



Preserving the past

Woodsiders preserve log cabin while building modern farmhouse next to it

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From the street, the first impression is what an odd, but charming, couple.

A formidable old log cabin sits squarely in the front yard where it was built more than a century ago. Directly behind it stands a sleek new modern farmhouse that looks like something out of “Architectural Digest.”

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On the cover: A view from the front of the Werbes' property on Albion Avenue in Woodside. The Werbes restored the 1904 hunting lodge (front) and built their modern home behind it. **Above:** The first floor of the cabin is used as an office and hangout spot. **Right:** Tom and Jennifer Werbe stand behind the Dutch front door in their new home.

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The new owners couldn't be more pleased with the transformation that has occurred over the past two years on their wooded lot at Albion Ave. in Woodside.

When Jennifer and Tom Werbe first saw the flat 0.99-acre rectangular parcel, they liked the cabin, the woodsy and horsey feel of the neighborhood, and the fact that they could walk to town. They could envision possibilities beyond the old barn and existing cabin, plus a motor home and duplex that all together housed up to nine people.

Seeking a change from their ranch style house in Hillsborough, the Werbes wanted to build a home they could live in for the rest of their lives. He is a property developer in San Francisco. She worked for Disney and now consults. They have three dogs and several cats, two of which came with the Woodside property.

The first challenge on their building project was to decide what to do with the log cabin. According to the Werbes, Lois Beeby owned the property for 60 years. Back in 1904, her Norwegian stepfather was living in Redwood City when he had the cabin built to use as a hunting lodge. Over the years the structure has been modified. A kitchen was annexed in the back and a loft added upstairs.

Ms. Werbe describes the old interior as having very dark painted wood paneling, yellow shag carpet, and "it smelled like mold."

"We thought about moving the cabin, but it was too fragile and expensive," Mr. Werbe says.

They also thought about using the cabin as a grand entry for a new wider house. That plan necessitated procuring a variance from the town.

After encountering some resistance from a neighbor on setback issues, the Werbes landed on another solution: restoring the cabin to its original 700 square feet to create an office and guest house, and erecting a separate house of 3,500-plus square feet right next to the cabin.

Because they are within 14 feet of each other, the two structures are considered connected by Woodside standards. This configuration allowed for maximum building space.

The Werbes hired architect Charlie Barnett, who works in San Francisco, but was living in Woodside. His firm started with an "historic analysis" on the cabin and sought guidance from the State Historical Resources Commission.

It took nine months to remove the addition in the back, redo the dormer facing the street, fix dry rot and termite problems, and update the electrical, heating and plumbing systems.



Above: Upstairs at the cabin with an old bathtub. Right: The cabin staircase.



The contractor, Brookstone Builders in Los Altos, ended up using Craigslist to locate redwood logs in Sebastopol to match the existing ones. Where there were holes in the chinking — the filler stuffed in between the logs — "we used steel wool to help keep out rodents," explains job superintendent Trevor Boland.

The front steps remain the same. They're granite and said to be salvaged from the Redwood City Courthouse that was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake.

The knotty pine paneling was painted white to brighten up the interior, and the downstairs wooden floor is now red to match the trim on the old windows, which were refurbished, weights, pulleys and all. A new kitchenette was installed, and the upstairs was freshened up with new carpeting,

but the bathtub dates back to the early 1900s.

When work on the cabin was completed in June of 2010, the focus switched to the main house. Its style, Mr. Barnett says, was "inspired by vernacular buildings, local architecture, what people built when they first moved here," such as the Woodside Store on Tripp Road.

"We were looking for a barn aesthetic to capture the feeling of Woodside," he adds.

The cedar siding of the main residence is stained with a lightly tinted wash that is offset by dark green trim. The simple gabled metal roof is made of Galvalume, and the outdoor lighting fixtures are copper.

The entrance is an oversized Dutch door located on the side of the house facing a horse trail. The entryway leads into a hall with four

extra tall windows that Mr. Barnett patterned after an old schoolhouse.

The entry also spills into the great room where living, dining and kitchen spaces are combined in a large open area with an 18-foot tall ceiling crisscrossed by red cedar beams.

Dominating one wall is a 25-foot tall chimney and fireplace made out of poured-in-place concrete. Design associate Joo Oh says engineering that unique feature took more than three months to accomplish; it involved building a gigantic steel frame to form one big mold, leaving the wall and roof open during rainy season.

On the first floor the floor is made of poured and polished white concrete. The wood paneled walls are painted Navajo white, echoing the same treatment in the cabin.

The kitchen has white cabinets, black granite countertops, and high-end appliances such as Wolf and Subzero. Mrs. Werbe describes the furnishings as "kind of modern, with a little more Pottery Barn" and some antiques.

She particularly delights in one custom touch found in the guest half-bath. An entire wall is covered with white dry-stacked French limestone in a basket-weave design.

The master bedroom suite is downstairs, with easy access to a Japanese soaking tub on a cedar deck surrounded by mature oak trees.

A white oak post-and-rail style staircase with a pickled stain leads to two more bedrooms and bathrooms upstairs.

After living in the house for three months now and peering through the windows into the branches, Mrs. Werbe admits, "It does feel like living in a tree house."

The backyard has some of the original grape stake fencing, a new blue stone patio, a fire pit, and a meadow of No Mow Grass that requires little watering and cutting.

Parts of the old barn that once stood there have been salvaged and reused elsewhere in town.

Some artifacts found during construction, such as bottles and a horseshoe, are on display in the cabin. Whereas, the old tax papers and bills from the 1920s that turned up, and the newspapers that were used under the floors for insulation, have been donated to the Woodside History Museum.

Mrs. Werbe enjoyed the restoration experience so much she has joined the Woodside History Committee and is working on translating oral histories.

"I've met more people because of the cabin. ... All have stories about playing in it," she says, exclaiming with a smile, "If the walls could talk!" ■



The Werbes' great room where living, dining and kitchen spaces are combined in a large open area with an 18-foot-tall ceiling crisscrossed by red cedar beams. Dominating one wall is a 25-foot-tall chimney and fireplace made out of poured-in-place concrete

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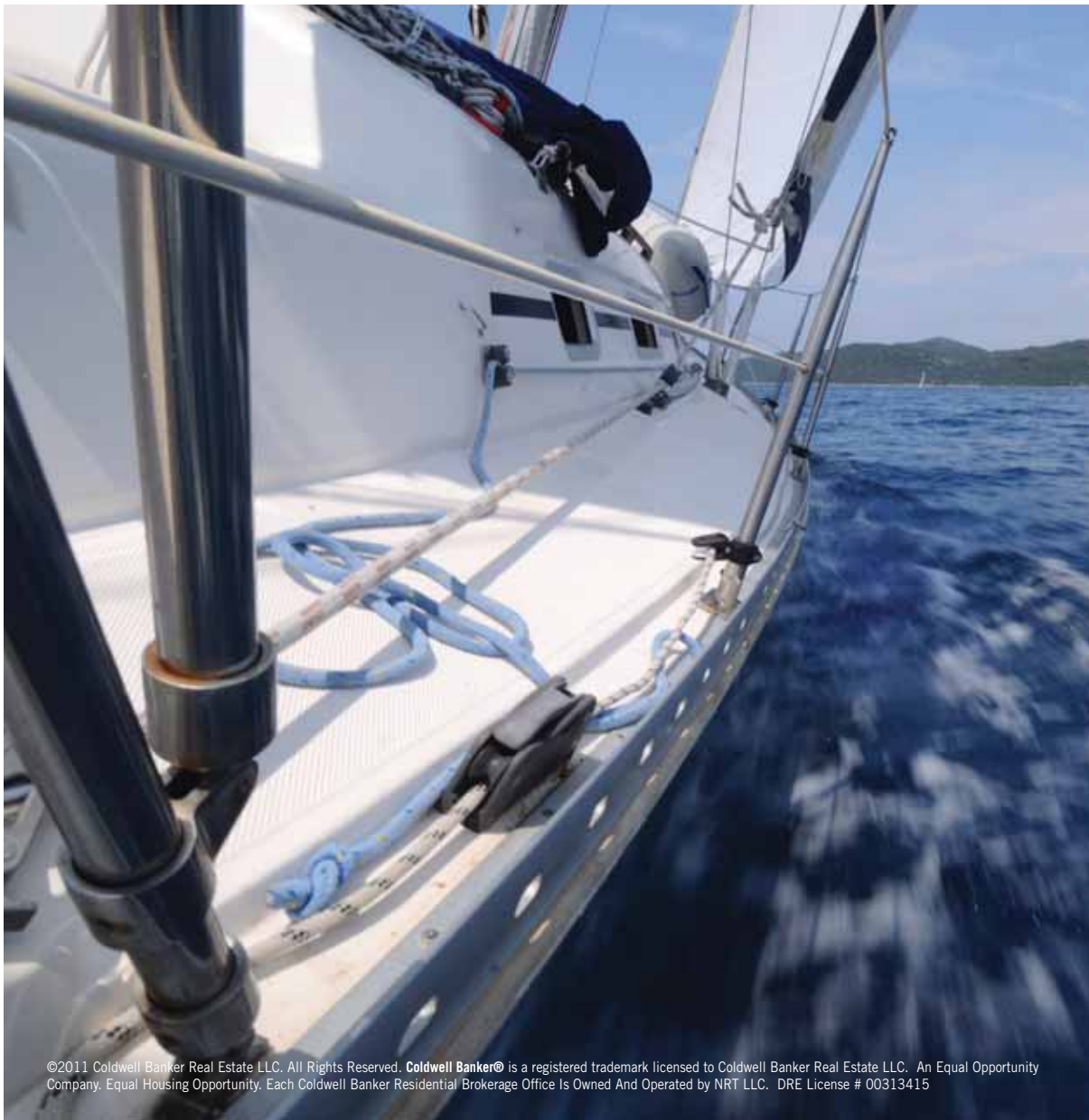
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

MATHNASIUM OF PALO ALTO-MENLO PARK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247009

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Mathnasium of Palo Alto-Menlo Park at 605 Cambridge Ave., Suite A1, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s): GIRL FROM PAPA, LLC 7451 BRIGADOON WAY DUBLIN, CA 94568

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 3, 2011. (Almanac Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 2011)

BEVEREN COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247064

The following Person (s) is (are) doing business as:

Beveren Company at 660 Ringwood Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

BRADFORD WALTER BAER 660 Ringwood 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 01/01/2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 6, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 2011)

BELLAGIO NAIL & SPA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247063

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Bellagio Nail & Spa at 1784 El Camino Real, San Carlos, CA 94070.

Registered owner(s): CUONG NGO

2158 Lincoln Ave. Alameda, CA 94501

THU H. NGUYEN 2158 Lincoln Ave. Alameda, CA 94501

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 October 6, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 2011)

ALEGRIA DECORATIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247091

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Alegria Decorations at 27 Hilltop Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s): ROSANIA DE SOUSA WEATHERLY

27 Hilltop Drive 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 October 7, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 2011)

FACILITY DATA FACILITY IT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 246936

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Facility Data, 2.) Facility It, located at 204E 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 204E 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 September 28, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2011)

LIFE SCIENCE EXECUTIVES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247094

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Life Science Executives, located at 281 Stanford Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

DAVID KING 281 Stanford 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 N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 11, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2011)

APARTMENT SERVICES CO. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247108

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Apartment Services Co., located at 4080 Campbell Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

R. W. ZUKIN CORP. 4080 Campbell Avenue 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 04/05/2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 11, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2011)

C & L INC.

C & L CONSULTING C & L CORPORATION

LIGHT IN A BOTTLE SUNLIGHT IN A BOTTLE

BOTTLED SUNLIGHT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247166

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1.) C & L Inc., 2.) C & L Consulting, 3.) C & L Corporation, 4.) Light in a Bottle, 5.) Sunlight in a Bottle, 6.) Bottled Sunlight, located at 339 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

CHICKS IN SPACE INC. 339 Alameda De Las Pulgas Redwood City, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/13/2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 13, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2011)

GIVING BREATHES HOPE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247221

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Giving Breathes Hope, located at 204 Chelsea Way, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s): ERNEST IMURA

204 Chelsea Way 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 October 17, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2011)

DIVA EXPRESS INSURANCE AGENCY INC. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 247275

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Diva Express Insurance Agency Inc., located at 3000 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City CA 94063, San Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box 5827, Redwood City, CA 94063.

Registered owner(s): DIVA EXPRESS INSURANCE AGENCY INC. 3000 Middlefield Rd. Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on October 2006.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 20, 2011.

(Almanac Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2011)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 251537/CA Loan No. 1024037664 Title Order No. 860318 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07-12-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 11-09-2011 at 01:00 PM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 07-25-2007, Book NA, Page NA, Instrument 2007-112070, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California, executed by: FRANZ J KOBERTZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., (MERS), SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, ENCORE CREDIT, IT'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102

of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: THE MARSHALL STREET ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA Legal Description: LOT 87 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED TRACT NO. 623, ATHLONE TERRACE, MAP NO. 5, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON FEBRUARY 14, 1950 IN BOOK 31 OF MAPS AT PAGE 9. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$647,915.34 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 812 14TH AVENUE MENLO PARK, CA 94025 APN Number: 055-201-010 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

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA Case No.: CV508694 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MELANIE GAIL HAYDEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MELANIE GAIL HAYDEN to MELANIE GAIL HAYDEN-GEHPART MATTHEW STEVEN HAYDEN to MATTHEW STEVEN HAYDEN-GEHPART

AMELIA ROSALYNN HAYDEN to AMELIA ROSALYNN HAYDEN-GEHPART CYRUS GLENN HAYDEN to CYRUS GLENN HAYDEN-GEHPART. 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: December 2, 2011, 9:00 am., Dept.: PJ, Room 2E of the 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: October 3, 2011 /s/ Beth Labson Freeman JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Almanac Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2011)

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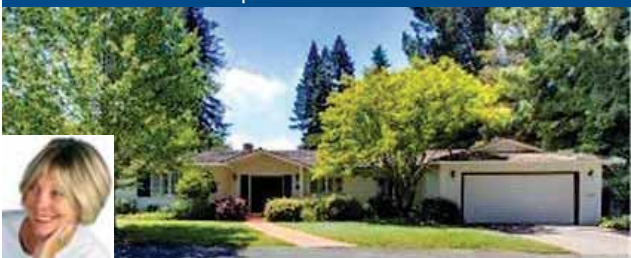
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