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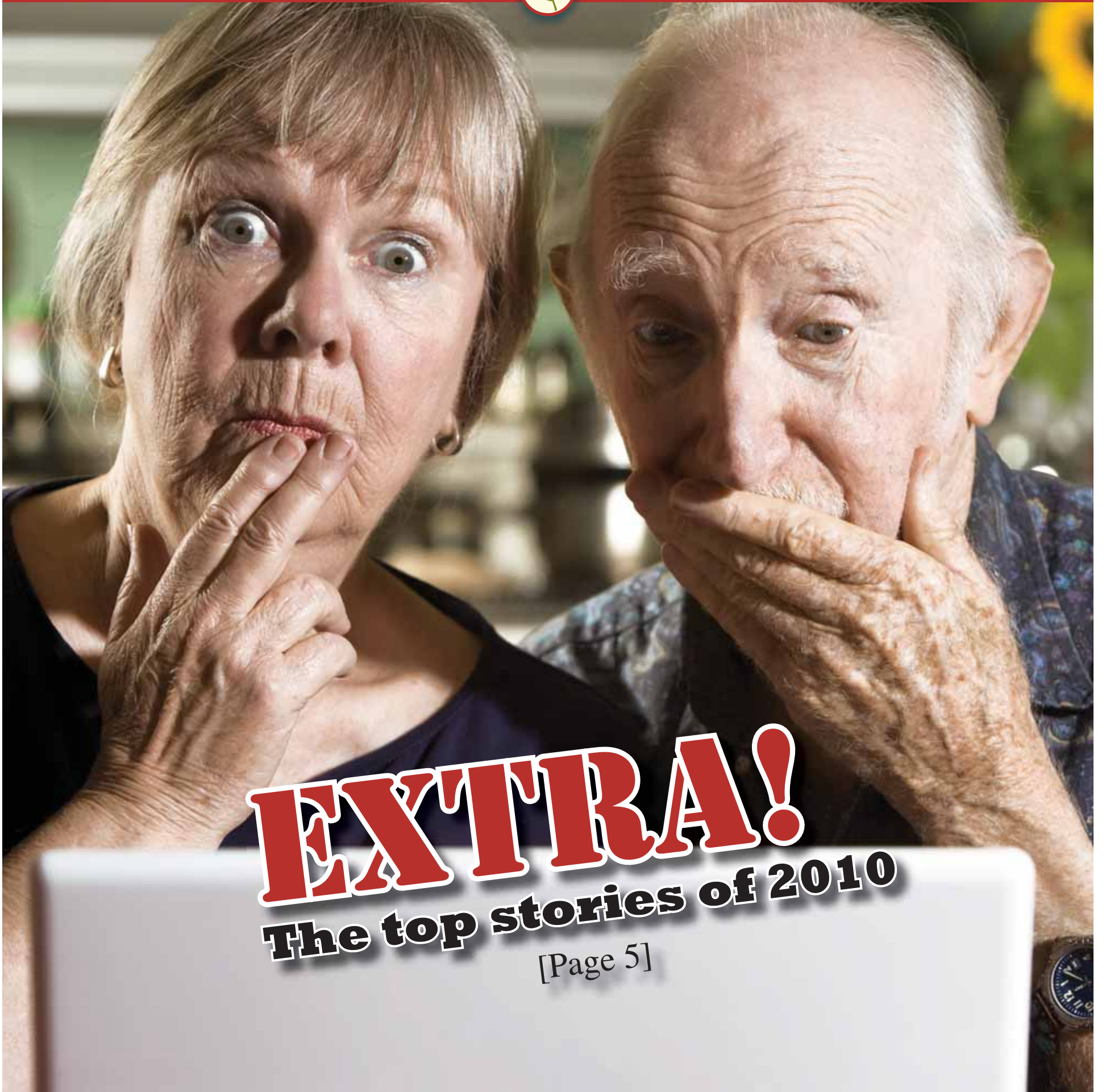
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Contributions to the Holiday Fund go directly to programs that benefit Peninsula residents. Last year, Almanac readers contributed about \$100,000, and with available matching grants, nearly \$130,000 was raised for 10 agencies that feed the hungry, house the homeless and provide numerous other services to those in need.

Contributions to the Holiday Fund will be matched, to the extent possible, by generous community corporations, foundations and individuals, including the Rotary Club of Menlo Park, the David and Lucille Packard Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. No administration costs will be deducted from the gift, which are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

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■ **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula**

Provides after-school academic support and enrichment activities for 1,000 youths each day, ages 6 to 18. Operates clubhouses in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, East Palo Alto and Redwood City, and after-school programs at schools in these communities designed to extend the learning day and supplement the school's curriculum.

■ **Ecumenical Hunger Program**

Provides emergency food, clothing, household essentials, special children's programs and sometimes financial assistance to families in need, regardless of religious preference, including Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for more than 1,500 households.

■ **Project Read-Menlo Park**

Provides free literacy services to adults in the Menlo Park area. Trained volunteers work one-to-one or in small groups to help adults improve their basic reading, writing and English language skills so they can achieve their goals and function more effectively at home, at work, and in the community. In 2007-08, a total of 120 tutors assisted more than 300 students.

■ **Ravenswood Family Health Center**

Provides primary medical care, behavioral health services and preventive health care for all ages at its clinics in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto. It also operates a mobile clinic at school sites. Of the 22,700 registered patients, most are low-income and uninsured.

■ **St. Francis Center**

Provides services for families in need with the goal of helping them to live in dignity and become self-supporting community members. The center assists some 2,000 people each month with such services as low-income housing, food and clothing, shower and laundry, counseling, community garden, and education.

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■ **Shelter Network**

Provides short-term shelter and transitional housing services to more than 3,700 people and children each year. Offers programs for families and individuals to become self-sufficient and return to permanent housing.

■ **The Art of Yoga Project**

Offers incarcerated teen girls a rehabilitation program of yoga and creative arts to instill greater self-awareness, self-respect and self-control. The project serves over 500 girls annually at four local sites, including San Mateo County's juvenile detention centers.

■ **Youth and Family Enrichment Services**

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'Bela's story: an example of hope and spirit'

Submitted by Maleah Choi, development consultant with Ecumenical Hunger Program.

Have you ever had to skip a meal because your wallet was empty and you couldn't buy food? Seen your children go hungry because you only had enough money to pay the rent? Had to decide between purchasing medicine for a sick family member or groceries for the week?

It is heartbreaking to realize that this is the reality for Ecumenical Hunger Program families. People who were already struggling must now fight even harder to survive.

Providing for more than material needs, the Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP) seeks to be a companion to ("sharing bread with") those who are experiencing difficult times. We work directly with individuals and their families to help them find the strength and resources they need to face the turmoil and despair that can threaten to overcome them.

We offer both a helping hand and a supportive relationship. We seek to keep hope and spirit alive even when hardship seems overwhelming.

Bela's story is a true example of hope and spirit, especially during the holidays.

Bela came to America from Fiji in 1995. She has never had enough money for gifts for any special occasions, and in 1998 some of



Bela Prakash says she is grateful that Ecumenical Hunger Program offers healthful food choices.



Donations to the Holiday Fund benefit the Ecumenical Hunger Program and nine other community-service organizations.

Bela's church friends suggested that she apply at EHP for Christmas gifts for her children.

In addition, she says, "EHP has helped me tremendously with warm clothes for the winter, cooking classes, and the Women's Support Group."

Bela is grateful that EHP offers healthful food choices because she is a vegetarian. She especially likes the fresh fruit and vegetables from the EHP garden as well as tickets for the farmers' market.

Bela has high blood pressure. This last year, a wisdom-tooth infection spread down her neck

and into her shoulder. Because of the infection she lost 30 pounds and still suffers from immobility in one arm.

She takes care of her husband who has several health challenges, including diabetes, high blood pressure, and complications from a ruptured appendix that almost took his life.

They have four daughters and five grandchildren, so at any given time Bela may have up to eight people staying in her home and under her care. For her birthday on Oct. 23 this year, Bela dreamed of a makeover.

EHP staff person Jackie Owens found a resource in Campbell — Myla BEE Styling (mylabee.com) — that was willing to give Bela a makeover, including dying her hair, a facial, makeup, and beautiful vintage earrings.

She came back glowing, and after selecting a special outfit from EHP's appointment closet, she looked and felt like a new woman! Bela says this was the very best day of her life.

In 2009, because of the generosity of our supporters, EHP distributed 5,262 food boxes; approximately 1,000 families were provided with fresh produce through the EHP Produce mobile; 6,844 individuals were served supplemental food resources; 4,794 hot meals were distributed through the Monday Night Meal program; 3,495 families visited the EHP clothes closet; 2,544 furniture items and appliances were distributed; 256 referrals were given for shelter, childcare, job search and education; \$1,228,694 in in-kind donations were received for distribution to EHP families; and 9,331 hours were donated by community volunteers.

Visit ehpcares.org for more information. EHP is based at 2411 Pulgas Ave. in East Palo Alto.

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Please join us for a Woodside Preschool Orientation and Visitation, Friday, January 28th from 8:45-10:00 a.m. (parents only).

Woodside Elementary School District will be accepting applications for the Fall 2011 Preschool Classes February 1st through February 11th, 2011.

Woodside Preschool is a half-day, fee-based program running from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Children must be at least 2 years, 9 months old as of September 2nd, 2011 in order to apply. Preschool students are placed in either the 2-Day, 3-Day, or 5-Day based on age and availability. Priority is given to children living within the Woodside School District boundaries.

Interested families are encouraged to attend our Orientation and fill out an application. Applications will be available for pick up at the elementary school office or download online beginning February 1st. For more information regarding Woodside Preschool please contact Lisa at ldayeh@woodside.k12.ca.us, (650) 851-1571 ext 251 or visit our website at www.woodside.k12.ca.us.

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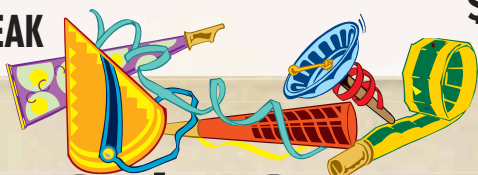
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By the Almanac staff

This was a busy year on the Almanac beats, what with a Menlo Park election that imposed limits on public employee pensions, turmoil in Atherton over multiple lawsuits and controversies, a spotlight on local schools in the “Waiting for Superman” documentary, and the passing of local legend, Bill Lane.

■ Menlo Park voters say yes to pension reform

In a time of nationwide economic hardship, Measure L, the pension reform initiative on the November ballot, gave Menlo Park voters a chance to turn their thoughts on appropriate retirement benefits for public employees into actual change. The measure was approved by 72 percent of the voters on Nov. 2.

The measure headed to voters after a grassroots campaign, led by the Menlo Park Citizens for Fair and Responsible Pension Reform, collected enough signatures to place it on the ballot. Planning Commissioner Henry Riggs spearheaded the drive, along with Roy Thiele-Sardina and Ed Moritz, and aided by council candidate Chuck Bernstein.

Measure L raised the minimum retirement age for new public employees, excluding police officers, by five years to 60, and also decreased their maximum pension benefits to 2 percent of their highest annual salary, averaged over three years, multiplied by the number of years they worked.

Under this measure, a new hire who retired at age 60 after working for the city for 30 years would receive 60 percent of that average salary. Current employees can

retire at age 55 and get 81 percent after working 30 years.

Increasing those benefits will require approval by a majority of voters. That decision will not be left up to the City Council as it has been in the past.

But voters may not have the final say. The Service Employee International Union (SEIU) and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees have threatened to file a second lawsuit against the measure.

■ Tumult follows Menlo Park council elections

The November elections brought change to Menlo Park’s City Council, as voters knocked Councilman Heyward Robinson out of office, kept incumbent Rich Cline, and added Kirsten Keith and Peter Ohtaki to the dais.

Change quickly gave way to upheaval, as Councilwoman Kelly Fergusson resigned as mayor three days after being selected by her fellow council members. Her resignation followed the revelation of Brown Act violations committed as she privately lobbied at least two council colleagues for the position.

Prior to the council members selecting a replacement mayor, Menlo Park residents stood before them to express their disappointment with Ms. Fergusson’s conduct.

According to the council’s non-binding policy, Ms. Fergusson and Andy Cohen were the members of the council most eligible to pick up the gavel. Members are supposed to serve at least one year on the council before becoming mayor.

If all the candidates have already served as mayor, then the one with



Photo by James Tensuan/Special to the Almanac

Roy Thiele-Sardina, left, and Henry Riggs celebrate passage of their pension reform initiative.

the longest time elapsed since holding the position gets priority, which left Mr. Cohen as the front-runner had the policy been followed.

Yet the councilman’s colleagues chose to abandon the policy in favor of unanimously choosing Rich Cline to serve a second consecutive term as mayor.

■ Local schools in ‘Superman’ spotlight

It is not every year that an Almanac community finds itself in a dispute that A) is the subject of a controversial film, B) includes local institutions, and C) may resurface when Oscars are handed out.

This was the case in 2010 with “Waiting for Superman,” the documentary that has educators deep in conversation about the meaning of school reform and the role of charter schools. The film features two local public high schools, one small and one large: Summit Preparatory Charter High School and Woodside High School.

The Woodside High community was frustrated by the film’s lack of depth. The school is seen for maybe 30 seconds and depicted as the second or third choice of a Redwood City eighth-grader. There is no attempt to explain the socio-economic circumstances that underlie the achievement gap at Woodside, nor its top ranking

relative to similar schools in the state.

The eighth-grader is admitted to Summit Prep through a lottery, required when a school has more applicants than seats. Summit is a popular alternative to traditional schools in the Sequoia Union High School District and known for its commitment to preparing all students for admission to four-year colleges.

In a recent letter to parents in the wake of “Waiting for Superman,” Woodside Principal David Reilly asserted that in the graduating class of 2010, a total of 93 percent were prepared to go to college, and that about half those graduates

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Wrongful death alleged in Alpine Road bike fatality

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A wrongful death lawsuit is now in process in San Mateo County Superior Court over the case of a 47-year-old Los Altos Hills bicyclist who died after colliding with a tractor-trailer truck at the Alpine Road/Interstate 280 interchange on Nov. 4.

After an investigation of the incident, the California Highway Patrol concluded that the cyclist Lauren Perdriau Ward

was at fault for having made “an unsafe turning movement” into the left side of the truck, CHP Officer Art Montiel said in an interview.

A separate investigation initiated by Ms. Ward’s family and the San Francisco law firm of Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & McGuinn sees it differently. An investigative team of “scientists and other experts” disagrees with the CHP’s conclusions “as to the cause,” attorney John Feder said in a statement.

In the civil complaint filed Dec. 20, Mr. Feder alleges negligence on the part of truck driver Gabriel Manzur Vera and his employer, demolition contractor Randazzo Enterprises of Castroville.

Mr. Vera, 44, “suddenly and without warning” drove the big rig “directly into the path” of Ms. Ward’s bike, the complaint says.

The CHP’s conclusion is based on interviews with Mr. Vera and an examination of the

physical evidence, including Ms. Ward’s wrecked bicycle, the marks on the left side of Mr. Vera’s rig near the second axle, and the locations of the two vehicles when they came to rest, Officer Montiel said.

While Mr. Vera has been in three fatal accidents since 2003 involving his truck, in none of them was he found to be at fault and there have been no consequences as to his right to continue driving, Mr. Montiel said.

Westbound bicyclists pass through this interchange in great numbers, but if there is a consideration for them, it is not obvious. The interchange begins at a stop sign with two lanes: one into Ladera and the other to the southbound freeway. There are no bike lanes.

Freeway traffic at this stop sign can be significant during the evening commute and can take up both lanes. Perhaps in view of this, Alpine Road morphs into two and a half lanes past the stop sign, thereby

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF MENLO PARK
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2011**

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

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Use Permit Revision/William Park and Jung Choi/600 Cotton Street: Request for a revision to a use permit granted in 1998 for the construction of a two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width and lot area in the R-E (Residential Estate) zoning district. The revision would include an addition to, and interior renovations within, the main residence, as well as an addition to an accessory structure. The applicant is also proposing to remove a heritage-size cedar tree located in the front, right corner of the site that is 25.6 inches in diameter and potentially hazardous.

Use Permit and Minor Subdivision/Andrew Young/1968 Menalto Avenue: Request for a use permit to construct a new two-story, single-family dwelling unit on a substandard lot with regard to lot width in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district. The existing single-story residence on the parcel would be retained; however, the existing detached garage would be demolished and replaced with a new detached carport. Also, a request for a tentative parcel map for the condominium conversion of the existing front residence and the creation of the new rear residence.

Use Permit/Pinnacle Education Services/644 Menlo Avenue: Request for a use permit to locate an educational facility that provides services to children and families with special needs on the ground floor of an existing building located in the C-3(Central Commercial) zoning district. The set of services includes speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, educational therapy, parent advocacy services, and reading and social skills classes.

STUDY SESSION ITEM

Study Session/Peggy Lo/2400 Sand Hill Road: Request for a study session for the construction of a new 10,477-square-foot office building (Building 9) at the Quadrus campus located at 2400-2498 Sand Hill Road in the C-1-C (Administrative, Professional and Research, Restrictive) zoning district. The proposal includes the elimination of approximately 1,815 square feet of gross floor area from Building 1 in order for the gross floor area to be used in Building 9.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on public hearing items in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Monday, January 10, 2011**, 7:00 p.m. or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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

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

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Former councilman Bob Huber dies at 83

Robert Huber, a former member of the Atherton City Council and past president of the Rotary Club of Menlo Park, died Sunday, Dec. 19, at home in Atherton with his wife of 57 years, Barbara, at his side. He was 83.

Mr. Huber was elected to the Atherton council in 1994 and served one term, until 1998.

In 2000, he was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the council for a three-month period until the next election. The seat was vacated by Nan Chapman when she moved to Woodside.

He lived in Atherton from 1965 to 1972, and again from 1983 to 2010, both times in Lindenwood.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, Mr. Huber served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1947. He was president of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at Iowa State University and graduated with an electrical engineering degree in 1951.

He began his career with AT&T Long Lines as a student engineer and was awarded a Sloan Fellowship in 1960, graduating from MIT with a master's degree in 1961.

During his career with AT&T Long Lines, he moved all over the country, retiring after 36 years as a senior vice president of sales and marketing.

Mr. Huber was active with the Peninsula Roundtable, the Atherton Civic Interest League, and the Lindenwood Homes Association.

"Bob brought strong business, finance and budget skills to the council, with his background

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as a business executive with AT&T," said former Atherton councilman Malcolm Dudley. "He was always one of the most kind and courteous people I have ever worked with, a quality we don't find enough of these days. We will all miss him a great deal."

In addition to his wife Barbara, he is survived by his three children, Elizabeth, John and Katherine; his sister, Sister Elizabeth Huber, with the order of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and seven grandchildren.

There was an evening vigil at Roller, Hapgood & Tinney in Palo Alto on Dec. 26 and a funeral Mass at the Church of the Nativity, 210 Oak Grove Ave. in Menlo Park, on Dec. 27, followed by burial at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park.

Elizabeth Jane Hoehn

Former Ladera resident

A celebration of the life of Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Hoehn of Foster City will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. Ms. Hoehn died Nov. 25 at the age of 91.



Robert Huber

The Hoehn family lived in Ladera from 1954 to 1977. She was a member of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, and volunteered in the local schools her six children attended. She was a 4-H leader, Sunday School teacher, and enthusiastic tennis player, say family members.

Betty Hoehn was born in Los Angeles. While on a vacation on Catalina Island, she met her future husband, Charles Hoehn Jr. They were married in 1937 and moved to San Francisco. The family later settled in Ladera in Portola Valley.

Ms. Hoehn is survived by her children, Elizabeth, Barbara, Charles, John and Steve; her brother, Phil; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to a favorite charity.

Ray Lommatzsch

Former Portola Valley resident

Ray Lommatzsch, a former longtime Portola Valley resident, died Dec. 4 in Vacaville after a brief illness. He was 83.

Mr. Lommatzsch was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. He and his wife, LaRena, raised their family in Portola Valley. After retiring from the heating and air-conditioning company he owned for 30 years, he moved to Medford, Oregon, then Vacaville.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, LaRena Lommatzsch; son Michael Lommatzsch and daughter Patricia Romero; sister Lucille Lindley; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Elizabeth Lommatzsch.

Donations may be made to the St. Francis High School Elizabeth Lommatzsch Memorial Fund, 1885 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040.

A memorial service will be held in Vacaville at a later date.



**CITY OF MENLO PARK
ORDINANCE 973 SUMMARY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

The City Council of Menlo Park adopted Ordinance No. 973 at its regular City Council meeting of December 14, 2010. The Ordinance was introduced on November 16, 2010, and adopted on December 14, 2010, by a 5-0 vote. The ordinance is effective thirty days from its adoption, and is summarized as:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK AMENDING TITLE 12 [BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION] OF THE MENLO PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2010 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE PARTS 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. The Ordinance adopts local modifications to the California Building Code and California Residential Code related to work exempt from building permits, non-structural work and structural design that are more stringent than the building standards published in the California Building Standards Code.

The full text of the ordinance and all exhibits are available at the Office of the City Clerk and/or may be viewed on the City of Menlo Park website at www.menlopark.org

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D.A. to review Brown Act violation

By Renee Batti
Almanac Staff Writer

A review of Menlo Park City Councilwoman Kelly Fergusson's admitted Brown Act violation is being launched to determine if more legal action is needed to "cure and correct" the violation, according to county Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe, who has directed his staff to conduct the review.

Mr. Wagstaffe, who will step up to the top position in the D.A.'s office next week, said a number of citizen complaints prompted his decision to direct two Brown Act experts in his office — an investigator and an attorney — to review the matter. He said he hopes the issue can be put to rest "within a couple of weeks."

Councilwoman Fergusson admitted that she violated the Brown Act by meeting one-on-one with at least two other council members to discuss her desire to be elected mayor in early December. The admission came after questions were raised by the public and the press, and

City Attorney Bill McClure conducted his own review of the matter.

Ms. Fergusson said the violation was unintentional, but soon after she was elected mayor she announced she was resigning the position and would not consider herself eligible for it when the council voted again to name a mayor the following week.

Councilman Rich Cline, who served as mayor in 2010, was then elected to serve a second consecutive term.

Mr. Wagstaffe said his office will review whether the "correct and cure" action already taken by the council — in accepting Ms. Fergusson's resignation and electing another person to the position — was an adequate remedy to address the violation.

"We're going in open-minded, to find out what occurred," he said in a Dec. 27 interview with the Almanac. He said the review will include interviews with people involved in the matter, including Ms. Fergusson if she agrees to be interviewed. The investigator will start fresh, Mr. Wagstaffe said, determining to

his own satisfaction whether a violation really occurred.

Regarding the possibility of criminal prosecution, Mr. Wagstaffe said Brown Act violations fall into more than one category — some of which can be criminally prosecuted and others that cannot. Determining what category the violation, if one occurred, falls into will be part of the investigation, he said.

Atherton resident Peter Carpenter, a staunch Brown Act advocate, was among the most persistent citizens calling for action by the D.A.'s office, beginning soon after Ms. Fergusson was elected mayor. In an e-mail he wrote to Mr. Wagstaffe on Dec. 25, Mr. Carpenter said: "... nothing has been done to hold Fergusson accountable for her violation of the law.

"I urge you to take action in this case. If you turn your back on this proven and admitted violation then you are clearly signaling to all the other public officials in San Mateo County that they can ignore the Brown Act during your tenure as our District Attorney without fear of sanction or punishment." ■

A Christmas party in Allied Arts neighborhood

Submitted by Mike Lanza, a blogger at *Playborhood.com* and a resident of the Allied Arts neighborhood in Menlo Park.

Santa Claus came to our front yard in Allied Arts on Sunday, Dec. 19. So did an elf, Frosty, and Rudolph. A brass ensemble, the Menlo Brass Quintet, came by to play Christmas songs like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Sleigh Ride," and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Also, about 60 or so neighbors and friends came. Adults sang, ate, drank, and chatted. Kids got their pictures taken with Santa, got their faces painted by the elf, and played. Not all those who came were formally invited, I'm happy to say. Some neighbors heard the music and came over spontaneously. This wouldn't have happened if we had had this party inside our house or at some public venue like a park or restaurant.

Rain came, too, but we were prepared. I rented two big tents like the ones that you might see at an outdoor wedding during rainy season.

It was an absolutely wonderful event, especially because we did it at home. Because we did it here, we were able to share some great moments with our neighbors. Our Jewish neighbor Andy wore the Frosty costume to the delight of many kids, including his own,



Photo by Thomas Chang

Marco Lanza meets Frosty, Santa and Rudolph.

until he couldn't take it anymore — the head was hot and he could hardly see. His kids got a photo with Santa for the first time.

In addition, we accumulated many great memories that are embedded in our home, rather than in some anonymous park or mall. All the kids were already very familiar with our really fun front and back yards, so they played like crazy all over the place when they weren't hanging with

Santa and the other characters. They jumped on the trampoline in back, drew on the white board in front, and scooted up and down the sidewalk.

In short, beyond being great fun, this was a very memorable, meaningful event for us, our neighborhood, and our friends. I'm thinking now that we should make this a tradition and have a neighborhood Christmas party like this every year. ■

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planned to attend community college.

"A better movie would have been a very balanced picture," Sequoia district Superintendent Jim Lianides said at a recent panel discussion.

Consider the film a mirror, Summit Prep co-founder Diane Tavenner said at that same panel discussion. "It's hard not to want to defend what we do. There's some stuff in there that's really truthful and it's not pretty."

■ Atherton reeling from litigation costs

With their town facing a \$1 million structural budgetary deficit, Atherton residents have been more than a little dismayed by the number of lawsuits the town has been smacked with in recent times, and the cumulative costs of defending against them.

Early this year, Atherton settled a wrongful-termination lawsuit filed by former finance director John Johns. The payout to Mr. Johns was \$225,000, but the total costs to the town, including attorney fees and the cost of an investigation, amounted to a painful \$618,000. The previous year, the town paid a \$230,000 settlement to another aggrieved employee, Pilar Ortiz-Buckley, a former police officer.

At the end of this year, the town's contract attorneys are hard at work defending Atherton against at least three potentially costly lawsuits — two from residents who each are seeking \$10 million in damages.

Jon Buckheit's litigation stems from his 2008 arrest and the aftermath of that event. He has since been granted a declaration of factual innocence from San Mateo County Superior Court, but had to sue the town earlier to obtain the police report he was legally entitled to — an action that cost Atherton \$8,000 plus attorney fees. His current lawsuit

seeks damages for a range of things, including the alteration of his police report to include false information.

Kimberly Sweidy and her husband, Raymie Stata, are also seeking \$10 million in damages for what they characterize as the "gross negligence, fraud and breach of duty" by the town's building department after inspectors signed off on construction work on their new home that was later found to be flawed and, in some cases, dangerous.

Meanwhile, Pacific Peninsula Group, a development firm that has built many projects in Atherton, is suing the town to recover nearly \$300,000 in road impact fees it claims it was wrongly required to pay.

■ School taxes pass but tide could turn

Local elementary school districts didn't escape state funding cutbacks that afflicted public schools across the state this year. But the pain they experienced in their classrooms was generally less severe than was felt by others, thanks to strong education foundations and the willingness of residents to tax themselves.

In May, voters in the Menlo Park City School District approved Measure C, a \$178 annual parcel tax. Property owners in the district were already paying almost \$600 annually in extra taxes for the schools.

Also that month, voters in the Portola Valley School District passed Measure D, a \$168 annual parcel tax.

Both measures passed easily, even though such taxes must receive two-thirds of the vote to win approval.

The Las Lomas School District may not have such an easy time, however, if it goes forward with a parcel tax the board has been considering. A recent survey of potential voters in that district indicates that a parcel tax of \$300 or more would receive far less than the two-thirds vote needed



Photo by Dave Boyce/The Almanac

Bill Lane at the Nov. 22, 2009, celebration of his 90th birthday. Behind him is the wall of the community hall, part of a multiple-award-winning three-building complex built with funding provided by Mr. Lane and his wife Jean and many other Portola Valley residents.

for approval.

The pollster, the Center for Community Opinion, determined that to reach the two-thirds voter threshold, the district would have to hold the line at about \$186 annually. But district officials say that wouldn't be enough to meet the schools' needs, which are driven in large part by a higher-than-expected surge in enrollment.

■ Bill Lane's chair is empty

His presence lingers in Portola Valley though he is no longer there, as hard to believe as that can sometimes be.

The year 2010 was Bill Lane's 90th and his last, and the community that knew and loved him gathered twice to say goodbye. A long goodbye.

Mr. Lane, who died July 31

and was sometimes called the father of Portola Valley in recognition of his key role in founding the town, was also its tireless benefactor, as he was for his alma mater Stanford University, for the equestrian community, for children in his role as Santa Claus, and for public parks in California and elsewhere.

Friends, relatives and residents met at a Town Council meeting in August to remember Mr. Lane in a simple ceremony honoring the chair he normally occupied at council meetings.

Mr. Lane was a gentleman in the old way and waited until the right moment to weigh in on a controversial issue, said former mayor Jon Silver at that event. "That old-school way never blinded him to modernity," he added.

"Bill had time for neighbors

as well, to do fun things with friends," said resident Bernie Bayuk. "He was my friend ... a great man who had the time to share."

Perhaps a thousand mourners met in November at the Memorial Chapel on the Stanford campus.

"He was an environmentalist before we had the word," his daughter Sharon said.

"Today, for the first time, I realized that (my father's) shadow was lovely for me to live in," Mr. Lane's son Bob said. "He was a humble man, believe it or not. He totally knew what forgiveness was about. He was a gentleman through and through." ■

Sandy Brundage, Dave Boyce and Renee Batti contributed to this story.

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allowing freeway bound vehicles who find themselves in the Ladera lane to make a correction.

Meanwhile bicyclists heading into this interchange on the right edge have to negotiate two on-ramps. The northbound ramp is uncomplicated but in the case of the southbound ramp, they must merge with and cross the path of sometimes impatient freeway-bound

vehicle traffic in order to get to the relative safety of the lane into Ladera.

Ms. Ward collided and died in the merging section of the road.

How can a cyclist safely negotiate such an interchange? "(It) depends on the skill level of the cyclists, road conditions, traffic volumes (and) road design," California Department of Transportation spokeswoman Gidget Navarro told The Almanac.

Asked to comment on the CHP's conclusion of finding Ms. Ward at fault, bicycling advocate and Menlo Park resident Steve Schmidt noted that "in the absence of other witnesses, I guess they did the best they could."

There is a hint that another vehicle — a "side zoomer," Mr. Schmidt said — may have been in the Ladera lane and trying to get to the freeway by speeding around the truck and/or Ms. Ward. Such a driver would

have approached Ms. Ward from her left side and could have scared her so that she fell or turned into the truck. "We don't know," he added. "It's all speculation."

There is conceptual agreement among the stakeholders on a striping change at this intersection to improve safety for bicyclists, Mr. Schmidt said.

Among the alternatives expected to be presented early next year from the county

Public Works Department, one option is likely to be a dedicated bike lane, Mr. Schmidt said.

This scenario would specifically encourage traffic headed to the freeway to stay to the right and Ladera traffic to stay to the left, Mr. Schmidt said, while bicyclists would travel in between via a clearly marked bike lane. ■

Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

New manager's priority: fiscal shortfall

■ Interim city manager to assume duties Jan. 3.

By Renee Batti
Almanac News Editor

John Danielson, who as a city manager helped launch a newly incorporated California city and establish a police department and public transportation agency in Elk Grove, near Sacramento, will begin his new job as Atherton's interim city manager on Jan. 3.

The Atherton City Council on a 4-0 vote, with Councilwoman Elizabeth Lewis absent, appointed Mr. Danielson to the post at a special Dec. 22 meeting. He will be paid \$15,000 monthly, and will live in the town-owned house in Holbrook-Palmer Park.

Mr. Danielson's contract with the town specifies that he will not be a candidate for the permanent manager's position. One of his top responsibilities will be to help the council recruit a permanent manager to replace Jerry Gruber, who resigned in October.

That's a role Mr. Danielson played in Wildomar, in Riverside County, when he was appointed interim manager just after residents voted to incorporate. He served in that position for about 18 months, from early 2008, he said in an interview.

Mr. Danielson told The Almanac that his "target time" for the town to hire a permanent manager is "somewhere within six months." Before that happens, though, "I'm hoping

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we can take care of some of the more difficult things so that when the city manager is hired, we have some things in place."

Among the highest priorities: "We have to address the (town's) fiscal shortfall — there's not the luxury of waiting," he said. The town is facing a structural budgetary deficit of about \$1 million that the council, staff, and a citizen advisory committee have been struggling to address. "We'll be looking for efficiencies," considering options that include contracting out some services, Mr. Danielson said.

He stressed, however, that whatever he and the council consider doing, "it will be done in a very transparent, public way — wide open and transparent. ... That's the best route to go."

Investigation

Mr. Danielson was one of five finalists for the interim manager's position. Before choosing him, the town hired an independent third party to conduct an extensive background check on him.

After the investigation, the council's consensus was that there was no merit to an online article published last year that claimed Mr. Danielson had amassed over \$4.8 million in compensation, leave buybacks, lifetime health insurance and pension during his six-year tenure in Elk Grove, said Mayor Jim Dobbie.

Mr. Danielson told The Almanac last week that he had been "stunned" when the article was posted, and that the statement was "just completely made up. ... It was so utterly nonsensical."

According to a press release issued by the town last week, "The Council is confident that Mr. Danielson will be an effective leader of the Town staff and will provide the Council with the guidance it needs while it is recruiting and hiring a permanent City Manager."

Elk Grove tenure

Mr. Danielson served as one of Elk Grove's first city managers, taking the job in 2001. The city, on the northern boarder of South Sacramento, had only recently incorporated, and the first manager was there for only about 11 months, he said.

During his tenure there, the city grew from about 70,000 residents to about 140,000. He was responsible for building a police department "from scratch in about 18 months," and a public transit agency that was the fastest growing transit agency in the country, he said.

When he left the job in 2007, the city had a \$20 million budgetary surplus, he said.

Mr. Danielson now operates Danielson Associates in Elk Grove, which consults for local government agencies.

Current transitional interim manager Nadine Levin, the former assistant city manager of Mountain View, will leave her post on Jan. 2. ■

Menlo Park council forms labor subcommittee

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

Newly re-elected Mayor Rich Cline and Vice Mayor Kirsten Keith will serve on a labor negotiation subcommittee with the goal of increasing the transparency of the bargaining process in Menlo Park.

The decision came during a closed session meeting on Dec. 14 with the City Council, top managers from the city, and the city's labor negotiator, Charles Sakai.

Mr. Cline described the overall goal of the subcommittee as finding ways to make labor negotiations more transparent.

"I think what we need to do is look at the process leading up to negotiations. First, put in place a timeline that allows the public to get more fully involved

in the process — perhaps a study session to explain how the contracts work, then an open time for a few weeks to gather as much input as possible — so we have all of that information when we do go into the actual negotiation," he said.

City Attorney Bill McClure said the council also heard updates on the status of negotiations with the Service Employees International Union Local 521 (SEIU). The last round of bargaining ended at an impasse, but the union may choose to re-open negotiations.

In May the council imposed new limitations on pension benefits for SEIU employees that raised the retirement age for non-police city employees from 55 to 60, and decreased pension benefits from a maximum of four-fifths of annual salary to

three-fifths.

While the council voted to impose it on the 152 SEIU employees, the changes go into effect only if the city negotiates the same deal with the city's middle management employees when their contract expires in 2011.

The union, along with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), has threatened to sue the city again now that Measure L, which set similar pension limitations but also requires a public vote to increase benefits, passed in the November elections by an overwhelming margin.

Mr. McClure reported that the council decided unanimously during the closed session to vigorously defend Measure L if sued. ■

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DISPATCHES
from the home front

A fond look back at the year that was

Dear friends, family and loyal readers: 2010 has been quite a year for our family.



The eldest redhead, after working for two years as a graphic designer in Manhattan, quit her job so she could spend a year in the Netherlands as an au pair. She works only 15 hours a week and has lots of time off to travel. Judging from the photos on her Facebook page, she is having a very good time.

The middle redhead graduated from San Francisco State last December and spent six months trying to find a paying job. By July he had done so, in the process fulfilling his childhood dream of someday working in a cubicle. The technical writing job seems to be exactly what he was looking for, something that pays well yet doesn't require a lot of effort.

He is still living at home, but vows that he will move out soon so he can: 1) Get a large-screen television. 2) Get a faster Internet connection. And 3) Eat more meat.

The youngest redhead seems to be quite happy at Berkeley where she is majoring in Society and Development and living in a student co-op on the north side of campus.

She had been studying Swahili with a goal of doing environmentally sustainable development in East Africa. If she can get into Spanish next semester, she says she will drop Swahili and do environmentally sustainable development somewhere they speak Spanish.

She has a boyfriend named Woodrow who is a poet majoring in philosophy, and

although we have not yet met him, I do have an image in my head of what he looks like.

Dan has continued to referee AYSO youth soccer. Apparently he enjoys having parents scream at him, question his judgment, and argue with him while he runs up and down the fields, either in pouring rain or broiling sun.


He still writes software that is used in integrated circuit manufacturing plants, but recently as a side project helped a friend develop an iPhone case with a built-in bottle opener.

My major accomplishment of the year was learning how to drive like a maniac. I developed this habit when I found myself commuting four days a week from Woodside to an office near the San Jose Airport. In the 6-1/2 months I made this commute, I morphed from a timid and careful slow-lane driver to an aggressive, lane-swerving idiot, shouting into the Bluetooth cell phone receiver clipped to my visor while drinking coffee and cursing anyone who had the ill judgment to drive either slower or faster than I was.

Fortunately, I quit the job before crashing, and instead, I hope to spend more time riding my new one-speed bicycle on the beautiful streets of Woodside, courteously dinging my bicycle bell to warn chatting hikers of my impending need to share the street with them.

Unless, of course, they really need me in San Jose, in which case I will try very hard to leave myself twice as much time as I actually believe I need to get there so I can mosey along in the slow lane.

Barbara Wood is a freelance writer, photographer and gardener from Woodside.



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Holiday tips for dog owners

Submitted by Rick Saletta, webmaster for MenloDogOwners.org.

The holiday break affords us a little extra time with our canine companions. However, the holidays also present a few risks to your pet's safety that families with pets must be made aware of.

If your dog stays in the car, crack the windows open and leave enough water for your short trip since the California sun heats a car rapidly, even in the winter.

If you are considering adding a dog to your family this holiday season, take a look at Pets In Need in Redwood City, a local no-kill shelter that specializes in placing small- to mid-sized dogs into homes.

Check MenloDogOwners.org for a list of local no-kill rescue organizations.

Many of the traditional Christmas plants — including holly, mistletoe and poinsettias — have fruit or leaves that are poisonous to dogs and must be kept well out of reach. Chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions and garlic are some of the foods that cannot be

digested by dogs and can be dangerous even in small amounts.

Beware of leftovers that may contain onion powder or ground garlic. A list of harmful plants is available on our website.

Tape over electrical cords or conceal them behind furniture. Also, cover the drip pan under your Christmas tree so that your pet does not drink water contaminated with plant food or fertilizer.

Perhaps most alarming, wool does not pass through a dog's system and can be lethal. With all of the people coming and going at irregular times, the holidays can be stressful on a pet that may otherwise never chew or shred anything. (And don't pretend that you've never been stressed at Christmas.)

Do not leave your dog alone with new wool sweaters, coats and blankets.

Antifreeze is deadly to animals. In fact, most automotive fluids, such as brake and radiator fluids, are highly toxic. When guests visit, do not lock your dog in a garage where toxins are stored, and check your driveway for engine leaks after the guests

Below is an essay written by Caroline Sprague, 13, a seventh-grader at Woodside Elementary School. She's writing about a time when she was 8 years old and visiting her grandmother (called Mamou) back East. The essay, limited to 250 words and titled, "Grape Jelly," was submitted for publication in an anthology, "Celebrating What Is Important to Me," published by Creative Communications. Recently, she was named one of the top 10 writers (from among thousands) in her grade division and was awarded a \$50 U.S. savings bond and a complimentary copy of the anthology in which her essay will be published.

Grape Jelly

"When I was your age." That's how every conversation would begin. Except unlike many grand-

mothers, her stories were filled with laughter.

Finally, put a note on the door reminding guests not to let the dog slip out the door into the busy holiday traffic.

A little advance planning will assure you can spend a safe and

pleasant holiday with your family and friends rather than a day at the vet. But if you do need help on Christmas, the South Peninsula 24 hour Emergency Veterinary Clinic at 3045 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto will be open

and can be reached at (650) 494-1461. Go to MenloDogOwners.org for more information about this topic and about adoption, doggie day care, boarding, travel tips, and health and wellness.



Caroline Sprague

'What is an eight-letter word for love?'

minute." From the window I'd watch her as she opened the jar, saving whatever poor creature I'd kidnapped.

Every summer, the grapes ripened on her patio. She'd take me outside into the humid Maryland air and lift me up so that I could pick them. Then, she'd turn them into preserves and pack them into jars labeled "Mamou's Grape Jelly."

But the time must come for everyone to pass, and so she did. A year later, I was on the Internet. I found myself typing into the search box, "eight-letter word for love." The answer: devotion. And devoted she was.

Caroline also has a poem being published this winter in "Inklings Book 2010," an anthology distributed by the local writing workshop, Society for Young Inklings.

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Woodside High School wins

'Dance-Off'



Photos by
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Above: Woodside High School dance team performs at the first Bay Area High School Dance Off at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City on Dec. 17. **Right:** Woodside High sophomore Traci Tolles adjusts her hat in the dressing room prior to the performance.



*W*oodside High School carried home the first-place trophy Dec. 17 from the first Bay Area High School Dance-Off competition, held at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City.

Other high schools dance teams competing were from Menlo-Atherton, San Mateo, Carlmont, and Sir Francis Drake (in Marin County). M-A finished second, and San Mateo, third.

Host Tyler MacNiven, a Woodside High School alumnus and 2006 winner of TV's "The Amazing Race," was



master of ceremonies for the event, which drew a large crowd of parents as well as students.

Organizers said proceeds will benefit Canine Companions for the Soul, a nonprofit organization that trains therapy dogs to interact with disabled children, hospital patients, and elderly people. Many of the "working" dogs made guest appearances between dance routines throughout the show.

Woodside High's team received a standing ovation as it secured the dance-off win with an elaborate carnival and twisted "Nutcracker"-themed performance.

Dance styles ranged from hip-hop to tap and ballet. ▣



Top: Dancers with the Menlo-Atherton High School team perform during the Dance Off. **Middle, left:** Tyler MacNiven hosts the event. In back, Woodside High School's Gino Thomas and Natalie Harris chat prior to the show. **Middle, right:** Menlo-Atherton's dance team performs. **Bottom:** Woodside High's dance team celebrates winning the first-place trophy.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL

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

Planned Development Permit Amendment, Below Market Rate Housing Agreement Amendment, and Vesting Tentative Map Amendment/Beltramo's Investment Co. Inc./1452 & 1460 El Camino Real and 1457 & 1473 San Antonio Street: Request for the following: 1) Planned Development Permit amendment to extend the permit until August 1, 2012 for the construction of a new 26,800-square-foot, two-story commercial building with at-grade and subterranean parking and 16 two-story townhomes with partially submerged parking and 2) an amendment to the approved Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Agreement to allow for a combination of one on-site BMR unit, payment of in-lieu fees, and profit sharing of revenues above a projected sales price instead of the provision of three on-site BMR units, and 3) modifications to the vesting tentative map for consistency with the proposed BMR Agreement. The rezoning from C-4 (General Commercial, Applicable to El Camino Real) to P-D (Planned Development), the PD Permit, Vesting Tentative Map, and BMR Housing Agreement were previously approved by the City Council in August 2006 and subsequently extended until August 1, 2010.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said City Council will hold a public hearing on these items in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge these items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The project file may be viewed by the public on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with alternate Fridays closed, at the Department of Community Development, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Please call **Deanna Chow**, Senior Planner, at **650-330-6733** or email her at **dmchow@menlopark.org** if you have any questions or comments.

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

DATED: December 22, 2010 Margaret Roberts
City Clerk

PUBLISHED: December 29, 2010

Visit our Web site for City Council public hearing, agenda, and staff report information: www.menlopark.org In addition, the City has prepared a project page for the proposal, which is available at the following address: http://www.menlopark.org/projects/comdev_1460ecr.htm. This page provides up-to-date information about the project, allowing interested parties to stay informed of its progress. The page allows users to sign up for automatic email bulletins, notifying them when content is updated.

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Equestrian couple wins double-championship

Submitted by Rebekah F. Witter of Woodside.

Temperatures approached 100 degrees Sept. 24 and 25 for the California State Horsemen's Association's Championship Trail Trials two-day Championship event at Napa's Skyline Park.

While a few participants suffered heat exhaustion, those who finished the competitive, steep and rocky courses were rewarded with a unique result.

Local Woodside riders, Dean "Kip" Witter on his horse, Splash, won the Advanced division, while his wife, Rebekah, and her 5-year-old gelding, Slick, took Championship honors in the Novice division, marking the only husband-wife dual Championship in Trail Trials history.

"We are thrilled," Kip Witter said. "Despite the heat and challenging course and obstacles, our horses hung in there and really did a great job both days. Splash and I won Reserve (second place) Championship buckles in 2007 and 2009, so it's a real treat to finally crack the Championship code."

Rebekah adds: "Slick has just started Trail Trials. To qualify for State, one needs to complete at least three sanctioned CSHA Trail Trial competitions. Slick's dam, my mare Lady Doc, is my regular Trail Trial horse, and has placed third in the State the last three years in a row, and was



Rebekah Witter on Slick and Kip Witter on Splash, riding in the 2010 Salinas Rodeo Parade.

2009 Regional Champion.

"I qualified both horses this year and just took Slick to the Finals on a whim. So the Championship rides were only his fourth and fifth Trail Trials, but he ended up with the second best score of all 70 competitors. I couldn't be more pleased with his attitude and abilities."

Trail Trials are held throughout California and consist of, on average, a 10-mile trail ride with 10 judged obstacles representing challenging situations

one might come across: working gates, dragging obstructions, crossing rivers, streams, etc. Horse-and-rider teams are judged for performing each task in a safe, calm, technically correct manner.

"As with most sports, it sounds and looks easy — until one actually tries it," said Rebekah. "It can be very challenging for a team to perform calmly and correctly while being judged."

Author of four books on the horse-human relationship, Rebekah attributes their success to the "Natural Horsemanship" she trains their horses in.

"Body language and the power of focus is the language of the horse," Rebekah said. "We use natural cues such as pressure and breath to train our horses. If I want my horse to go, I inhale and quietly lift my energy; when I want him to stop, I simply exhale, relax and he stops-as subtle as magic.

"Such quiet, natural cues are an obvious advantage in all riding, but they really pay off in competition."

Another fact of note: Both Witters won their championships and all their competitions riding in simple rope halters — no bit, no bridle, just communication, cooperation and a compassionate, competitive spirit. ■



December 17, 2010

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PHASE I OF THE ATHERTON LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: JANUARY 24, 2011 AT 4:00 P.M.

The Town of Atherton is seeking proposals from licensed architectural design firms with demonstrated experience in public library design for Phase I of the Atherton Library Building project. Phase I includes the Library Building Program, Site Selection, Conceptual Designs, and Cost Models.

A copy of the RFP is available on the Town website at www.ci.atherton.ca.us under the Atherton Library Building Steering Committee for your review. A copy can also be obtained through the Theresa DellaSanta in the City Clerks office at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us. Please review the proposed timeline and all deadlines on page 9.

The Town looks forward to reviewing your proposal.

Sincerely,

Duncan L. Jones, P.E.
Public Works Director

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

2955 WOODSIDE ROAD
WOODSIDE, CA 94062

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 14, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

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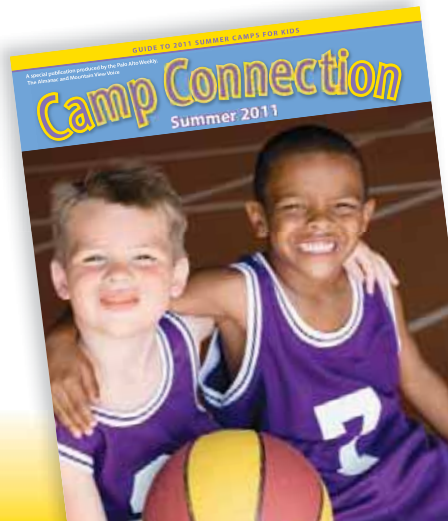
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■ POLICE CALLS

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ATHERTON

Kidnapping report: Possible parental abduction, Encinal School at 195 Encinal Ave., Dec. 17.

Fraud reports:

- Menlo Park 7-Eleven at 525 Oak Grove Ave., Dec. 18.
- Unauthorized use of credit card, Camino Al Lago, Dec. 18.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary reports:

- Loss estimated at \$6,900 in break-in and theft of cash and jewelry, 1300 block of Almanor Ave., Dec. 23.
- Loss estimated at \$2,185 in break-in and theft of computer, video game player and games, and Apple iPad, 200 block of Hedge Road, Dec. 21.

■ Attempted burglary interrupted with the arrest of Heather Nielsen, 27, on burglary charges, first block of Greenwood Place, Dec. 23.

Commercial burglary report: Loss estimated at \$14 in break-in and theft of nine checks and a company stamp, 1100 block of El Camino Real, Dec. 20.

Grand theft report: Loss estimated at \$3,300 in theft of 11 leaf blowers, 1100 block of O'Brien Drive, Dec. 20.

Fraud reports:

- Cashing of bad check for \$562 attempted, La Michoacana Market at 1305 Willow Road, Dec. 21.
- Loss of \$189 in unauthorized use of credit card, 1000 block of Marcussen Drive, Dec. 22.
- Two fraudulent bank accounts opened in resident's name, 2400 block of Sharon Oaks Drive, Dec. 20.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Fraud report: Resident lost wallet in Oakland and suspects that new bank cards were stolen from mailbox after learning of fraudulent charges to bank account.

Garage fire in Woodside quickly doused

A small fire in a garage on La Questa Way in Woodside was quickly extinguished Dec. 22 at around 5:40 p.m.

The fire was in a container and was so quickly extinguished it did no significant damage, according to Battalion Chief Jerry Nave of the Woodside Fire Protection District.

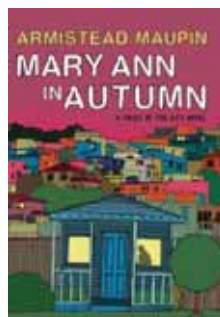
A call had gone out to firefighters from stations in Menlo Park,

Redwood City and Portola Valley, but they turned around minutes after firefighters from Woodside's main and Jefferson Avenue stations arrived and quickly had the situation under control, Mr. Nave said.

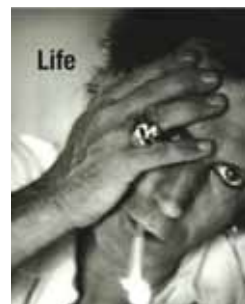
The homeowner had called 911 after trying to extinguish the fire herself, Mr. Nave said. By the time firefighters got there, the fire was just smoldering.

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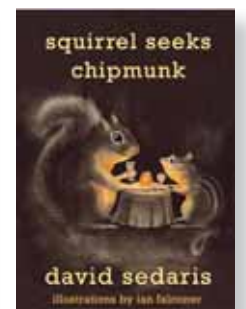
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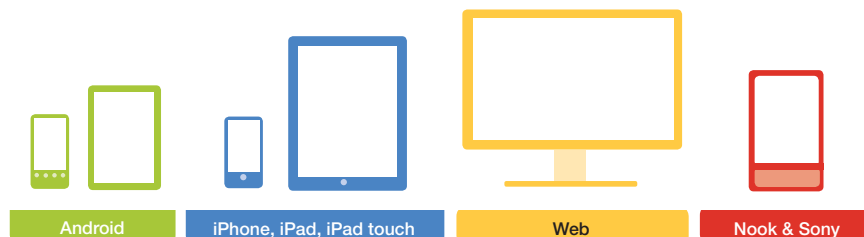
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La Entrada volleyball champs

La Entrada School's eighth-grade girls' volleyball team, coached by parents Nancy DiSanto and Kim Marshall, won first place in the Menlo Park 2010 Youth Volleyball League. La Entrada played Woodside Elementary on Nov. 29 at Menlo Park's new Arrillaga Family Gymnasium and won the match in two consecutive games. This is the second year in a row that La Entrada girls have won the league championship, Ms. Marshall reports.



Banner year for M-A Little League

Submitted by Carla Posthauer, board member of Menlo-Atherton Little League.

Menlo-Atherton Little League wrapped up the 2010 season with more than 500 registrations, the largest ever. This represents 15 to 20 percent of eligible kids within the League's boundaries.

The league is proud of its many accomplishments during the season. Several are listed here.

■ In the spring, the League was one of four sports leagues in the nation to receive the "Honor the Game" award from the Positive Coaching Alliance. This award recognizes leagues that promote good sportsmanship by parents as well as players.

■ Each year, the winning Majors teams (11-12 year olds) from the M-A and Alpine Little Leagues play for the "City Championship." This year M-A's Mike's Cafe won the title, the first time in five years that an M-A League team won the game. In addition, the tradition has been extended to the AAA level (9-10 year olds), and an M-A team, the Volcanoes, also

■ REGISTRATION

Spring registration is now open for the Menlo-Atherton Little League. The league offers six levels of play for boys and girls ages 5-1/2 to 16, who live in Menlo Park, from U.S. 101 to El Camino Real, or in Atherton. Go to m-all.org to sign up. Deadline for registration is Jan. 17.

won the "City Championship" title this year.

■ Player development opportunities with non-league professionals were offered to all players throughout the season. The League strives to round-out traditional coaching with clinics to help fine-tune skills.

■ The League provides "real situation" coach training, which includes a session with professionals from the Positive Coaching Alliance. In addition, there is a session for parents on how to promote positive support from the stands.

■ At the second annual Hit-a-Thon at Burgess Park, players swung the bat for fun while supporting the League.

■ In the spirit of offering baseball to all, the League is dedicated to its Challenger Division,

for children with disabilities, and Juniors Division, for players age 13 and up (beyond the traditional Little League years).

■ To better serve the youngest players, the League implemented a first- and second-year level of T-Ball play.

■ The League increased communication through newsletters, its website, and announcements of events and award winners in local papers.

■ Due to the efforts of a few M-A Little League board members, all fields the League uses, from Las Lomitas to Burgess, were given high levels of grooming and care above and beyond their regular maintenance.

■ Finally, the League received a 90 percent-plus satisfaction rating in its online survey of parents and players.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5-1/2 and 16 (by April 30, 2011) are eligible to participate in the 2011 season. Registration will begin in mid-December. The M-A Little League boundaries are west of U.S. 101 and east of El Camino in Menlo Park (incorporated area only), and all of Atherton.

Visit www.m-all.org for more information. ■

M-A girls frosh-soph basketball team wins tourney

The Menlo-Atherton High School freshman-sophomore girls basketball team defeated Mountain View High School's team in a 34-28 victory in the Mountain View JV girls basketball tournament held Dec. 9-11.

The Menlo-Atherton Bears also won earlier games against Scotts Valley and Presentation High School teams.

Radhika Khatod, Erin LaPorte, Sierra Sheeper, and Katherine Hayse helped lead the Bears to victory, according to team spokesman Brian LaPorte.

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Music@Menlo's winter series

Music@Menlo's first winter series continues at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, with a program of music for two pianists, at the Menlo-Atherton High School performing arts center, 555 Middlefield Road, in Atherton.

The event will feature three artists, Alessio Bax, Anne-Marie McDermott, and Music@Menlo co-artistic director Wu Han.

The program will include works by Debussy, Rachmaninov and Ravel.

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The Architectural and Site Review Board reviews and makes recommendations to the Director of Planning and Building on residential, site design and commercial applications.

Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, 4:30 p.m. Appointments are for a four-year term.

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.woodsidesidetown.org. Deadline for applications is Friday, January 14, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

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INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Districts 2 and 6

The Planning Commission participates in the administration of the planning laws and policies of the Town. It is responsible for recommending ordinances and resolutions necessary to implement the General Plan to the Town Council. 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 Commission makes recommendations to the Town Council regarding land use, reviews proposed development projects, and advises as to the overall development and maintenance of the General Plan of the Town.

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

District 2 includes Cedar Acres, the area west of Albion Avenue to south of Olive Hill Lane, the Bear Gulch/Tripp Road area, the Woodside Oaks/Greer Road area, and the Kings Mountain Road area.

District 6 includes Greenways/Ward, Woodside Heights, the Moore Road area, Quail Meadows, and the area east of Cañada Road to beyond Dean Road, and east of Mountain Home/Manzanita Roads.

Interested applicants 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, by telephone at (650) 851-6790, or through the Town's web site at www.woodsidesidetown.org, Town Government. Deadline for applications is Friday, January 14, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

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Unclear conclusion in cyclist's death

Like many fatal bicycle-car accidents, it is often difficult to determine the exact sequence of events because the rider is not around to talk about it.

That is definitely the case in the Nov. 4 death of cyclist Lauren Ward at Alpine Road and Interstate 280. The CHP said last week that she inexplicably made a right turn that swept her under the wheels of a big-rig trailer that was headed west toward the on-ramp of Interstate 280.

The CHP said its conclusion was drawn from examination of the physical evidence from the truck and the bicycle and interviews with Gabriel Vera, 44, the truck driver.

As a result of Ms. Ward's "unsafe turning movement," the bicycle "... basically fell into the pathway of the moving truck," a CHP spokesman told The Almanac.

The problem with this finding is that it doesn't answer the question of why she turned at that moment, and there are no eyewitnesses, so far, to help answer that question.

"In the absence of other witnesses, I guess they did the best they could," said longtime cyclist and former Menlo Park mayor Steve Schmidt in responding to the CHP's conclusion. Mr. Schmidt has proposed that the Alpine Road/Interstate 280 intersection be restriped with a dedicated bike lane.

Certainly, Ms. Ward could have lost her balance and turned into

the big rig, but her family and friends and local cyclists tend to doubt that conclusion.

Mr. Schmidt said there is a long-shot explanation that a "side zoomer" auto could have been trying to race around the truck and onto the freeway on Ms. Ward's left side, scaring her and possibly contributing to her fatal right turn.

But the CHP has not heard from witnesses so it is "all speculation," Mr. Schmidt said.

Although the CHP now says Ms. Ward is to blame in this tragic accident, there is no corroborating evidence to support the assertion that she simply made a mistake and turned into the truck. A much more logical explanation would be that something — probably another vehicle — caused Ms. Ward to move to the right. But unless a new witness comes forward, we will never know.

A fitting legacy from this accident would be a safer, dedicated bike lane through the intersection. The route would be clearly marked and split traffic as suggested by one of the options likely to be on offer by the county Public Works Department next month. The lane would be similar to what is in place now at westbound Sand Hill Road and Interstate 280. Through traffic on Alpine Road would stay on the left and freeway-bound traffic on the right, with the bike lane in between.

We urge county planners to quickly approve this proposal, or a better one if it comes along, and get it done as soon as possible, before another tragic accident occurs at this sometimes deadly intersection.

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The opinion of The Almanac

LETTERS

Our readers write

Council asked to stem loss of heritage trees

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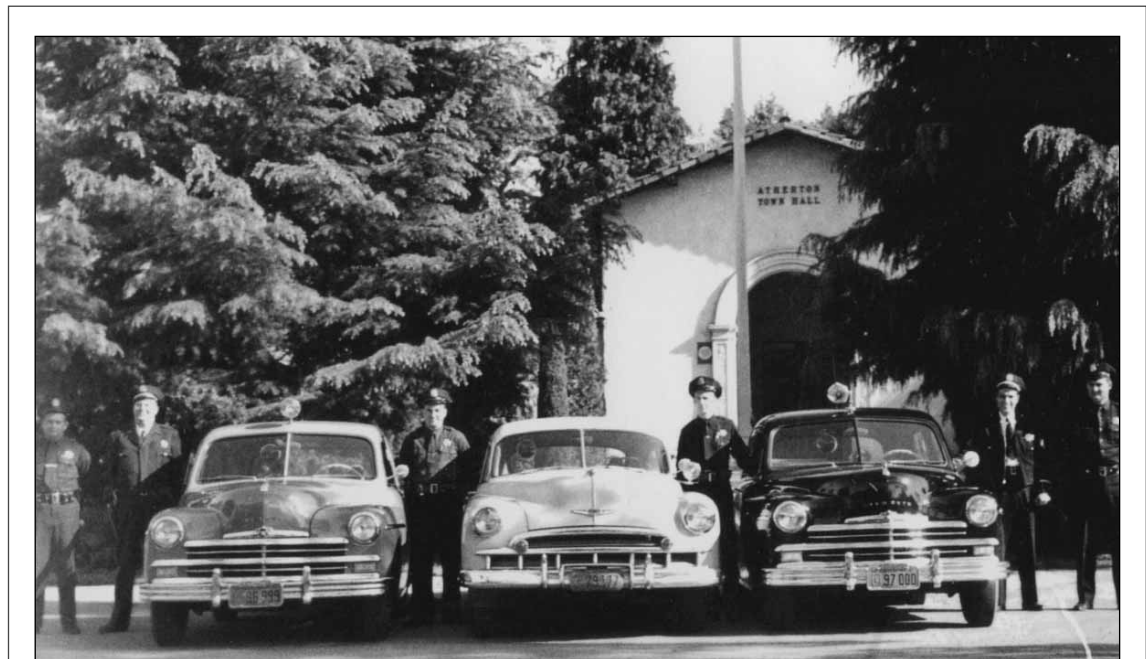
I recently sent a copy of the following letter to the city of Menlo Park.

I am writing as a concerned resident regarding the number of Menlo Park heritage trees being cut down in our city.

I looked at the online database of heritage tree removal permits issued since June 2002 and found an alarming number of trees are being felled every month. I counted 1,549 heritage tree removal permits granted, not including 182 trees with "pending" removal dates.

Christina Smolke, (the newly appointed Environmental Quality Commissioner) supplied me with an additional record of 77 permits issued for the last half of 2006. Eight months of information are missing from the city database, but if one examines the available information and crunches the numbers (1,626 trees divided by the 90 months on record), you realize that an average of 18 Menlo Park heritage trees are being cut down every month! Add the 'pending' removals and it goes up to 20 trees per month!

We have a heritage tree ordinance in Menlo Park because we value trees in our community



Atherton Heritage Association

Our Regional Heritage

The entire Atherton police force stands before Town Hall in 1950. From left, they are Dick Lowe, Charles DeMar, Shurden Flanders, David Silva, Malcolm Nie and Chief Leroy Hubbard.

and want to protect them against unnecessary removal. Obviously, there must be some turnover in our heritage tree population, but, in my opinion, too many are being rubber-stamped for removal and, at this rate, we will lose our precious canopy.

The failure of the ordinance to curb the rate of removals is especially alarming when one considers that our heritage tree ordinance is also failing to ensure a supply of

future heritage trees. Although the ordinance requires that replacement trees be planted when heritage trees are felled, there seems to be a lack of follow-up on the part of the city to ensure that ever happens. Even so, there is no protection for the trees that have yet to grow to heritage status, not even for these replacement trees.

As a 50-year resident of Menlo Park, I hope all of you, as council members and as fellow resi-

dents, find this information as troubling as I do. Therefore, I ask you all to please bear these things in mind when a heritage tree's fate comes before you.

**Maureen Teter
Windsor Way, Menlo Park**

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- Nearly 70% of kids don't graduate from high school.
- Average per capita income is \$19,000 (in a normal economy).
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- Too few affordable childcare options.
- Many families don't speak English or have limited education and cannot help children with homework.
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BLUER PASTURES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242202
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Bluer Pastures at 22400 Skyline Blvd., #18, La Honda, CA 94020, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
GLENN JONES
22400 Skyline Blvd., # 18
La Honda, CA 94020
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact 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 3, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2010; Jan. 5, 2011)

TOBY'S POOL SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242087
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Toby's Pool Services at 3525 Hoover St., Redwood City, CA 94063; Mail Address: P.O. Box 2344, Redwood City, CA 94064.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ARTURO SOTO
3525 Hoover St.
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact 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 November 29, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011)

FINE ART 10
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242256
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Fine Art 10, at 220 Chester St., Menlo Park CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
SUSAN C. DUNLAP
220 Chester
Menlo Park, CA 94025
MARILYN JACKSON
451 Meadowgreen Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact 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 7, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011)

JIMMY'S BARBER SHOP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242075
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Jimmy's Barber Shop at 1749 Laurel St., San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 2472, Redwood City, CA 94064.
Registered owner(s):
JAMES S. GROVE
2749 Yosemite Dr.
Belmont, CA 94002
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact 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 November 24, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011)

AJASAT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242316
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Ajasat at 1871 Camino A Los Cerros, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
S2 Enterprises LLC
1871 Camino A Los Cerros
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/05/2005.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 13, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 22, 29, 2010; Jan. 5, 12, 2011)

ATHERTON INVESTIGATIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242257
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Atherton Investigations at 3524 Farm Hill Blvd. Unit #6, Redwood City, CA 94061.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CLARK MADSEN
3524 Farm Hill Blvd.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An

Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact 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 7, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 22, 29, 2010; Jan. 5, 12, 2011)

ZPRZ COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242333
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
ZPRZ Company at 301 Allerton Ave., So. S.F. CA 94080.
Registered owner(s):
JIN ZIPPER & SUPPLIE CORP.
301 Allerton Ave.
So. S. F CA 94080
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 12-13-2010.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 13, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 22, 29, 2010; Jan. 5, 12, 2011)

DAVIMARTIN
GOOD FIG TEES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242031
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Davimartin, 2.) Good Fig Tees at 1848 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, California 94061, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
MARTIN ZUNTE
1848 Woodside Rd.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 08/09/2010.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 22, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 22, 29, 2010; Jan. 5,

12, 2011)

MAD DAWG SCHOOL OF FITNESS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242214
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Mad Dawg School of Fitness at 335 Convention Way, Suite D 1/2, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County; Mailing address, PO Box 835, Redwood City, CA 94064
Registered owner(s):
SAUL JIMENEZ
820 Fulton St
Redwood City, CA 94061
SUSAN JIMENEZ
820 Fulton St
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 6, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 22, 29, 2010; Jan. 5, 12, 2011)

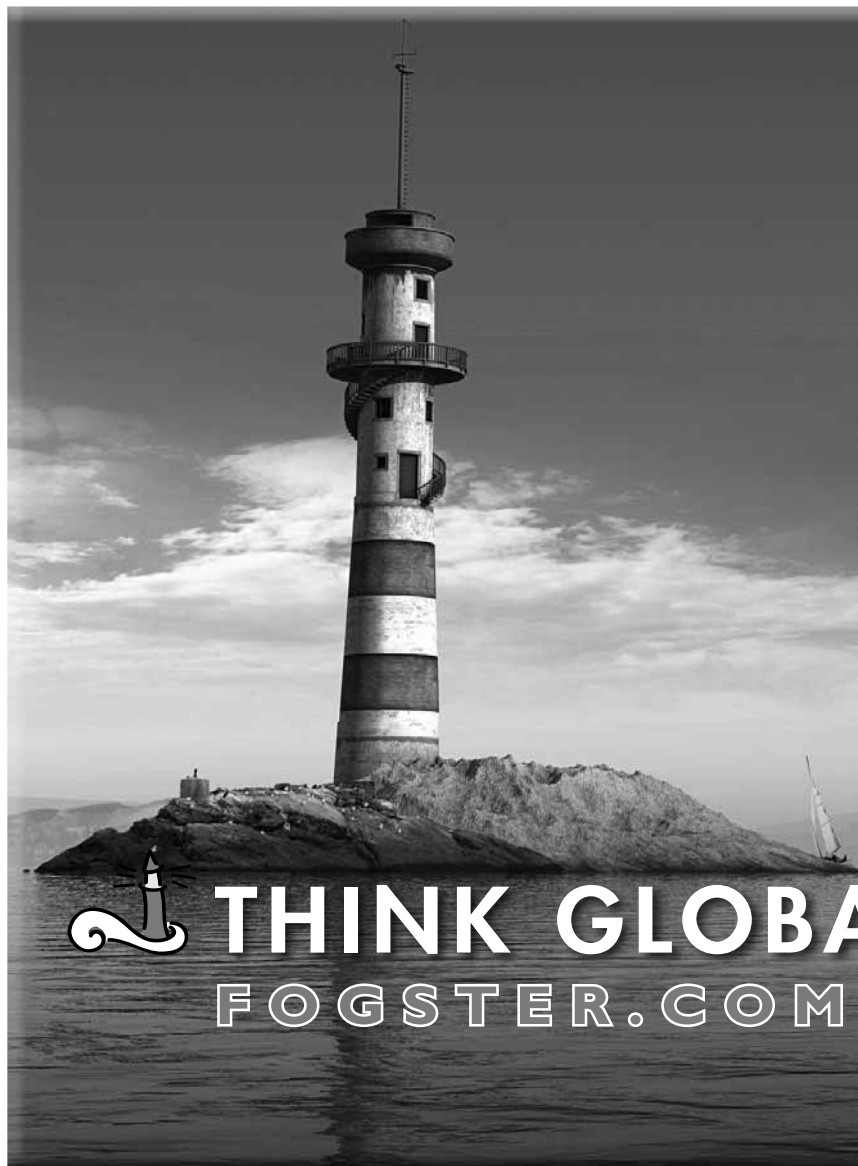
ARTISAN FINISHES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242135
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
ARTISAN FINISHES
830 Charter St., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County;
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Ryan Stewart
346 E. Taylor Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
Elizabeth Stewart
346 E. Taylor Ave.
Sunnyvale, Ca 94085
Stephanie Black
164 Evandale Ave. Apt C
Mountain View, CA 94043
Christian Black
164 Evandale Ave. Apt C
Mountain View, CA 94043
This business is conducted by: General Partnership. The registrant Registrant has not yet begun to transact business

under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 29, 2010.
(Almanac Dec.22, 29, 2010; Jan.5, 12, 2011)

MENLO ATHERTON YOUTH LACROSSE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 242200
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Menlo Atherton Youth Lacrosse at 38 Maple Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
MJ DAVEY
38 Maple Avenue
Atherton, CA 94027
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/01/2010.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 3, 2010.
(Almanac Dec. 29, 2010; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2011)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS
#: CA-10-386575-CL Order #: 100552862-CA-LPI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/5/2007. 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 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 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: CIV501229 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SARANYA CHAICHANA and ANTHONY CHAICHANA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.) SARANYA CHAICHANA to SARA TAHNG
B.) ANTHONY CHAICHANA to ANTHONY TAHNG
C.) TANATCHA CHA-CHA CHAICHANA to NATASHA TAHNG
D.) KANTACHAT KING CHAICHANA to KENNETH TAHNG
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: February 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: 3, Room: 2E. 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 8, 2010 /s/ Stephen M. Hall JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac Dec. 22, 29, 2010; Jan. 5, 12, 2011)

HUD Ln# 0427943693 TS# 10-11507-21 NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE WHEREAS, on 03/07/2006, a certain (Deed of Trust) was executed by Evelyn Hawkins, as Trustor, in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as beneficiary, and Fidelity National Title Insurance Co, as Trustee and was recorded on Recorded on 04/11/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-053102, in the office of the San Mateo County, California Recorder, and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment recorded on 02/05/2009, as Instrument # 2009-011383 in the office of the San Mateo County, California Recorder, and WHEREAS, a default has been made by reason of failure to pay all sums due under the Deed of Trust, pursuant to Paragraph 9 Subsection (i) of said deed of Trust and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable, NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to power vesting in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of us as Foreclosure Commissioner" notice is hereby given that on 01/12/2011 @ 12:30 pm local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Commonly known as: 359 Wisteria Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303 More thoroughly described as: Lot 2 in Block 17, as designated on the Map entitled "Tract No. 634 Palo Alto Gardens Map No 2, San Mateo, County, California", which Map was filed in the Office of the Recorder of the County of San Mateo, State of California, on February 9, 1951 in Liber 32 of Maps, at Page 50. The sale will be held at the following location: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA. Per The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development the estimated opening bid will be \$384,415.33. There will be no pro-ration of taxes,

rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before the closing, his prorated share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making a bid, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling ten percent (10%) of the Secretary's estimated bid amount, in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Foreclosure Commissioner Cimarron Trustee Services. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is an oral, a deposit of \$38,441.53 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a cashier's or certified check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time with which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be fore 9-day increments for a fee of \$600.00 paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of certified or cashier's check made payable to the commissioner. If the high bidder closed the sale prior to the expiration period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of HUD Field Office Representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder to an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagee or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as proved herein HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid by the Mortgagee, to stop the sale prior to the scheduled sale date is \$384,265.33 as of 01/11/2011, PLUS all other amounts that are due under the mortgage agreement. Plus advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents. Plus a commission for the Foreclosure commissioner and all other costs incurred in the connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Date: November 04,

2010 FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER: CIMARRON SERVICE CORP. OF NEVADA 719 14TH STREET MODESTO, CA 95354 Telephone No. (209) 544-9658 Facsimile No. (209) 544-6119 Cathey E. Latner, Vice President P766635 12/22, 12/29, 01/05/2011
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TS # CA-10-387576-RM Order # 100561504-CA-GTI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/14/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Susan M Conti, an unmarried woman Recorded: 05/02/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-050193 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California; Date of Sale: 1/18/2011 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$327,115.64 The purported property address is: 165 E Okeefe St #14 Menlo Park, CA 94025 Assessor's Parcel No. 111-800-140-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Chase Home Finance LLC 800 Brookledge Boulevard Westerville OH 43081. 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 not 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. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: (714) 573-1965 or Login to: www.priorityposting.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This notice is sent for the purpose of collecting a debt. This firm is attempting to collect a debt on behalf of the holder and owner of the note. Any information obtained by or provided to this firm or the creditor will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. P775730 12/22, 12/29, 01/05/2011
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Trustee Sale No. 441035CA Loan No. 3062973148 Title Order No. 352872 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06-15-2006. 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 01-19-2011 at 12:30 PM, CALIFORNIA RECONVANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 06-22-2006, Book , Page , Instrument 2006-093621, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California, executed by: PAUL F. KING, JR. AND, MARGARET L. KING TRUSTEES OF THE P. & M. REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 5/24/82 AS AMENDED 7/16/83, 4/2/85 AND 7/6/91, 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: \$2,334,503.04 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 417 ELEANOR DRIVE WOODSIDE, CA 94062 APN Number: 069-225-250 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. DATE: 12-16-2010 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 CALIFORNIA RECONVANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com Deborah Brignac CALIFORNIA RECONVANCE 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 P782523 12/29, 1/5, 01/12/2011
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