governor's Award for his exemplary service to Stanford. He served as a trustee of Menlo School for 20 years, and was a member of Menlo Country Club and the Bohemian Club. At his request, a private family service will be held. Donations in his memory may be made to: Stanford University- Stanford, CA 94395; Menlo School- 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton, CA 94027; Pathways Hospice- 585 North Mary Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085 or a charity of your choice. www.rollerhapgoodtinney.com.

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Managing the Atherton news

The Atherton Town Council, city attorney and city manager should be ashamed of themselves after agreeing to settle an embarrassing lawsuit for \$230,000, and then conveniently forgetting to inform the public about it.

The town's attorney, Wynne Furth, said there was no obligation to publicize the settlement with Pilar Ortiz-Buckley, a now-retired Atherton police officer who filed a sexual

EDITORIAL
The opinion of The Almanac

harassment and disability discrimination lawsuit against the town and public works supervisor Troy Henderson. The lack of candor

may be legal, but under no stretch of the imagination was it the right thing to do.

This lack of transparency harks back to when a tight circle of council members and town administrators ran the town without much interference from the other council members or constituents. As long as the bills were paid, crime was kept in check and taxes were low, few complaints were raised.

But in today's world, with 24-7 news coverage, there is much more interest in Atherton's affairs, especially its often inept efforts to impose new fees, exposing the town to litigation and mounting legal expenses. There cannot have been one council member or high public official who did not know that there would be high interest in the town's settling the case, even before depositions were taken, for \$230,000.

Attorney and media law expert Jim Ewert of the California Newspaper Publishers Association told The Almanac that after the council's October executive session on the matter, directions to have the city manager or city attorney enter into a settlement of the case should have been made public. They weren't.

"The pending litigation exemption in the Brown Act (the state's media law) is to permit agencies to discuss the merits and weaknesses of pending or existing litigation without having to reveal the town's strategy to the other litigants. Since the (Atherton) litigants were already involved in the settlement, everyone knows what's going on except for the public," Mr. Ewert said, adding, "There really is no public benefit to sitting on it, other than not looking bad."

To avoid looking bad in the future, the Atherton council should pass a resolution making transparency a priority in all the town's business, unless there is truly a good, legal reason to do otherwise. It is the least they can do to make up for their terrible behavior in the Pilar Ortiz-Buckley case.

Time to take a stand on water

Even if we are not threatened by another dry year, it makes sense for Bay Area cities to do what they can to minimize wasting water, one of the most precious resources we have.

A new state law imposing some restrictions on landscape irrigation took effect Jan. 1, but only new homes, major remodels or, in some cases, extra-large landscaping projects will have to abide by the new rules.

The legislation applies to all water agencies and cities in the state, which can add restrictions of their own, although they are not permitted to weaken the law. Menlo Park will take up its

proposed stricter ordinance Jan. 12, but so far, there is no indication that Atherton, Woodside or Portola Valley plan to beef up the new requirement.

The Menlo Park City Council may see some protests at the public hearing, due to the recommendation that the council limit lawn size to 500 square feet (or 25 percent of the total landscaped area for properties with over 2,000 square feet of landscaping). Councilman John Boyle already has characterized the proposal as an infringement on private property rights, but it appears that a council majority is ready to enact an ordinance limiting lawn size.

Although some homeowners might object, particularly those who, like Mr. Boyle, want to provide a lawn for children "to kick a soccer ball around," the city is on the right track with this ordinance. And while old habits die hard, we believe homeowners could easily survive with 500 square feet of irrigated lawn. Resourceful kids have no trouble finding basketball hoops at neighborhood schools, and they can just as easily find a place to kick a soccer ball around.

Water conservation decisions should not turn on whether kids deserve to play backyard sports. It is serious business. Local governments can no longer ignore that we are depleting this resource and not replenishing the supply. Any wasteful practice should be stopped, and restrictions should not be limited to irrigating the lawn.

Much more could be done. For example, local governments could do more to make residents aware of the effects that low-flow plumbing fixtures have in lowering household water use. And simply applying watering restrictions citywide could save a substantial amount of water every year.

Menlo Park's upgrade of the state water conservation ordinance will barely make a dent in the work needed to conserve local water resources, but it will be a start. The council should hold firm and restrict the irrigated lawn size to 500 square feet.

Fire sprinklers still a vexing question

Back in 2004, the Menlo Park City Council turned down a push by the fire district to adopt an ordinance mandating installation of fire sprinklers in new homes and remodels of 50 percent or more of an existing home.

The council majority at the time, Lee Duboc, Mickie Winkler and Nicholas Jellins, decided that the cost wasn't worth the benefit for home sprinklers, due to the city's low number of fires and fire-related injuries.

Firefighters were unhappy the council did not go along with the proposed sprinkler ordinance, which had passed and is on the books in Atherton and East Palo Alto. Peter Carpenter, then a fire board member, told The Almanac: "I wonder how many people will have to be seriously injured or killed before the Menlo Park City Council reconsiders this ill-advised decision."

Now the council is ready to again consider fire sprinklers. And the cost-benefit ratio will continue to be a focus of the debate. We look forward to hearing the arguments on both sides, including the number of fires and fire-related injuries per year in Menlo Park and an accurate cost estimate of how much sprinklers would add to the cost of new homes and substantial remodels of existing homes.



Menlo Park Historical Association

Our Regional Heritage

Menlo Park Mayor James E. Cooper introduced Sen. Samuel Shortridge at the dedication of the city's Fremont Park in 1938.

LETTERS

Our readers write

Europeans found upside of high-speed rail

Editor:

It may well be that California's high-speed rail plans are ill-advised, or that this is not the right time or economy to be embarking on such an ambitious construction, but several things bother me.

First, major infrastructure projects might be a good thing in a down economy. Just think about the Bay Area's signature bridges, both completed during the Great Depression. Next, take a look at some existing high-speed rail networks.

As reported in the Economist magazine, the French national railroad made a net profit in 2006 of 695 million euros after paying fees to the track owner, and the TGV (France's high-speed trains) had the highest profit margins. In 2007 the French national railroad had a record profit of 1 billion euros.

Spain, which has a smaller economy than California, already has 310 miles of high-speed rail between Madrid and Barcelona, and has ambitious plans for another 5,500 miles of track. To quote from the Economist, "The aim is to create Europe's most extensive high-speed

network, with 90 percent of Spaniards living within 50 kilometers of a station."

What really bothers me about all the hand-wringing regarding high-speed rail is the implication that we are somehow not as smart or as capable as those Europeans. The French (and the Japanese, too) did a lot of engineering work advancing the technology of trains and track to allow travel at much higher speeds, in greater comfort. Anybody who has enjoyed the French TGVs knows what I mean.

It should be much easier for us. It's all been invented before, just not here. Maybe we should just hire a French or Spanish engineering firm to do it for us. One more quote from the Economist concerning high-speed rail: "Carbon emissions per passenger are one-sixth as big as for air travelers."

Robert Cronin
Marmona Drive, Menlo Park

City power grab on water use

Editor:

The majority of the Menlo Park City Council seem to believe that they are our feudal lords, and the rest of us serfs exist simply to be ruled.

Their recent proposal—snuck in during the slow holiday news time to require reduction in lawn size to 500 square feet in exchange for the

city's permission to remodel — is brazen in intent and shocking in scope. Even more shocking is the admission by council member Heyward Robinson that his own yard wouldn't conform to the new ordinance.

But, what does that matter? He's got his, so the rest of us can take a hike. I suppose he won't voluntarily downsize his grassy area, any more than Councilmember Kelly Ferguson will voluntarily give up her zoning variance of 2006. Our rulers can live as they like, but I suppose that's too good for the rest of us. At least council member John Boyle has the common sense to oppose this power grab.

Perhaps this is the city's plan for dealing with increasing school registration. Why would families want to move to (or continue to live in) Menlo Park when they can either add enough room onto an existing, inadequate house to accommodate a family, or have a decent-sized lawn on which their children can play, but not both?

More so than many of the controversies that have arisen in Menlo Park over the years, it is critical to the future of our city to defeat this plainly stupid power grab that makes a mockery of property rights and drives families out of the city.

Brian Schar
Laurel Avenue, Menlo Park

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INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEES

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

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

The Committee advises and recommends to the Town Council on the policies for planning, developing, maintaining, and usage of Town's bikeways system.

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.

Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Submitting items for the Calendar

Submit information online. Go to TheAlmanacOnline.com and on the green navigation bar on the left, click on "Calendar Event." That will take you to the Palo Alto Online Master Community Calendar page with a form to enter your information. If the event is of interest to a large number of people, also e-mail a press release to Editor@AlmanacNews.com.

Special Events

The Spirit of Uganda. Through music, dance and call-and-response vocals, the 22 children who comprise the Spirit of Uganda bring to life the sounds and movements of East Africa. Sponsored by Menlo Park Community Service Department. Thu., Jan. 14, 6:30-8:15 p.m. \$25 per person. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. www.facebook.com/pages/Spirit-of-Uganda-in-Menlo-Park/369488775083

75 Years of Memories. The History Museum's Courthouse Docket will present 75 Years of Memories, a panel discussion to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the San Mateo County Historical Association. Reception follows, please RSVP. Sat., Jan. 9, 1-2 p.m. \$2-4. Free for members. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

Restoration Project at Ravenswood Pond (Menlo Park) Be part of the effort to restore the former salt pond at the western end of the Dumbarton Bridge, a critical piece of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. Sat., Jan. 9, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Ravenswood Salt Ponds, Menlo Park. Call 510-452-9261 ext. 109. www.savesbay.org/bayevents

Talks/Authors

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 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.

Art

Images of California Farm Life by Karen Barone. Portola Art Gallery presents "Images of California Farm Life," new oil paintings of animal portraits, barns and pastoral scenes by Karen Barone. Through Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor

Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

Classes/Workshops

Anger management with adolescents. 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

Autism Spectrum Disorders in Young Children. Mon., Jan. 11, 7-8:30 p.m. No fee (pre-registration is required). Children's Health Council, 650 Clark Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-617-3806. www.chconline.org

Feldenkrais, Awareness Through Movement. Exercises for improvement and enhancement of flexibility and core stability. Jan. 8-29, 11 a.m.-noon. \$30 members/\$35 nonmembers (4 wks). Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-327-9419. www.Umovebetter.com

Fundamentals of Yoga. Four-week series. Mondays, Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$36. Every Woman Health Club, 611 Jefferson Ave., Redwood City.

Seed propagation. This class will explain how to make healthy flat soil, transplanting, pricking out seedlings from flats, and proper watering. Sat., Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$31. Common Ground Garden Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072.

The Push and Pull of Young Adolescence. A class for parents with daughters ages 11-14. Get a glimpse into the female brain. Understand why there may be conflict as daughters strive for self-identity. A Children's Health Council Parent Ed. Class. Tue., Jan. 12, 7-9 p.m. No fee (pre-registration is required). Children's Health Council, 650 Clark Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-617-3806. www.chconline.org

Concerts

Fortnightly Music Club Concert. Fortnightly Music Club Concert. Piano, Vocal, and chamber music works by Brahms, Musorgsky, Mozart, Gounod, and Stravinsky. Sunday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m. free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. www.fortnightlymusicclub.org

Saul Kaye. Singer-songwriter Saul Kaye plays "Jewish blues." Kaye's music is soulful and fun with deep grooves reminiscent of Dave Matthews and Sting, event organizers said. Thu., Jan. 7, 7:30-9:30 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>

Outdoors

Arastradero Creek Hike. Naturalist-led hike through the different habitats of Pearson Arastradero Preserve. Bring snacks and water

How 'Psycho' changed things

Film critic David Thomson will discuss his new book, "The Moment of Psycho: How Alfred Hitchcock Taught America to Love Murder," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at Kepler's bookstore, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. An English-American writer, David Thomson is the author of many books on film, including "Have You Seen...? A Personal Introduction to 1,000 Films" and the "Biographical Dictionary of Film." He lives in San Francisco.



Lucy Gray Photography

for this 3.5 mile hike. Meet in the parking lot. Ages 9 and up. Heavy rain cancels. Sat., Jan. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Pearson Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2506. bit.ly/enjoyonline

Twilight Hike. Explore Pearson Arastradero Preserve on a leisurely ranger-led hike as the day ends for some and the night begins for others. Jan. 9, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. Pearson Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2423.

Et Alia

Don Bisson Workshop. "Reclaiming Spiritual Wisdom during Anxious Times" from a Jungian perspective will be the topic of a day-long workshop on Wed., Jan. 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$70. Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-8282 ext. 114. www.valleypreschurch.org

Information Evening. GAIS will hold an information evening for interested and new parents. GAIS offers a German/English bilingual education following the International Baccalaureate Program (Pre - Grade 8). Wed., Jan. 13, 6-8:30 p.m. free. German-American International School, 275 Elliott Drive, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-8617. www.germanamericanschool.org

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

Free Greeting Cards for Blood Donors. Donate blood during the critical holiday period at any of Stanford Blood Center's

three locations and receive a free pack of five greeting cards designed by recipients of blood products. These cards, which come with envelopes, are available from Monday, from Dec. 14 through Sat., Jan. 9, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Blood Center. Call 650-723-7265. bloodcenter.stanford.edu

Spanish Immersion Parent Information Meeting. The information meeting for Palo Alto's Spanish Immersion Program will be held on Thu., Jan. 14. The SI Program is open to all families eligible for enrollment in the Palo Alto Unified School District. 7-8:15 p.m. Free. Escondido Elementary School, 890 Escondido Road, Stanford. Call 650-856-1337. www.sipapa.org

Knit Together at Atherton Library. Come and knit with other community knitters on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. All ages and skill levels are welcome. 2-4 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org/libraries/ath/events

Talk Cinema Palo Alto. Subscription 14-part series meets Saturday mornings September 2009- April 2010, offering sneak peeks of new movies. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$129 series/\$20 general admission. The Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto. Call 800-551-9221. talkcinema.com

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OBITUARY

Frances Jacobson Gibbs Social worker and mother

Longtime Ladera resident Frances Jacobson Gibbs, after raising five children, became a social worker for San Mateo County, retired to work as an activities director at the Palo Alto Senior Day Care Center, and then did similar work as a resident of The Sequoias retirement community in Portola Valley.

Ms. Gibbs was 99 when she died peacefully on Jan. 1 at The Sequoias, relatives said.

Frances Jacobson's parents emigrated from Sweden, and her father was a pastor of several Swedish Baptist churches in Wisconsin.

Frances Gibbs

The family eventually moved to Los Angeles, where Frances worked as a librarian for a time to earn money to help her brother through medical school. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Occidental College in 1934.

She married Owen Gibbs in 1938 and moved to Ladera in 1951. She and her husband were founding members of the Ladera Community Church - United Church of Christ, where she led

Her mother named her after 19th century suffragist and prohibition campaigner Frances Willard, relatives said.

the current-affairs discussion group as well as community book groups. She moved to The Sequoias in 1995.

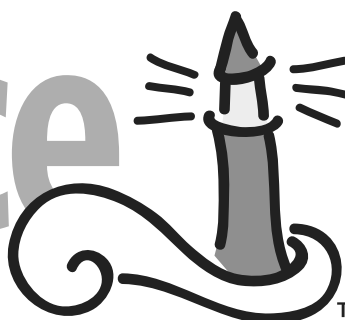
Ms. Gibbs wrote memorable narratives about her family and experiences, and poems for her Christmas cards, relatives said.

Ms. Gibbs is survived by her children, James Gibbs of Evanston, Illinois, Janet Hunt of Takoma Park, Maryland, Mary Delaney of Willits, California, David Gibbs of Cedar Park, Texas, and Carol Tenter of Bolinas. Other survivors are 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services are pending. The family recommends donations in Ms. Gibbs memory be made to a charity or cause of the donor's choice.

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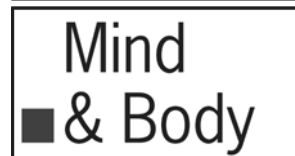


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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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, CA 94025; INVESTOR'S CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC
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.
(Almanac Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2009, Jan. 6, 2010)

REJOUVENCE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 236471
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Rejouvence at 1375 Burlingame Ave., Ste. 204, Burlingame, CA 94010.
Mail Address: 3529 Ryder St., Santa Clara, CA 95051;
JOUVENCE DAY SPA, INC.
3529 Ryder St.
Santa Clara, CA 95051-0700
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)

ZIBATECH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 236487
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Zibatech 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.
(Almanac Dec. 23, 30, 2009, Jan. 6, 13, 2010)

DAY'S-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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo

County on December 18, 2009.
(Almanac Dec. 23, 30, 2009, Jan. 6, 13, 2010)

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
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 08/01/2004.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 11, 2009.
(Almanac Dec. 30, 2009, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 2010)

RJ'S CREATIONS DBA RJ'S UPHOLSTERY AND A FABRIC SHOP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 236548
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: RJ'S Creations DBA RJ'S Upholstery and A Fabric Shop at 1064 Cherry St., San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County;
ROBERT J. RAY
2403 Whipple Av.
Redwood City, CA 94062
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 18, 2009.
(Almanac Dec. 30, 2009, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 2010)

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. MIDDEL AND AMELIA R. MIDDEL, 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 #: 062-242-360-6 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# 3364363 Almanac 12/23/2009, 12/30/2009, 01/06/2010

Trustee Sale No. 737483CA Loan No. 3018889737 Title Order No. 3206-250655 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/26/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/12/2010 at 12:30 PM, California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/31/2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007-182690, , and Re-recorded on 12/31/2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007-182690 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: FRANK BROOKS, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-227924-C Loan No. 0357511722 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/22/2007. 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. 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:JUAN L. IBARRA AND SOFIMA L. IBARRA, HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded 7/9/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-103302 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: 2521 ANNAPOLIS STREET EAST PALO ALTO, California 94303-0000 APN #: 063-082-140-3 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$530,925.00, 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# 3364363 Almanac 12/23/2009, 12/30/2009, 01/06/2010

Trustee Sale No. 737483CA Loan No. 3018889737 Title Order No. 3206-250655 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/26/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/12/2010 at 12:30 PM, California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/31/2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007-182690, , and Re-recorded on 12/31/2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007-182690 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: FRANK BROOKS, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of

Sale: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,548,557.14 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 1894 OAK KNOLL WAY, Menlo Park, CA 94025 APN NUMBER: 071-151-020-6 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. See Attached Exhibit Exhibit DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Name: Ann Thorn Title: First Vice President Date: 12-18-2009 California Reconveyance Company, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelitysap.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 P645553 Almanac 12/23, 12/30, 01/06/2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 4258392 TS No.: 20099070819384 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/31/04. 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 12, 2010 at 12:30 PM, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/07/04, as Instrument No. 2004-064822, in the book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of SAN MATEO County, State of California. Executed by: YAN TING ZHANG, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (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# 080-072-100-3. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 270 EL NIDO 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: \$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

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: 12/18/09, 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 Almanac 12/23/09, 12/30/09, 01/06/10

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 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 quasi-public utility through, in and across the Development Common Area. Said right shall be exercised along the



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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 Condominium 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 P648540 Almanac 12/23, 12/30, 01/06/2010

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 federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount

of unpaid balance and other charges: \$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; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT Exhibit DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Name: Ann Thorn Title: First Vice President Date: 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 to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$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 e-mail; by face to face meeting. SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT Exhibit DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Name: Ann Thorn Title: First Vice President Date: 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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 439068CA Loan No. 3012695619 Title Order No. 219629 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/03/2007. 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 01/27/2010 at 01:00 PM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 04/10/2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007-054327, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California, executed by: JANE GALLI AND CHRISTOPHER R GALLI, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: THE MARSHALL STREET ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER , REDWOOD CITY, CA Legal Description: LOT 11 IN BLOCK 2, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 695, ALPINE HILLS SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF RANCHO EL CORTE MADERA, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1954 IN BOOK 40 OF MAPS AT PAGES 15 TO 17. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 11 IN BLOCK 2; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 11, NORTH 66°23' 14" EAST, 291.46 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT, NORTH 24°27' 30" WEST, 10.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64°25' 15" WEST, 291.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges:

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\$1,606,722.96 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 120 BEAR GULCH DRIVE PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028 APN Number: 079-122-110 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. DATE: 01-04-2010 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N110612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3384555 Almanac 01/06/2010, 01/13/2010, 01/20/2010

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No. CIV490222 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(h), (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: 12/26/09, 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(h), (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# 076-213-020-1. 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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Exquisite home extensively remodeled. Large gourmet kitchen w/custom cabinetry & top of the line appliances. Abundant natural light & alder wood floors. Kit opens to FR w/French doors leading to gardens & patio. 3 bedrooms + office.

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Beautiful new 4BR/3.5BA home w/luxurious finishes. Feat: high ceilings, gourmet kit w/granite slate, hardwood flrs, wet bar, wrought iron railings, CAT5, pro landsc w/stone patio & built-in bbq & wet bar. Close to shops, parks, frys.

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Nice 3 bedroom 1 bath home with great floor-plan! Double pane windows, nice backyard, fireplace and 2-car garage.

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Gated new construction. 6+BR/5BA+2(.5BA) Italian estate includes a vineyard on level lot ace(+/-). Unbeatable location close to the Village w/a serene natural setting feels "away from it all". Built w/the world finest materials.

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Charming 3 bedroom 2 bathroom cottage, expanded by a previous owner, with contemporary kitchen/family room. French doors open to deck, with hot tub and expansive back garden.

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PORTOLA VALLEY

Prime location for this beautiful 1 acre level lot. Vast lawns, gardens, & vineyard. Close to schools. Extensive remodel. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths. LR/FR vaulted ceiling, separate dining room, 3 car garage.

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(650) 529-2900

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Prime Alpine Hills location! Secluded & Idyllic setting surrounded by ancient oaks. An open and light filled home looking out to over an acre of nature's wonderland. Large formal dining room, den and media room. New front landscaping.

Anthony Galli Offered at \$1,849,000
(650) 340-9688

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Two homes for the price of one! 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths, sep living room, family room and office. Garage has studio type unit above with full kitchen, dining & living room. Private grounds on cul-de-sac.

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This spacious and charming home is located in the heart of the Mt Carmel neighborhood. 4BD/2BA with bonus room. The home has been freshly painted and has plenty of storage with built-in cabinets and shelving. Detached 2-car garage.

Brendan Royer Offered at \$799,950
(650) 614-3500

SAN CARLOS

A lovely view goes with this distinctive 4BR/3BA Traditional-style. Striking highlights in this deluxe home include fireplace, two-car garage and family room. Generous layout. Gas heat. Deck featuring a bay view. So many niceties!

Debbie E Lorell Offered at \$1,258,000
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An original Grand Dame of San Mateo. Stunning Victorian built in 1907 boasts quality craftsmanship thruout. Fabulous wrap around porch, 3 rm loft style attic, elegant formal DR/LR. 2 fireplaces, vintage kitchen, lead glass windows.

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One level 2BR/2BA spacious penthouse located on the top floor of 4-story building. Privately positioned master suite. Close to downtown shops & transportation.

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Rachel J. Siress Offered at \$607,000
(650) 948-8050

WOODSIDE

Woodside... Woodside Chalet. Amazing views, 5 bedrooms including master suite, 3 bathrooms, in law unit with kitchen, LR, FR + guest unit. Pool, horse property, Woodside Elementary Schools. Adjacent to Huddart Park.

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Carolyn Rianda Offered at \$715,000
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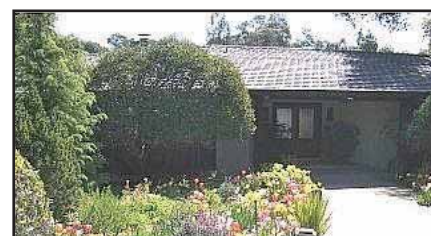
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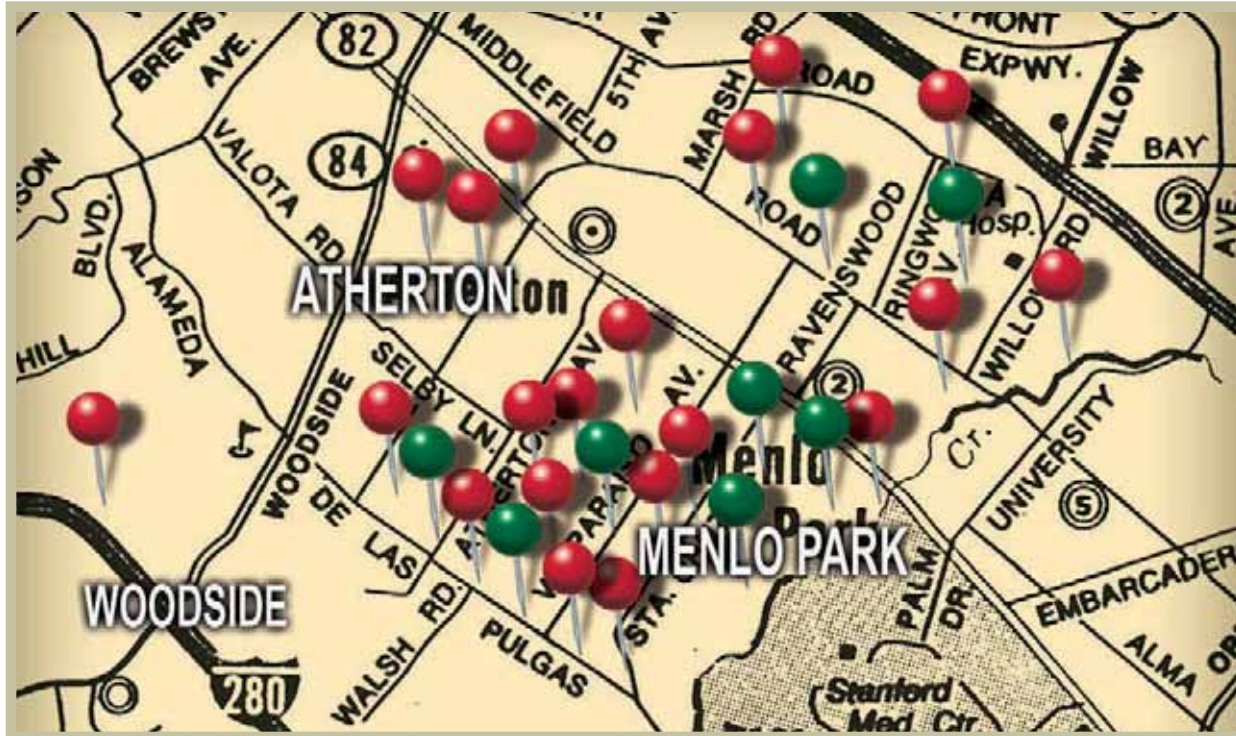
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