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By Caitlin Moyles

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Twenty people watch as an 11-year-old girl named Shreya confidently puts a harness on a white, speckled horse — backwards. Standing beside her, Shreya's mother struggles against the urge to correct her daughter's mistake.

"It was so hard not to say anything!" her mother said afterward. "I actually did try to correct her, but she wasn't even listening to me."

Shreya and her mother are participating in an exercise with Gallop Ventures, a local "equine guided education" program, at the Stanford Red Barn on a bright Saturday morning. More than 20 people, including three students from Stanford's Graduate School of Business, a member of Stanford's equestrian team, a Red Barn employee, and this reporter, have gathered to learn about the leadership and teamwork development programs Gallop Ventures is offering at local facilities, including in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Tailored to suit individual goals, the programs use a series of exercises — no riding required — to address challenges, from mari-

HORSE SENSE

What horses can teach us about interacting with people

Almanac photos by Michelle Le

tal and family issues, like that between Shreya and her mom, to leadership and teamwork dynamics at the corporate level.

Through its partnerships with the Flag Foundation, a nonprofit with a network of sanctuary ranches that extends to the

Woodside area, and Horsensei, an equine guided education program that uses horses to educate medical students about the doctor-patient relationship, Gallop Ventures offers programs at a number of local facilities. They are: the National Center

for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT) and Rocking C Ranch in Woodside, Webb Ranch in Portola Valley, Touch of Gold Equestrian Campus in Livermore, Equistar Farm at 6W Ranch in Sebastopole, and now the Stanford Red Barn.

For clients who would like to turn their sessions into a mini vacation, Gallop Ventures also offers a two-day retreat at a dude ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Traditionally, equine therapy harnesses a patient's interactions with horses as a therapeutic tool to help the patients recover from physical or mental disabilities, substance abuse, and behavioral problems, says Wendy Millet, a Menlo Park resident who founded Gallop Ventures in 2009.

Over the years, the therapy has evolved into a field of diverse applications encompassed by the term "equine guided education." Gallop Ventures, in particular, is extending equine therapy into the arena of executive training and personal development. It has attracted clients that include teams from Google, Apple, Sandia National Laboratories, and LaunchSquad.

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Above: Junior League members, from left, Sarah Shen, Calla Griffith and Joy Peacock lead horse Ben in an exercise called "Extended Appendages" during a program on "Women's Leadership" by Gallop Ventures in Woodside. **In the photo on the cover,** Gabriella Cirelli leads horse Ben in an exercise called "Individual Leading." Almanac photos by Michelle Le.

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Education philosophy

Why are horses well suited to help people learn about how they interact with others? According to Wendy Millet, it's all about body language.

"Horses are prey animals, so they are extremely sensitive to their environment and anything that makes them uncomfortable," Ms. Millet says. "When horses see a mountain lion, they need to know whether it's looking for prey or just passing through. Body language is a big way they pick up on it."

Ms. Millet, who is an avid horsewoman and a member of both the Equine Guided Education Association (EGEA) and the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA), says she believes that horses' sensitivity to body language can help people recognize subtle or unconscious behaviors that affect their interactions with other people and their ability to be effective leaders.

The exercises, which are as (deceptively) simple as leading a horse around a ring without a rope, are designed to be open-ended and help people find their own leadership style. This philosophy is encapsulated in Gallop Ventures' motto, "finding your leadership stride."

"Everyone has a natural talent and passion they want to share with people, a natural style in which they lead when they're in their natural element. That leadership style might not show up in front of their boss," Ms. Millet says.

As part of the demonstration on the Saturday morning at Stanford Red Barn, Ms. Millet asked for a volunteer to participate in the above-mentioned exercise. A woman stepped up to the plate and shared her goal of launching a photography business. She was asked to focus on her goal as she led the tame, friendly horse, Comet, around the ring by a rope. After completing the circle several times, she had to remove the harness and, focusing on that goal, lead Comet around the ring without relying on the rope to pull him along.

She tried, clearly uncertain that Comet would follow her of his own accord with a large group of people watching. Sure enough, Comet bent his head downward and sniffed the ground, flicking his tail from side to side.

"I'm really hungry! I'm pretty sure I'm not totally focused," she said, when Amy Hublou, a licensed marriage and family therapist and EAGALA certified instructor, asked her to explain what was going on. She added that she has been contemplating starting this business for a long time, and that she has had some uncertainty



Wendy Millet, cofounder of Gallop Ventures, introduces the horse Ben to Junior League members prior to beginning the session at the National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy in Woodside.

about the goal herself.

Centering oneself so that one can lead the horse from point A to point B is an exercise that can take days to accomplish, Ms. Hublou says. Ms. Millet adds that because horses are herd animals, they are experts at discerning a sort of focus and confidence that manifests itself in our body language as well as our words.

"Out in the wild, horses will only follow a mare that's 100 percent

revealing — he responded by lifting his head to be harnessed for a unified, coordinated group, and was not cooperative with an uncoordinated group.

An exercise where five people take turns leading a horse around the circle also brought interesting dynamics to the surface — some led the horse forcefully, others were more focused on the people walking alongside the horse, and some were self-conscious, or a combination of all of the above.

Through these exercises, participants learn about their own leadership styles, how the group works as a unit, and how that unit is perceived by a third party, Ms. Millet says.

"People find happiness when they're connected with themselves," she says. "When they do, they're better able to serve the world and interact with other people."

Finding its stride

Harnessing horses and leading them around a ring may sound like a bit of a gimmick, which is, perhaps, why many of Ms. Millet's clients are people who have had experience with horses and "understand they have an uncanny way of interacting with people," Ms. Millet says. Asked whether there is any research behind the field of equine guided education, she says the programs are largely based on experience.

"There's a world of anecdotal evidence, but it's just starting to get hard numbers around it," Ms. Millet says. "We're hoping at Stanford there will be interest in the research community" now that Gallop Ventures has established a partnership with Stanford Red Barn, she adds.

"We have such an amazing community where people are so open to new ideas and so interested in being on the cutting edge," Ms. Millet says. "Helping people find their leadership stride in an area full of businesses that are hoping to change the world is a really ideal situation." ■

Visit gallopventures.com or call 218-2222 to learn more about Gallop Ventures.

The exercises are intended to help people find their own leadership style.

sure of what it's doing," she says. "They're very good at discerning whether our intentions and our actions are aligned or misaligned."

Corporate sphere

Gallop Ventures has gained standing with local business leaders, particularly after Gallop Ventures hosted a demonstration for the Bay Area Human Resource Executives Council for one of their quarterly events, which took place at NCEFT earlier this year.

"At the event, one woman commented that you might do experiential ed, you might do a ropes course, or you might give people the intellectual tools, but in this case you get them all together," Ms. Millet says.

At Stanford Red Barn, the group participated in some of the exercises typically used to help members of the business team find their own natural leadership style and work out kinks in the team dynamic.

In one activity, three people had to link arms and harness the horse as a unit, the two side wings prohibited from doing anything except as directed by the person in the middle. The "brain and appendage" exercise embodies some of the tensions aggravated by a hierarchical corporate structure, with the appendages struggling to wait for instructions and the brain (whose leadership style varied from extremely controlling to thoughtful and motherly) often struggling to find the words to communicate clearly.

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Brian Andres and the Afro-Cuban Cartel perform dance-friendly music July 27, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, University and Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200.

A Touch of Class Band (a singing group that performs R&B/funk, oldies and standards) performs as part of the Summer Concert Series 2011 Aug. 3, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, University and Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200.

On Stage

‘Twelfth Night’ Audiences hike through the redwoods and watch Shakespeare’s comedy, “Twelfth Night.” Through Sept. 4, Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. \$20-25. Theatre in the Woods, 2170 Bear Gulch Road (West), Woodside. www.atmostheatre.com

‘A Streetcar Named Desire’ This play won Tennessee Williams a Pulitzer Prize for drama. July 29-Aug. 21, 8 p.m. \$30 - \$16. Dragon Theatre, 535 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-2006.

‘Oedipus’ Memory Play continues with Seneca’s “Oedipus” from July 28-Aug. 14, 8 p.m. \$15-\$25. Nitery Theater, Old Union, Stanford University, 514 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-725-5838. sst.stanford.edu

Talks/Authors

‘An Anatomy of Addiction: Sigmund Freud, William Halsted, and the Miracle Drug Cocaine’ Author and doctor Howard Markel discusses the decades-long cocaine use of Sigmund Freud and William Halsted. July 27, 7 p.m. Members free; general admission requires purchase of event book or \$10 gift card. Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

George R.R. Martin has earned acclaim for his cycle of epic fantasy. He will present the fifth book in the series July 27, 7 p.m. \$42. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-324-4321.

Cafe Scientifique “Excellence Is No Accident: Techniques to Enhance Successful Performance” with Glenn Brassington, Ph. D., adjunct clinical assistant professor at the Prevention Research Center in the School of Medicine at Stanford University. July 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto.

Catherine Athans discusses and signs her book “Make Your Dreams Come True Now! How to Manifest Your Wishes, Dreams and Desires.” July 28, 7 p.m. Members free. General admission requires purchase of event book or \$10 gift card. Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Art Galleries

‘The Art of the Book in California’ Five presses, selected by curator and printer Peter Koch, exemplify the book arts in California today. Through Aug. 28, 11

a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford.

‘Illustrated Title Pages 1500-1900’ exhibition runs through Oct. 16. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford.

‘Sweet Paint and City Art’ features new paintings by Riki R Nelson. Through Aug. 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Peabody Fine Art and Frame, 603 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-2200.

Classes/Workshops

‘Landscaping With Edibles’ Learn about landscape herbs, climbers, ground covers and edibles. July 30, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$43. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072.

Free Financial Coaching One-on-one financial consultations available to help build financial independence. Tuesdays, through Nov. 22, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. smcl.org

Menlo Fit Boot Camp Saturday-morning Boot Camp at the new Arrillaga Gym in Menlo Park presented by Menlo Fit. Arrive at 7:15 a.m. to sign in and warm up. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Free. The Arrillaga Family Gymnasium, 600 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2232. www.menlofit.com

Concerts

Music@Menlo: ‘Veiled Symphonies’ A program of Bach, Schumann, Vivaldi and Brahms. July 29, 8 p.m. \$35 to \$72. Stent Family Hall, Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Call 650-331-0202.

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Music@Menlo: ‘Concert Program IV: Songs of Love’ This program surrounds Brahms’s Liebeslieder Waltzes with the music of Schubert, Schumann, and Alban Berg. Aug. 2, 8 p.m. \$20 to \$65. The Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 650-331-0202.

■ **Music@Menlo: ‘Encounter II: Brahms and the Schumanns’** Performer, educator and lecturer Michael Parloff will explore Brahms’s complex relationship with Robert and Clara Schumann and the effect it had on his life, career and art. July 28, 7:30 p.m. \$20 to \$42. Martin Family Hall, Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Call 650-331-0202.

‘Encounter III: When in Roma: Brahms and the Lure of the Gypsies’ Composer Bruce Adolph explores the myriad Gypsy and Hungarian influences in Brahms’s music. Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m. \$20 to \$42. Martin Family Hall, Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Call 650-331-0202.



‘All That Jazz’

This original watercolor painting by Berni Jahnke of Menlo Park is on exhibit in August at the Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St. in Los Altos. It is part of a joint exhibit with Gallery 9, 143 Main St. in Los Altos, that is titled “Rhythm n’ Blue” and runs Aug. 2-30. Receptions at the galleries will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12. Among the local artists exhibiting at Gallery 9 is Andy Brown of Portola Valley and Cherise Thompson and Joyce Savre of Menlo Park. Diana Jaye of Menlo Park is also exhibiting her work at the Viewpoints Gallery.

Kids & Families

‘Dad and Me Puppet Show’ A special performance of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” sponsored by the Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo County. Dads and all special adults are invited to bring children ages 4 and up. Aug. 1, 7-8 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org/en/content/paws-ales-1

Beach Storytime Fergus and Dink find an abandoned surf board in this beach-themed storytime. July 31, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Insects and Spiders The exhibit “Buzzzz” at the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo explores the world of insects and spiders. Museum hours: Tue.-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.friendsjmz.org

Paws for Tales Children can improve their reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog. The Humane Society requires a signed release form for each time a child

reads. Sign up in advance. Fourth Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org/en/content/paws-ales-1

Film

‘Megamind’ The Atherton Library hosts family friendly movies the last Friday of each month. This month the film title is “Megamind.” Rated PG. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. July 29, 7-8:30 p.m. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. www.smcl.org

Outdoors

Djerassi Program Open House Open House marks the one day of the year that the Djerassi Program’s Artists’ Barn and private grounds are open to the general public. Attendees are invited to meet the eight current resident artists and walk the landscape. July 31, 1-5 p.m. \$30. Djerassi Program SMIP Ranch, 2325 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside. Call 650-747-1250. www.djerassi.org

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Et Alia

Model Railroad Club Open House The West Bay Model Railroad Association holds monthly open houses the fourth Wednesday of every month, and the club is currently seeking new members who are interested in model railroading, regardless of their skill level in the hobby. 7-10 p.m. Free. West Bay Model Railroad Association, 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-0685. wbmrra.ning.com

Dancing on the Square - Salsa Featuring free mini-lessons and open social dancing for all ages and all levels, no experience needed and no partner required. Aug. 2, 6 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/events/Dancing.html

Menlo School grad lands role in Dreamworks’ film

O'REILLY

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ment. “I got all dressed up in 1960s clothing and did my hair — it meant so much to me from the beginning.”

It’s easy to imagine the petite, blonde Ms. O’Reilly being transported back to an era of Southern subtle elegance. During the shooting, she moved to Mississippi for three months and lived with Ms. Spencer. “(Octavia) kind of took me under her wing.”

“I’ve always been drawn to the South and fascinated by it. This was my first time being in Mississippi. I loved it. It’s very different from here. There is such a rich, complicated history, which is what the movie is about.”

The bestselling book “The Help,” released in 2008, was the first novel by Kathryn Stockett. As Ms. O’Reilly explains it, the story “got tons of rejections.” The author said to the cast: “I never thought anyone would read it.” And now, says Ms. O’Reilly, “it’s this huge phenomenon.”

“The Help” director Tate Taylor and Ms. Stockett were childhood friends, and grew up together in Jackson, Mississippi, where the novel takes place. Due to these connections, Ms. O’Reilly says, there was “such a family feel” when filming the movie. Ms. Stockett’s daughter Lyla also appears in the movie adaptation in a cameo role as a young heroine Skeeter.

The atmosphere on the set was comfortable and fun, says Ms. O’Reilly. “Everyone got along so well. We’re all friends. It was

kind of like being at summer camp in a way.”

Now that “The Help” is finished, she is open to a variety of acting projects.

“I would love to do theater, and live in New York someday. Movies are what I grew up with — movies and theater. ...We didn’t have a television when I was little, so I just didn’t grow up with (TV shows) as my acting inspiration.”

Upcoming projects include independent films “I Am Ben,” costarring another Menlo School

alum, Elyie Yost, and “Girls Girls Girls,” a compilation of eight short films entirely written, directed, produced and edited by women. Ms. O’Reilly stars in one short directed by her former “Herpes Boy” co-star Beth Grant. Ms. O’Reilly’s vignette, “The Perfect Fit,” also stars her friend, Octavia Spencer.

“I want to do anything,” she says near the end of an hour-long interview. “I just want to do things that are good, with good people, that are inspiring.” ■

Samantha Bergeson of Portola Valley will be a junior this fall at Menlo School.

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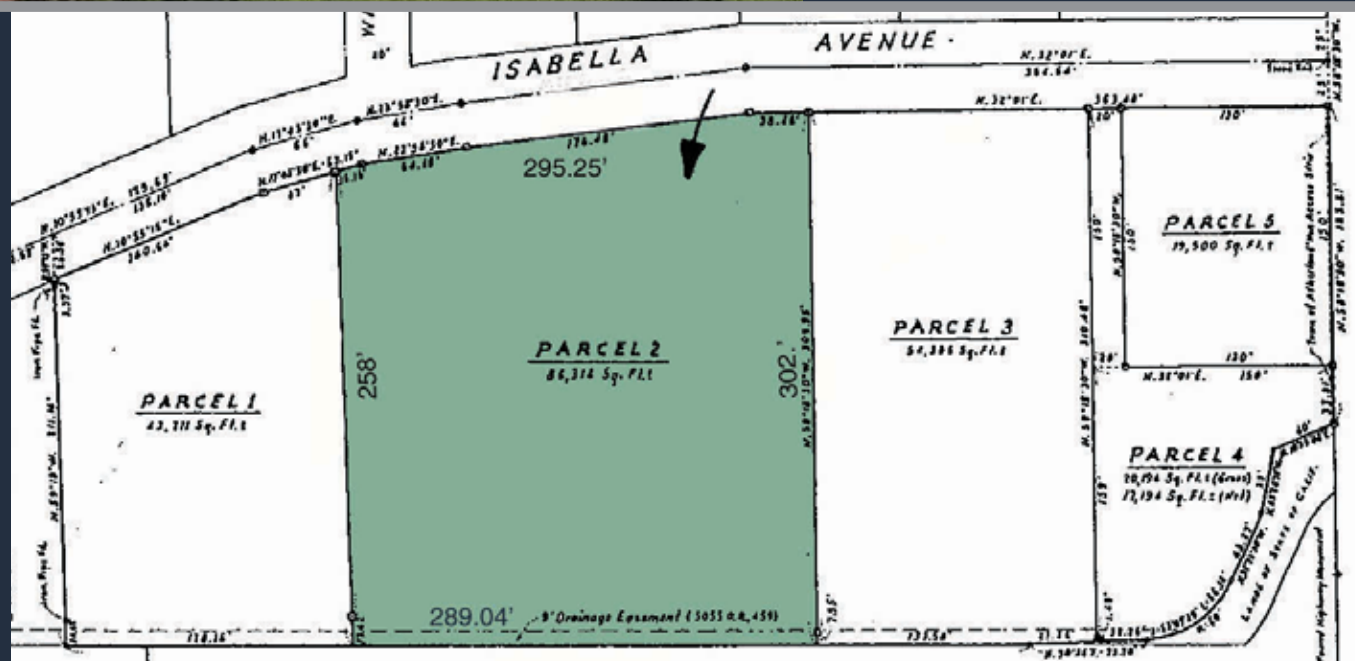
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The Shop Local Sales Representative is responsible for generating revenue by selling businesses subscriptions/memberships on the Shop Palo Alto, Shop Menlo Park and Shop Mountain View websites and helping to increase awareness about the program in the broader community.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245491
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1.) All City Computer, 2.) All City Computer Tech, 3.) All City Computer Service, 4.) All City Computers, 5.) San Mateo Computer, 6.) San Mateo Computer Tech, 7.) San Mateo Computer Service, 8.) San Mateo Computers at 204 E 2nd Ave., 620, San Mateo, CA 94401; Mail Address: PO Box 1304, San Mateo, CA 94401.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
BRENT CURTIS
204 E 2nd Ave., 620
San Mateo, CA 94401
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 June 27, 2011.
(Almanac July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2011)

WOODSIDE VINEYARDS
LA QUESTA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245468
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Woodside Vineyards, 2.) La Questa at 205 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
WOODSIDE VINEYARDS, LLC
205 Constitution Drive
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: LLC.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 05/22/2006.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 27, 2011.
(Almanac July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2011)

PENINSULA NOTARY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245355
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Peninsula Notary at 555 Santa Clara Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
JULIE W. REID
555 Santa Clara Avenue
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 07/15/2011.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 20, 2011.
(Almanac July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2011)

LESLIE PETERS DESIGNS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245511
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Leslie Peters Designs at 736 Harvard Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
LESLIE FAIRBANKS PETERS
736 Harvard Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 06/06/2011.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 28, 2011.
(Almanac July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 2011)

TS GLOBAL REALTY
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1800 BACK OFFICE
TS GLOBAL REAL ESTATE GROUP
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245559
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) TS Global Realty, 2.) Thez Santos, 3.) 1800 Back Office, 4.) TS Global Real Estate Group, 5.) House Plus, 6.) Haus Ko To! at 851 Burlway Rd., Suite 605, Burlingame, CA 94010.
Registered owner(s):
TS GLOBAL HOLDINGS, INC.
17 Joseph Drive
South San Francisco, CA 94080
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
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 June 30, 2011.
(Almanac July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 2011)

KIMBER ACCEPTANCE COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245284
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Kimber Acceptance Company at 230 Josselyn Lane, Woodside, CA 94062.
Registered owner(s):
KIMBERLY FRANKEL
230 Josselyn Lane
Woodside, CA 94062
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 June 15, 2011.
(Almanac July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 2011)

RACK AND PULL INDUSTRIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245270
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Rack and Pull Industries at 142 Exbourne Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ALLEN CAGLE
142 Exbourne Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070
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 June 14, 2011.
(Almanac July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 2011)

MENLO CLOCK WORKS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245703
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Menlo Clock Works at 961 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
TIME SOURCE INC.
961 El Camino Real
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/01/1996.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 12, 2011.
(Almanac July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 2011)

SYNERGY THERAPY SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245735
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Synergy Therapy Services at 475 El Camino Real Ste. 404, Millbrae, CA 94030; Mail Address: PO Box 1392, Millbrae, CA 94030, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
SYNERGY REHAB SERVICES INC
1580 Southgate Ave., Apt 420
Daly City, CA 94015
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 07/03/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 13, 2011.
(Almanac July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 2011)

SHARON HEIGHTS REHAB CO.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245758
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Sharon Heights Rehab Co. at 1011 Sierra Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
DAVID BOGART
1899 White Oak Drive
Menlo Park, CA 94025
NATHAN GURSKY
1011 Sierra Drive
Menlo Park, CA 94025
ADELE GURSKY
1011 Sierra Drive
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 01/01/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 14, 2011.
(Almanac July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 2011)

BROADWAY TAXI CAB
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245755
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Broadway Taxi Cab at 1364 Laurel St., #8, San Carlos CA 94070, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ERCAN COBAN
1364 Laurel St., #8
San Carlos, CA 94070
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 July 14, 2011.
(Almanac July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 2011)

PERFECT HAIR & NAILS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245713
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Perfect Hair & Nails at 1086 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
QUANG LY
359 Huckleberry Drive
San Jose, CA 95123
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/01/2002.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 13, 2011.
(Almanac July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 2011)

VALLEY QUALITY CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245785
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Valley Quality Construction at 96 Stern Lane, Atherton, CA 94027; Mailing Address: 96 Stern Lane, Atherton, CA 94027.
Registered owner(s):
FARHAD NAIMY
408 Harrow Rd
Knoxville, TN 37934
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 July 18, 2011.
(Almanac July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 2011)

MUSCLE GROUP THERAPY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245525
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Muscle Group Therapy at 507 Woodside Rd., Redwood, City, CA 94061; Mailing Address: 507 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061.
Registered owner(s):
JIAN XIN TRUJILLO-LIU
1215 Roosevelt Ave.
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 June 28, 2011.
(Almanac July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 2011)

MALIBU CHER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 245763
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Malibu Cher at 644 Cedar Street, San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County; Mail Address: P.O. Box 205, San Carlos, CA 94070.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CHER ROWLAND
644 Cedar Street (P.O. Box 205)
San Carlos, CA 94070
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 July 15, 2011.
(Almanac July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 2011)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 11-01026-3 CA Loan No. 0040168148 Title Order No. 110146282-CA/MAI APN 080-072-100-3 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 31, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On August 2, 2011, at 01:00 PM, at the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA, FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on April 7, 2004, as Instrument No. 2004-064822 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder

of San Mateo County, CA, executed by: YAN TING ZHANG, A SINGLE PERSON, as Trustor, in favor of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 270 EL NIDO ROAD, PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$853,906.21 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. DATE: July 13, 2011 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, TRUSTEE 135 Main Street, Suite 1900 San Francisco, CA 94105 415-247-2450 Mariah Booker Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730 - 2727 ASAP# 4037432 07/13/2011, 07/20/2011, 07/27/2011
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