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Teen organizes music festival

Four teen bands will perform on Sept. 7

By Sam Borsos

Special to the Almanac

Steffan Salas, a Menlo Park resident and a senior at Menlo-Atherton High School, has once again organized a free teen-band music festival that will be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 7, at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto.

Four local teen bands will perform from 2 to 5 p.m. at the outdoor Hurricane Music Festival, organized through the Teen Arts Council of Palo Alto. In addition to the music, there will be food and a "Skateboard Jam" hosted by Skate Works in Los Altos.

Steffan, who has organized the event for the past two years, says the idea to put on a teen-oriented festival came to him when his own band, Reckless Flesh, had trouble finding local venues to play.

"I thought that it would be awesome to somehow find the best teenage bands in the Bay Area and be able to showcase them at an event where they would get a lot of exposure," he says. "As long as they're talented at what they do, I wanted to showcase the newest rising musicians in the area."

The four bands are The Neigh-



Photo by Karen Beswick

Steffan Salas: "I wanted to showcase the newest rising musicians in the area."

bors from Menlo Park and Remi and Chloe from Palo Alto, which both play rock; Build the Empire from Hollister, which plays alternative rock; and Headcreep from San Jose, which plays grunge and punk music.

The festival, he says, is centered on the idea that teen bands can perform for people of all ages, which is not the case at age-restricted venues like bars.

"None of us are 21 so we can't really play those venues," he says. "You can go to San Jose, San Francisco or Berkeley to play, but the venues are really big."

He also sees the festival as an opportunity for teens and others to hear live performances, rather than be limited to online downloads and streaming.

"There aren't many chances to hear the local music, so I'm excited," says Jackson Sheppard, lead guitarist of The Neighbors and a senior at Menlo-Atherton High School. "Especially nowadays, the live music scene is definitely diminished. This gives a chance for bands to play and have people to listen to them."

This year, along with music, the festival will add something it didn't have last year: a "Skateboard Jam" hosted by Skate Works. There will be rails, boxes and ramps set up for any skateboarders to use, and there will be competitions between the band performances, Steffan says.

"As a skateboarder, I know that skateboarding and music go hand-in-hand," he says. "Skateboarding could create 'a whole new energy' for the festival."

Last year the event attracted between 200 and 250 people. This year, he expects more than 300.

The city-sponsored event takes place at Mitchell Park at 600 East Meadow Drive in Palo Alto. ■



Photo by Karen Beswick

Members of the Menlo Park-based rock band, The Neighbors, are, from left, Josh Weiner (vocals, rhythm guitar), Tucker Gibbons (bassist), Will Hanley (drums, vocals) and Jackson Sheppard (lead guitar).

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Red-light cameras: Debate over data, costs

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Faced with a clock ticking past midnight and a still-lengthy agenda, the Menlo Park City Council opted on Aug. 20 to continue the discussion of whether to cancel or expand the city's red-light camera program to its next meeting, on Aug. 27.

The council did take public comments, however, given that several people had waited hours to speak on the topic. The council also gave staff some homework.

The proposed contract would renew an agreement with Redflex to operate the cameras for five years for \$1.7 million and add a fifth camera to Menlo Park.

The city now has four red-light cameras, mounted at Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road, and the intersections of El Camino Real with Glenwood Avenue and Ravenswood Avenue. Another would be added at the intersection of Bayfront Expressway and Chilco Street.

Sgt. Sharon Kaufman of the Menlo Park Police Department showed four video clips of near-collisions at the monitored intersections. One public speaker, Roger Jones, said her presentation proved only that the cameras don't prevent infractions — they just film them.

Councilwoman Cat Carlton noted that the cost of the proposed contract was more expen-

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sive than she'd seen in other California cities.

"We're not getting a great deal there," she said. The contract would also require a 4/5 vote by the council to cancel it, something she suggested the city re-think. "That's not OK." Typically a simple majority vote suffices.

Some public speakers argued for lengthening the yellow light by fractions of a second at the intersections as a more effective, less expensive alternative.

Sgt. Kaufman suggested that longer yellow lights would throw off signal synchronization and encourage drivers to try to beat the red light at following intersections.

An analysis released to the news media on Aug. 19 by Safer Streets L.A., a grassroots coalition advocating for "scientifically sound and sensible transportation and traffic laws," suggested that Menlo Park's cameras were installed at intersections that did not have a significant number of collisions to start with.

Statistics per intersection compiled by the police department showed zero accidents at El Camino Real and Glenwood Avenue that were attributable

to running a red light, one at El Camino Real and Ravenswood Avenue, and six at Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road during the two years prior to installing the cameras in 2008.

After the cameras were installed, the data shows two to three accidents resulting from red-light violations at the Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road intersection, and none at the other locations.

The intersection of Chilco Street and Bayfront Expressway had one fatal collision, in 2011, and a total of 20 collisions during the past five years. The staff report did not differentiate what proportion of those accidents were attributable

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Council approves next phase of Belle Haven engagement

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Consultants came, surveyed, researched and questioned some more, and now they have formulated an action plan designed to increase Belle Haven's community engagement and address the neighborhood's priorities as far as education, crime and traffic are concerned.

The Menlo Park City Council voted 5-0 on Aug. 20 to approve \$130,500 in funding to implement the plan, but also requested that in six months staff provide details on how to measure whether the plan is achieving the desired outcomes and a timeline for implementation.

The council voted 4-1 last September to spend an estimated \$90,000 to hire consultants MIG, Inc. to develop a community-engagement process and vision for Belle Haven.

Some community members thought the money would be put to better use directly within Belle Haven instead of paying consultants, now that the community's needs have been identified.

Eva Cuffy challenged the notion that anyone needed to teach Belle Haven residents how to be leaders. "My community already has leadership skills," she said. "... We just don't have a lot of resources. And to take

the resources and give them to outside consultants is a little bit insulting, to me."

Why not put the resources into the community, she asked.

Carolyn Clarke, former council candidate and now running for the fire district board, commented that people in Belle Haven are ready to work, but lack resources. While she agreed with hiring consultants for the visioning process, she suggested it was time for the community to make the changes. "I urge you to think carefully before spending money on consultants that we may not actually need to spend," she said.

The action plan includes exploring whether schools serving the Belle Haven community should join the Menlo Park City School District; expanding after-school programs, to improve education and crime prevention; and organize neighborhood leaders to serve as resources for help with property maintenance as well as public safety.

Neighborhood watch groups, crossing guards and ride-share opportunities are all programs that Belle Haven residents would like to investigate, according to the consultants' research.

Go to tinyurl.com/MenloBelle on the city's website to keep pace with the Belle Haven visioning process and action plan. ▣



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Work in progress

Unfinished as it was on Aug. 21, this bike lane heading east on Alpine Road from Ladera has since had its surface restored with fresh asphalt. The resurfacing of westbound Alpine Road is set to begin Aug. 25, a spokesperson for the San Mateo County Public Works Department said. New lane lines will be coming in the first half of September, and green-colored pavement for the bike lanes two weeks later.

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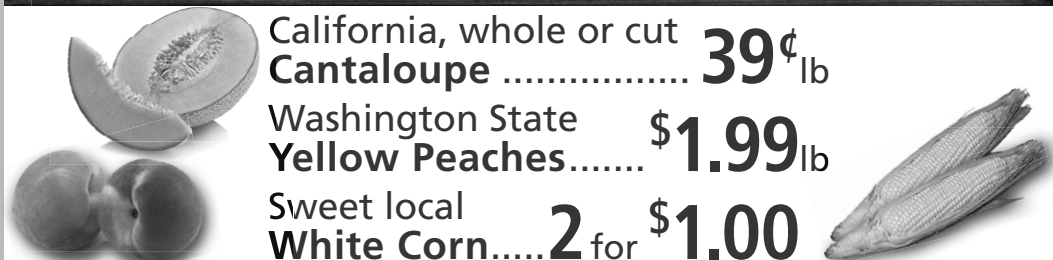
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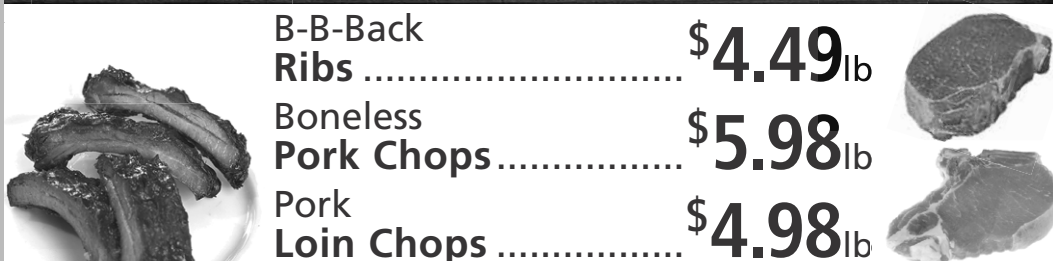
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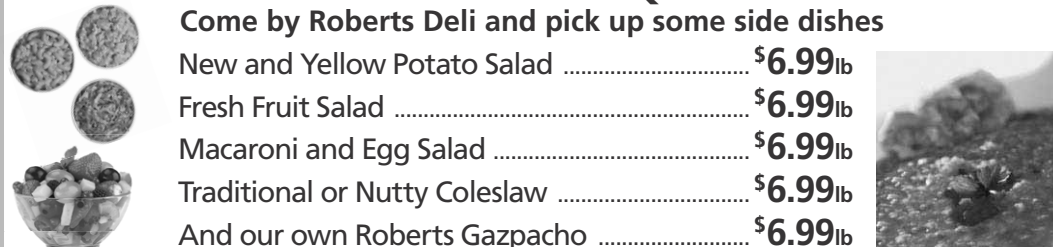
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Alan Doyle Anderson, 50-year Menlo resident

OBITUARIES

Alan Doyle Anderson, a resident of Menlo Park for five decades, died June 6 at the age of 85.

Mr. Anderson was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Southern California. After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years, he returned to graduate from Stanford University in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

After working at Hewlett-Packard and other Silicon Valley firms, Mr. Anderson and friends founded Pacific Measurements. He later started Mark V Assoc. with two colleagues, retiring in 1993. In retirement, he enjoyed stamp collecting, fishing, opera, boating, cars and anything to do with the ocean, say family members.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marlene V. Anderson of Menlo Park; daughters Debra Anderson of Redwood City and Dana Anderson-Au of Cupertino; and two granddaughters.

Donations may be made to the Western Philatelic Society Library in Sunnyvale, the American Air Museum in Great Britain, or a favorite charity.

Claburn "Ying" Jones

Arthur Andersen partner

A memorial service will be held at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, for Claburn Halsted "Ying" Jones, who died Aug. 10 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was 88.

A former resident of Atherton, Mr. Jones was a founding member of Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club and an active member of the Menlo Park Pres-

byterian Church.

Mr. Jones was born in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, and grew up in Highland Park, Illinois. He graduated from Northwestern University.

During World War II, he served as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corp as a navigator on B-24s in the Pacific. He met his future bride, Dougal Kirsopp, while attending officer training at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. They were married in 1948.

After the war he attended Harvard Business School. Upon his graduation, the couple moved to California, where he joined Arthur Anderson & Co. in San Francisco. Mr. Jones spent his entire career with Arthur Andersen, becoming a partner and heading up the Northern California audit practice before retiring in 1978.

Mr. Jones' passion was the time he spent at Lake Tahoe, say family members. He was a member of the Tahoe Yacht Club. During retirement, the Joneses resided part time in Palm Desert, later moving to Phoenix.

Survivors include children Claburn Niven Jones of San Mateo, Nena Jones Brogan of San Marino, and Edgar Mark Jones of Menlo Park; brother Robert and sister Mary Ann; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dougal; daughter, Linda Jones Falk; and granddaughter, Larkin Kathleen Brogan.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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to red-light running.

Federal and state studies indicate that the cameras do tend to reduce the number of "T-bone" collisions at intersections, but may also slightly increase the number of rear-end collisions, according to the staff report.

Mayor Peter Ohtaki asked staff to compile statistics before the Aug. 27 meeting showing which violations were due to turning right on red at each monitored intersection.

Drivers pay \$480 for a red-light ticket if the court does not reduce the penalty. Menlo Park gets about \$155; the rest goes to the county and state. The staff report calculates that the program nets the city's general fund about \$84,000 per year if all the cameras are operational.

Menlo Park's contract with

Redflex contains a "cost neutrality" clause that saves the city from paying the \$5,000 to \$6,000 monthly fee per camera if revenue from citations doesn't cover the cost.

A growing list of local cities, including Belmont, Redwood City, Hayward, Emeryville, Union City and San Carlos, have shut down their red-light camera programs for a variety of factors, such as cost and effectiveness.

Vice Mayor Ray Mueller asked how long the cameras, which run 24 hours a day, store data. A Redflex representative said 30 days, although the city has the option to purchase longer retention times; it stores the data on encrypted servers at its Arizona headquarters. The company said its agreement specifies that only the Menlo Park Police Department may access the videos. ■



Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac

Charlene Mattos speaks to her new fifth-grade class in the Encinal School courtyard in Atherton on Aug. 22.

K-8 schools making transition to Common Core standards

By Renee Batti
Almanac News Editor

■ BACK TO SCHOOL

As students at local K-8 public schools return to the classroom this month, their teachers and school administrators will continue pushing on toward the finishing line in implementing what's known as Common Core standards in anticipation of the state's first assessment test on the standards in spring 2015.

Schools in the Menlo Park City, Las Lomas, Portola Valley, and Woodside districts are well-positioned to transition into new instructional strategies designed to help kids achieve Common Core goals, according to school leaders. That's because the districts — each of which has strong support from non-profit, parent-based education foundations — have for years emphasized educational goals compatible with meeting the new standards, such as critical thinking, collaborative learning, and problem-solving.

Putting the Common Core standards into place has been a gradual process for the districts' schools, with teachers attending

— and continuing to attend — various workshops and training sessions to help them integrate the standards into classroom lesson plans.

"The Common Core is driving our teacher and learning initiatives and continues to shift what we teach (standards), how we teach (instructional strategies), and how we measure student achievement," Superintendent Maurice Ghysels of the Menlo Park City School District said in an email.

Common Core State Standards focus on math and English language arts (ELA); they replace state standards in place in California for 15 years. The new standards "were developed to be relevant for our global economy," Woodside district Superintendent Beth Polito writes on her district's website. "The authors focused on the cognitive skills and rigor (depth of knowledge) that students need to succeed in college and in workforce training programs.

"Critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communica-

tion skills (referred to as the 4 C's) are also a major focus of the standards."

Local school leadership remains largely the same this school year, except for that of the Portola Valley district, where Lisa Gonzales has taken over from Carol Piraino as superintendent. And that district also has a new school principal and director of learning and media.

Menlo Park City

Principals of all four Menlo Park district schools have returned to campus this school year: Erik Burmeister at Hillview Middle in Menlo Park, Sharon Burns at Encinal (K-5) in Atherton, David Ackerman at Oak Knoll (K-5) in Menlo Park, and Linda Creighton at Laurel (K-3) in Atherton.

Hillview and Laurel have changed their bell schedules. The new schedules can be found at mpcsd.org by accessing the individual school sites from the homepage.

As increasing numbers of students continue to crowd the three existing elementary

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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High schools initiate change to Common Core standards

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

The new school year opens at Woodside and Menlo-Atherton high schools with changes. Some are subtle but significant, and others may simply be welcomed.

At both schools, teachers will be trying out the techniques for teaching to meet the state's new Common Core standards, the principals said. It will be a slow roll-out, with actual testing of students to the new standards not likely in 2013-14.

Both schools will continue efforts to have the demographic of honors and advanced-placement (AP) classes track more closely the demographic of the schools, particularly with respect to under-represented minorities.

Common Core

For teachers, the transition to Common Core means leaving behind, more or less, the lecture from the "sage on the stage," M-A Principal Matthew Zito said. In its place: interaction, engaging students person-to-person in the classroom. For students, this will mean focus-

ing on the principles of the subject matter — rather than memorizing — and solving test problems that they haven't seen before.

"Taking what you know and applying it to a new situation is going to be a huge challenge," Mr. Zito said. Teaching to Common Core standards means departing from the model of "well-trained academic soldiers" who "drill and kill" to prepare for multiple-choice tests, Mr. Zito said. There will be sophisticated assessments that will necessitate sophisticated teaching.

Such assessments, said Woodside Principal Diane Burbank, will not consist of questions on small facts, or questions with short answers, or questions requiring simple reading comprehension. The English language arts test will cover everything but math, including science and history. The reading passages, from non-fiction instead of the more engaging fiction, will test students on their ability to make connections between readings.

Students will have to go beyond performing well on a test, Ms. Burbank said. Com-

■ BACK TO SCHOOL

Significant challenges are ahead for teachers and students.

mon Core will evaluate the skills they'll need in college and at work. "It's a different mindset," she said. Common Core leads to "good teaching and solid learning. Neither of those is easy. ... I think it's going to be better for student learning and for teacher satisfaction in teaching."

When the two Common Core tests are ready — in two to three years, Ms. Burbank said — they'll replace four Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) tests. The tests will be taken online, unlike paper for STAR, college admission and advanced-placement tests. One of the expected challenges: finding enough computers on test days.

At M-A, teachers are enthusiastic. "Math teachers are

embracing this and want to move forward," Mr. Zito said. The English language arts teachers are applauding it too, he said, seeing it as a return to the greater discretion they had in mid-1990s.

Woodside teachers are welcoming the new practice as well, Ms. Burbank said. They will be in the forefront by introducing Common Core to students and parents, while the principal's job will be to explain it to groups such as the Shared Decision-Making Council, which includes parents engaged with guiding the school.

The Sequoia Union High School District is also engaged in expanding participation in AP classes. While students from East Palo Alto, Belle Haven in Menlo Park, and Redwood City do not have the stellar resources afforded to students in the Las Lomas, Menlo Park, Portola Valley and Woodside elementary school districts, it won't be the end of the world if they don't do well on AP tests.

"The experience in the classroom and coming into a classroom with AP students

and tackling college material while they have high school support is really valuable," Ms. Burbank said. "We don't want to be in a position of telling a student that they can't take a class."

New facilities

At Woodside, the brand new \$6.2 million Digital and Media Arts building is already showing a return on its investment. In the previous school year, digital photography had five sections, whereas this year there are seven, Ms. Burbank said. In film critique, two sections have become three, and in advanced-placement computer science, there are now 36 students compared with 14 in the year before. "If you build it, they will come," Ms. Burbank said.

The AP computer science teacher is getting some outside help this year with four corporate programmers, one each from Microsoft, Google and Twitter as well as a consultant who practices in the cloud, Ms. Burbank said. The programmers will be in class daily at 8

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The fifth-grade class of Charlene Mattos waits in line before being brought into their classroom at Encinal School in Atherton on Aug. 22.

Steady progress toward new standards

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■ BACK TO SCHOOL

school campuses, district officials are keeping their fingers crossed that voters will approve a \$23 million bond measure in November to pay for construction of a fourth elementary school. The district plans to reopen the campus where it once operated O'Connor School in the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park.

Las Lomitas

Shannon Potts will begin her second year as principal of La Entrada Middle School in Menlo Park, and Sue Sartor will continue at the helm of Las Lomitas (K-3) in Atherton.

In June, the Las Lomitas Education Foundation gave the district its largest contribution ever, \$2.8 million, allowing the district "to invest in technology this summer," said Deborah Roden, the district's director of curriculum and instruction. As one component of the technology initiative, the district is providing iPads for all sixth- through eighth-graders, she said.

Las Lomitas is also seeking voter approval in November for a bond measure — this one in the amount of \$60 million — to pay for building permanent classrooms and

upgrading existing buildings at both schools. Just as with the neighboring Menlo Park district, Las Lomitas district enrollment continues to soar beyond past demographic projections, and it has had to add portable classrooms — nine on each campus — in the last few years.

Portola Valley

Lisa Gonzales comes to the district from the Santa Clara County Office of Education, where she served as director of the program known as STEAM — science, technology, engineering, arts and math. On the job for less than a month, she said she is "really inspired to lead a district that's on the cutting edge."

Ms. Gonzales is joined in the district office by another newcomer, John Dean, who is serving as director of learning and media. Mr. Dean came to the district from the San Mateo County Office of Education, where he was in charge of categorical programs.

Kevin Keegan begins his tenure with the district as principal of Ormondale School (K-3). At Corte Madera (4-8), Michael Corritone returns as principal.

Woodside

Beth Polito begins her third year as superintendent and principal of the Woodside Elementary School District, which has one school serving preschool through eighth-grade students. Instructional programs in this school year will largely be the same as last year's, she said, but just as with schools in the other local districts, Woodside continues working toward aligning its instruction with Common Core standards.

Ms. Polito will get some help this year from a new hire: Tom Limbert, who is the director of the district's preschool. That job was part of the superintendent's duties in the past, Ms. Polito said.

As the district moves toward modernizing and rebuilding several campus facilities, the school board will decide in March whether to place a bond measure on the June ballot to fund the projects, estimated to cost about \$16 million. But the amount of the bond measure, if the board approves it, is not yet determined because members of the school community are working to raise some of the funds through private donations, Ms. Polito said. ■

Correction

A story in the print edition of the Almanac's Aug. 21 issue erred in reporting that Bohannon Development Co. had arranged financing to build a hotel, a key part of the Menlo Gateway office-hotel complex. The company says it has not secured financing for the hotel. The Almanac regrets this error.

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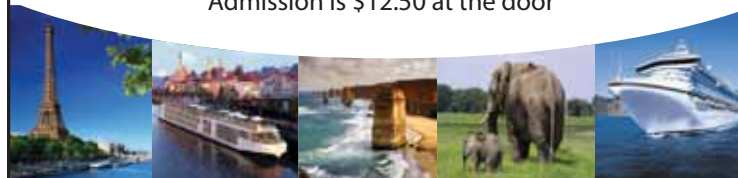
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City OKs Louise St. abandonment

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

The fight over Louise Street may head to the courts, which is where some Menlo Park City Council members appear to think it now belongs after efforts at compromise collapsed.

Voting 4-0, with Vice Mayor Ray Mueller recused, the council approved a request by street residents that the city turn over an approximately 53-by-60-foot tangle of greenery in the public right-of-way to adjoining homeowners — a process called abandonment.

“We’re delighted the council upheld the rights of Louise Street homeowners. We hope Mr. Sinnott will accept the city’s decision — which it reached after three different public meetings — so that he can start building his house at its historical address and location and we wish him well,” said Michael Schwarz, a Louise Street resident.

The abandonment agreement includes clauses preserving pedestrian access, preventing future homeowners from

building on the space and indemnifying the city against any potential lawsuit. The neighbors would be responsible for any legal costs and damages.

Neighbors agree to indemnify city.

Mayor Peter Ohtaki said he was elected to make policy, not law. “I’m not a judge ... from a policy standpoint I have to look at abandonment as the right way of preserving and balancing value and the general plan.”

The council urged both sides to reach a compromise before resorting to the courts, while acknowledging that sorting out the legal property rights issues involved will take an experienced judge.

The Aug. 20 vote marks a likely end to wrangling the issue through the city’s processes for developer Sam Sinnott and investment partner Mircea Voskerician. The two men have been trying to build

a paved driveway exiting on Louise Street from a property at 1825 Santa Cruz Ave. that they purchased for redevelopment. The exit would have crossed over right-of-way, and possibly bolstered the developer’s case for switching the address from Santa Cruz Avenue to Louise Street, which city staff doesn’t support.

Staff initially authorized the driveway. The council then voted 3-1 to revoke the approval in the face of protests from Louise Street residents, who said that paving over the green space would damage the character of the neighborhood.

Planning commissioners voted 4-2 in June that abandonment would be consistent with the city’s general plan, noting that they weren’t voting on the abandonment request itself.

Both sides had asked the council to delay the abandonment hearing from July to August to explore whether a compromise could be reached, but negotiations fell apart.

No word yet from Mr. Sinnott on whether he’ll now file a lawsuit. ■

Woodside School hosts bond measure meetings

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

Residents of the Woodside Elementary School District who want to know more about the district’s facilities plans and funding needs can learn about them during meetings scheduled for this week and in September.

The meetings are set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28; 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9; and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24. The meetings will be held in the Wildcats Room on the school campus at 3195 Woodside Road in Woodside.

The district’s board will decide in March whether to place a bond measure on the June ballot asking voters to help raise new funds for construction of several buildings, and for safety and modernization projects at the school.

Identified projects are estimated to cost about \$16 million, but parent volunteers are working to raise some of the money from private donors, said Superintendent Beth Polito.

Of the building projects, the highest-cost item would be the demolition of the Sellman Auditorium and construction of a new

building that would include a permanent stage, added storage, connection to the campus’ music room, a new food service area, and restrooms, according to a report from earlier this year. That project would cost an estimated \$7.67 million.

Other projects under consideration include the demolition of the existing relocatable classroom and the construction of two new classrooms, at an estimated cost of about \$1.7 million; the demolition of the existing relocatable classroom No. 19 and construction of a new 1,000-square-foot flexible classroom space, at an estimated cost of \$711,000; and safety, security, maintenance and modernization projects costing an estimated \$5.9 million.

Ms. Polito said the three community meetings are being held to provide information, primarily to district voters who don’t have children in the school, about details of the facilities plan and why a bond measure may be the most viable option to pay for the projects.

Go to woodside.k12.ca.us or call 851-1571 for more information. ■



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Mark Schmidt is an American Board of Optician and National Contact Lens Examiners Certified Optician licensed by the Medical Board of California. He can be easily reached at Menlo Optical, 1166 University Drive, Menlo Park. 650-322-3900.

Memorial for Amélie Le Moullac

A memorial service took place Aug. 22 at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto for Amélie Le Moullac, the 24-year-old Menlo School grad who was killed while riding her bike in San Francisco.

Ms. Le Moullac was struck and killed by a semi-trailer truck in San Francisco on Aug. 14, four days after her 24th birthday.

Born in Herblay, France, Ms. Le Moullac moved to the Bay Area with her family when she was 7, and attended the Interna-

tional School of the Peninsula for some time, according to a memorial posted by her mother, Jessie Jewitt, on the Almanac's "Lasting Memories" page.

Visit tinyurl.com/Amelie-24 to see the "Lasting Memories" memorial.

She attended St. Joseph's middle school in Atherton, then graduated from Menlo School in Atherton in 2007. She earned her bach-



Amélie Le Moullac

elor's degree in communications from the University of Southern California in 2011, then went on to work as an associate client executive at Voce Communications, a public relations and marketing firm co-founded by Menlo Park councilman Rich Cline.

Family and friends have posted condolences on the Voce Communications blog and shared memories of her vibrancy, compassion and sense of humor.

Visit tinyurl.com/Amelie-25 to see the blog.

To learn about options for memorial donations, email jessie.jewitt@gmail.com.

City schedules review of downtown plan

Those demanding that Menlo Park review the downtown/El Camino Real specific plan can take heart. The Planning Commission has scheduled a review for Sept. 9.

The review "is intended to ensure that the Plan is functioning as intended, as well as to consider the policy-related implications of various Plan aspects," according to the public hearing notice. "Depending on the results of the initial review, potential modifications may be formally presented for Planning Commission recommendation and City Council action at subsequent meetings."

The specific plan, approved in 2012, has come under fire for allowing Stanford University and developer John Arrillaga to propose building an eight-acre mixed-use complex along the city's main corridor. The latest design for that complex would replace mostly vacant car lots along 300 to 500 El Camino Real with 199,500 square feet of office space, 10,000 square feet of retail and up to 170 apartments.

There would be a public plaza at Middle Avenue with two car lanes, along with a pedestrian and bicycle path at Middle Avenue and El Camino Real to a future railroad track undercrossing.

Two appointed to transportation panel

Bicycle commissioner Michael Meyer has now joined the Menlo Park Transportation Commission, and incumbent Penelope Huang has been reappointed, following the Aug. 20 council meeting.

Two vacancies had opened up this summer with the resignation of Charlie Bourne and the

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expiration of Ms. Huang's term.

The appointments did not pass without public comment. Menlo Park resident Barbara Hunter asked that Ms. Huang not return to the commission, citing antagonism toward her constituents and valuing self-interest over the community.

"It's kind of hard to follow that," Ms. Huang said as she stepped up to the lectern to advocate for her re-appointment following the critical comments, noting her attendance record at commission meetings and encouragement from her peer group to re-apply.

Camille Gonzales Kennedy and Jennifer Pollock rounded out the pool of applicants.

Public hearing on SamTrans bus fares

SamTrans wants to know what you think about lowering the price of transit day passes.

The transit agency will hold a public hearing Sept. 4 to get feedback on a proposal to cut the price of a day pass from three times the one-way cash fare to two-and-a-half times the one-way cash fare for up to 18 months.

It's also proposing to create an annual pass for businesses and housing complexes with a minimum participation of 100 users. The pass would cost \$115 in 2014 and \$125 in 2015 per eligible user.

Finally, SamTrans may implement a 20 percent discount for groups of 25 or more people who pre-purchase fares.

The hearing will start at 2 p.m. at the San Mateo County Transit District headquarters at 1250 San Carlos Ave. in San Carlos.



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County seeks comment on rehabbing Alpine Road trail

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Repaving and creek-bank reinforcement are under consideration for the aged and poorly maintained trail that follows the path of Alpine Road and Los Trancos Creek between Portola Valley and Menlo Park.

The San Mateo County Department of Public Works issued a draft environmental study of a plan to repave six sections of the trail that meanders along the south side of Alpine Road. Under the plan, the county would also reinforce the bank of the creek in three places where there is the potential that erosion could damage underground utilities.

The draft study is an analysis that argues that the proposed project would have a minimal

impact on the local environment, and that if there are impacts, they can be mitigated. The county is seeking comment from the public and from local, state and federal agencies.

Go to tinyurl.com/Alpine-203 for information on where to find the full report and how to submit comments.

The proposal involves pulverizing the existing asphalt and repaving about 1.8 miles of bumpy trail between Rural Lane and the eastern edge of the Ladera Oaks swimming and tennis club. The rehabilitated trail would have the same widths and roughly the same routes as currently, but would be smoother.

The creek-bank work would take place opposite the parking lot between the Shell gasoline station and the Country Shopper mall in Ladera, opposite the

main entrance to Webb Ranch, and just east of the northbound exit ramp from Interstate 280 on to Alpine Road.

Controversy

The route and repair of this portion of the trail was at the center of a fierce controversy between Stanford University and the residents of Stanford Weekend Acres.

Stanford, which had an longstanding obligation to create a trail, had offered to spend more than \$10 million to create a smooth wide multi-use path — in San Mateo County rather than on its own land.

Because the existing trail cuts very close to the creek in places, Stanford had even offered to modify the route of Alpine Road to allow a consistent width. Many Ladera residents

supported this, in part because biking to and from Menlo Park and the Stanford campus along heavily traveled Alpine Road is problematic for cyclists fearful of using the bike lanes.

But the proposed trail's consistency and ease of use did not sit well with Weekend Acres residents. Calling it a sidewalk that would draw an excess of

foot and bike traffic, the residents fought it relentlessly for five years. And they won.

In December 2011 by a 3-2 majority, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors rejected Stanford's offer, as they had done on two other occasions. Safety along the Weekend Acres frontage was a key consideration. ■



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Portola Valley meets on food trucks, habitats

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

On what occasions are food trucks allowed to park and open their shutters to customers in Portola Valley? The Town Council, which will consider this question at its Wednesday, Aug. 28, meeting, has all but ruled out the weekly farmers' market on Thursday afternoons as a venue for food trucks. Local retail food businesses opposed that idea and a council majority agreed. But the trucks are popular.

Food trucks have had a presence at three free summer concerts in 2013, and over the summer of 2012 made weekly and well-attended visits to the parking lot of Christ Episcopal Church. In recent deliberations, the council has sounded open to routine visits by food

trucks, but less frequently than weekly.

The council meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road. Also on the agenda:

- The Conservation Committee is expected to announce a program to recognize residents whose properties are welcoming to native plants and animals. (Woodside launched a similar initiative, called the Backyard Habitat program, in May 2011.)

- Longtime Town Attorney Margaret A. ("Sandy") Sloan of the Menlo Park firm Jorgenson, Siegel, McClure & Flegel, is stepping down. Leigh F. Prince, from the same law firm and a frequent presence at council meetings in 2013, is likely to be named to replace Ms. Sloan.

Armed man robs 7-11

An armed man got away with an unknown amount of cash and a carton of cigarettes in a robbery of the 7-Eleven at the corner of Oak Grove Avenue and Alma Street in Menlo Park in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Police are looking for a Tongan man, 20 to 30 years old, between 6-foot 2-inches and 6-foot 4-inches tall, and with a large build, Menlo Park Police Department spokeswoman Nicole Acker said. When last seen, he was wearing a black jacket.

The man entered the store around 12:40 a.m., showed the clerk a black-colored handgun lodged in his waistband, and demanded cash and cigarettes, police said. The clerk complied, giving the man a carton of cigarettes and an unknown amount of cash. The robber then fled on foot south along Alma Lane.

He might have gotten into an older black pickup truck with a camper shell on top, police said.

No one was injured and there are no leads yet. The store has a surveillance camera.

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Parcel tax opponents miss deadline for ballot argument

By Renee Batti
Almanac News Editor

There will be no ballot argument against Atherton's parcel tax renewal measure in November — but not for lack of trying on the part of several civic-minded residents, including former mayor Kathy McKeithen, who want assurances that tax proceeds won't enable the town to overpay its police officers.

Ms. McKeithen, her husband Smith, and residents Sandy Crittenden, Jon Buckheit, Cat Westover and Jim Massey wrote, signed and delivered to Town Hall an argument they hoped would be included in the voter's guide for the Nov. 5 election. But there was a problem: The argument was delivered on Aug. 22, a week after the deadline. It was rejected by City Clerk Theresa

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DellaSanta, who cited California Elections Code Section 9285.

The deadline to submit arguments for or against the measure was Aug. 16, which was met by all four members of the City Council, who wrote an argument in favor of renewing the tax. The opponents submitted their argument on Aug. 22. Confusion apparently arose over a second deadline of Aug. 22, which was limited to rebuttals to arguments already submitted by the earlier deadline. Ms. DellaSanta said only those who had submitted arguments by the Aug. 16 deadline were entitled to submit rebuttals.

Ms. DellaSanta said she had no choice but to reject the argument against the measure. "It's

the only way to remain impartial," she told the Almanac.

In an email to the opponents, she wrote: "I take my responsibilities as the Elections Official seriously with the highest degree of impartiality possible. Accordingly, the only way to remain truly impartial is to enforce the rules, procedures, and deadlines that were set for this election. These are the same procedures I have used in all previous elections in Atherton."

Ms. DellaSanta said in an interview that she double-checked her understanding of the law with the county and with city clerks of several neighboring jurisdictions, all of whom agreed with her ruling.

The argument against

The development is likely to intensify unhappiness among

some residents over the town's relatively high compensation of its police officers, and the police union's heavy involvement in the November election of two council members. The union endorsed the two successful candidates, now-Mayor Elizabeth Lewis and Cary Wiest, last fall — only months before negotiations for a new police contract were to begin.

The tax of \$750 per year for most parcels with homes expires in June. Because Atherton has no commercial tax base, it relies heavily on the \$1.8 million it raises through the annual tax. Revenue from the tax is shared by police services, which receives 60 percent, and public works projects.

The submitted statement argued that the current council hasn't been "a faithful steward of taxpayer money," and is therefore "not entitled to ask for passage of a parcel tax at this time."

The rejected ballot argument noted that police services account for more than half of Atherton's operational budget, but that the council "has refused to consider or discuss outsourcing to save tax money. Whether one is for or against police outsourcing, there is no excuse for

Atherton overpaying for police services."

The opponents also cited Ms. Lewis' and Mr. Wiest's acceptance of police union endorsements "and election funding" (the union paid for signs and other materials, but made no direct candidate contributions), and said the union involvement "raises concerns about (the two endorsed council members') objectivity in the current police contract negotiations."

Neither Kathy nor Smith McKeithen could be reached for comment for this article.

Mr. Buckheit told the Almanac that the opponents' attempt to submit the ballot argument stemmed from concern that the town was "putting the cart before the horse" in putting the measure on the November ballot. The tax, he noted, doesn't expire until next year, and by waiting until spring to ask voters to renew it, the town would have more time to demonstrate to voters that the money will be spent responsibly.

"I would happily pay the parcel tax as long as there wasn't the notion that the town is paying too much for police services just because residents can afford it," he said. ■

Cameron Jones named in science competition

Cameron Jones, a sixth-grader at Corte Madera School in Portola Valley, is one of 300 national semifinalists in Broadcom MASTERS, a science, technology, engineering and math competition for middle-school students.

Cameron's project is called "We're Jammin': Using the Jamming Principle to Construct a Universal Gripper." For his project, he took on one of the biggest challenges in robotics: gripping an arbitrarily shaped object.

Thirty finalists, to be named Aug. 27, will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., Sept. 27-Oct. 1 to showcase their science fair projects and compete in a four-day competition for awards and prizes,

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Todd Roberts

Todd Roberts, a longtime Menlo Park resident, has been elected to the board of directors of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, an organization of defense attorneys in civil law cases.

Mr. Roberts also served as dean of admissions and faculty member of the Litigation Management College, held in June at Emory University in Atlanta.

Mr. Roberts is the managing director of the Redwood City office of the law firm, Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley.



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Community Events

50th Kings Mountain Art Fair The 50th Kings Mountain Art Fair will feature 135 juried artists in a redwood forest, a children's area with arts and crafts and breakfast from 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Brigade and elementary school. Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Kings Mountain Community Center, 13889 Skyline Blvd., Woodside. www.kingsmountainartfair.org

Farmers Market Grill Party Portola Valley chef Laura Stec will teach grilling tips at this event. Participants will walk the Farmers Market with Stec, pick up items to grill and then go to the Town Center kitchen for a quick class on grilling the "unexpected," featuring grilled eggplant parmesan, among other vegetable recipes. Sept. 5, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

EPA Boxing Club will host its annual BBQ Fundraiser. Aug. 31, 12:15-5:15 p.m. Free. EPA Boxing Club, 2528 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto. Call 650-630-0213. www.epa-boxingclub.org

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'Influential Families of San Francisco & the Peninsula' Michael Svanevik will talk about the Peninsula's history and those who created it. Wednesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 30 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$50. Little House Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025, ext. 222. www.penvol.org/littlehouse/contact.cfm

Asian Art Museum: 'In the Moment' This docent lecture explores the dynamic nature of art selection and display in traditional Japanese settings. Artwork from the Larry Ellison Collection is on exhibit through Sept. 22 at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco. Sept. 10, 7-8 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-



At Kepler's: Patricia Polacco

Picture-book author and illustrator Patricia Polacco will discuss her new book, "The Blessing Cup," at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

The book tells the story of Anna, a young Russian Jewish girl in the early 1900s. She and her family, who lived in fear of the Czar's soldiers, had a hard life and few possessions. Their treasure was a beautiful china tea set.

When her family leaves Russia for America, they bring the tea set and its blessings. The book is a prequel and companion to the bestseller, "The Keeping Quilt."

Ms. Polacco, author and illustrator of many books for children, struggled in school because she couldn't read until she was 14 due to dyslexia. She says she found relief through her art. She didn't start writing books until she was 41.

851-0560. www.smcl.org

YA Event: 'Crown of Midnight' Sarah J. Maas discusses and signs her new novel about 18-year-old assassin Celaena Sardothien. Aug. 28, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/ya-sarah-j-maas

Et Alia

Farmers' Market Family Storytime The Farmers' Market will feature a Family Storytime in the Redwood Grove near the playground for two Thursdays, Aug. 22 and Sept. 12, 5:30-6 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Portola Vineyards Barn Dance Portola Vineyards is hosting a barn dance with dance caller Andy Wilson and a live string band. They will also pour tastes of one of the vineyards' currently released wines. Dancing will go from 6-8 p.m. Bring a picnic. 5-8 p.m. \$15. Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-332-4959. www.portolavineyards.com/PortolaVineyards/Summer_Concerts.html

'And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little' This dark comedy explores the lives of the three Reardon sisters, who have recently lost their mother. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 29-Sept. 22, 8 p.m. \$15-\$35. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-493-2006 ext. 2.

Verifying that your vote-by-mail ballot was counted

Ever wonder whether that ballot you dropped in the mail actually counted in an election? Thanks to Senate Bill 589, which is on its way to the governor's desk for a signature, an end to the wondering is at hand.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, and

Assemblyman Kevin Mullin, D-South San Francisco, will require county election officials to establish a system allowing vote-by-mail voters to know whether their ballot was counted, or why it wasn't. The counties will have the option to choose whether to notify voters

by phone, online or on a walk-in basis.

"The need for this verification is critical as use of the vote-by-mail option grows," Sen. Hill said in a press release. "For the first time ever, a majority of voters in the 2012 general election in California cast their ballots by mail."

COMMON CORE

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a.m. to familiarize the teacher and students with current industry practices. The class will use particularly fast computers and up-to-date applications, Ms. Burbank said.

Meanwhile at M-A, ceramics students will be making objets d'art in a redesigned "bright and airy" classroom and baking them in new and larger kilns. Food preparation and ceramics

are two areas of study of enduring popularity, Mr. Zito said. "Hundreds and hundreds (of students) like to take both these programs."

New classes

M-A's offerings are the same as they were in 2012-13, but at Woodside, the AP Mandarin class is new this year, fulfilling a commitment to provide four years of Mandarin to complement four-year programs in Spanish, French and Latin. ■

Woodside Elementary School District
Request for Qualifications for
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LEASE-LEASE BACK SERVICES

Woodside Elementary School District requests Statements of Qualification from general contractors for pre-construction and Lease-lease back services for moderate renovation of its existing classroom buildings, roofing, drainage and sewerage and the demolition and construction of a new MPR, preschool and a design lab.

Firms submitting a Statement of Qualifications **must** attend a mandatory meeting/walkthrough on **Thursday, August 29 at 11 a.m.**

RFQ is available at: <http://www.woodside.k12.ca.us>
Statement of Qualifications **deadline is 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2013.**

Please submit to:
Dr. Beth Polito, Superintendent
Woodside Elementary School District
3195 Woodside Rd, Woodside, CA 94062.
Facsimile (FAX) copies of proposals will not be accepted.

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

To obtain information on residency or addresses of residential properties located in District 3, please check the Town's website at woodsidesidtown.org, What's New, Town Council and Planning Commission Districts.

Interested residents may check residency requirements and request information and applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, on the Town's web site at www.woodsidesidtown.org or by telephoning (650) 851-6790. Deadline for applications is Friday, August 30, 2013, 5:00 p.m.

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Appeal of the Planning Director's Interpretation of Municipal Code Section 153.301(A)(2) (Limitations Applicable to Alterations, Additions, or Replacement of Nonconforming Structures).

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

The Viewpoint pages will return next week.

Judge: Rail authority's funding plan violated law

By Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto Weekly

The California High-Speed Rail Authority had violated state law and “abused its discretion” in proceeding with the controversial San Francisco-to-Los Angeles train system without first identifying the funding sources for the line’s first usable segment, a Sacramento Superior Court judge wrote in an Aug. 16 decision.

The decision by Judge Michael Kenny presents a new setback for the rail authority, the agency charged with building the voter-approved project. The decision was prompted by a 2011 lawsuit from residents of Kings County, who argued that the rail authority’s funding plan did not comply with Proposition 1A, the

2008 measure that authorized \$9 billion in state funds for the line.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs included rail critic Michael Brady, an attorney from Redwood City, and Stuart Flashman, who represented Palo Alto, Atherton and Menlo Park in prior lawsuits against the rail authority.

Judge Kenny’s verdict comes at a time when the rail authority is preparing to build the “Initial Construction Segment” of the \$68 billion line in the Central Valley, between Bakersfield and just north of Fresno. This segment would be the first phase of the rail line’s “Initial Operating Segment,” which in effect is the first stretch of the train system that would be usable.

In making his finding, Judge

Kenny argued that, while the rail authority had identified the funding sources for the construction segment, it failed to list the funding sources for the operating one, as mandated by law.

The ruling stopped short, however, of invalidating all rail-authority documents based on the funding plan. Rather, Judge Kenny left open the question of remedy and directed both sides to confer and submit arguments, after which he would decide the next steps.

The plaintiffs, Aaron Fukuda, John Tos and County of Kings, argued that if the business plan were to be found invalid, everything that relied on the business plan should also be struck down.

“Essentially, defendants have built a house of cards upon the basis of a funding plan that violated the terms of the bond measure,” the plaintiffs wrote. “If the funding plan is invalid, the entire house of cards must collapse along with it.”

While Kenny’s decision may not stop the project, which has become increasingly unpopular on the Peninsula, it could set up a new legal speed bump for the beleaguered rail authority.

Last year, the rail authority won a razor-thin victory in Sacramento when the state Senate authorized the agency to tap into the first \$2.6 billion in bond funding and to accept \$3.3 billion in federal funding for the first segment of the project. The appropriation came by a single vote, with several Democrats joining every Republican in voting against the funding bill.

Judge Kenny’s ruling makes an argument that the rail authority’s plan to fund its first oper-

ating segment (a 300-mile-long stretch from either north from Bakersfield to San Jose, or south from Merced to San Fernando) is flimsy at best. The rail authority’s business plan lists numerous potential federal funding sources for the first operating segment, though it also makes clear that some of these sources are far from a sure thing.

Judge’s decision deals setback for \$68 billion high-speed-rail plan.

The plan acknowledges that federal grants from the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program and Passenger Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 are uncertain and would require heavy lobbying by the state to “promote high-speed rail as a program of national interest.” Other federal funding sources identified in the plan — including a trust fund dedicated to transportation and qualified tax-credit bonds — don’t even exist.

“This language makes it absolutely clear that there is, in reality, no reasonably anticipated time of receipt for any of the potential new federal funds described in the funding plan and the 2012 draft business plan, and that there are no expected commitments, authorizations, agreements, allocations, or other means of actually receiving such funds,” Judge Kenny wrote.

The rail authority acknowledged in its 2012 business plan that it doesn’t have all the fund-

ing sources identified for future segments of the line and stated that it will identify them no later than 2015.

Judge Kenny also cites the plan’s statement that “the mix, timing and amount of federal funding for later sections of the High-Speed Rail is not known at this time.” He points to this language in arguing that “the funding plan failed to comply with the statute because it simply did not identify funds available for the completion of the entire Initial Operating Segment.”

After going over the history of the case, Judge Kenny wrote: “Having exercised its independent judgment in this matter as authorized by law, the court concludes that the (rail) authority abused its discretion by approving a funding plan that did not comply with the requirements of law.”

In a statement, attorneys for the plaintiffs said the ruling will require the rail agency to go back and correct its mistakes. Mr. Flashman, an attorney for the plaintiffs, wrote that Proposition 1A was by no means a “blank check” from the voters.

“There were numerous requirements that had to be met before the bond funds could be spent,” he said in the statement. “The authority will need to go back and do things right. If the Governor and the authority don’t like these requirements, they’d need the voters’ approval to change them.”

Mr. Brady, another attorney for the plaintiffs, concurred and said Proposition 1A “contains such strict safeguards that the authority may not be able to comply at all, in which event the High-Speed Rail project may never go forward.” ■



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Recycling authority launches new website

What do a box of chicken soup, a broken tea cup and a potato chip bag have in common? If you think you’ve mastered which items should be recycled, composted and tossed in the garbage can, a surprise or two may be awaiting you at the website of RethinkWaste.

RethinkWaste, the joint powers authority managing waste collection for most cities and towns in San Mateo County, recently announced a new website that it says is “easier to navigate and more visually appealing” for the communities served in the county, including Menlo Park and Atherton. (Portola Valley and Woodside contract

with GreenWaste Recovery Inc. of San Jose.)

The website includes an interactive game asking visitors to dispose of more than 50 household items. The three items mentioned above are all considered garbage and should go into the appropriate container of the three available to county residents: black for garbage, blue for recycled materials, and olive green for compost.

A link to the Home Diversion Calculator gives residents an idea of how much material they’re keeping out of landfills. It’s the first step in an initiative to recognize residents for their

efforts and motivate them to do more, the agency says.

The website includes a photo of the San Carlos recycling facility keyed to numbers that, when hovered over by the cursor, describe what goes on there, including the highly coordinated, mesmerizing, and loud interaction of conveyor-belted machinery that sorts recyclable materials.

Free tours for school and business groups, and open-house days for the public, are available through links at the website. Headphones are part of the gear distributed for the tours.

Go to rethinkwaste.org for more information.

Atherton hosts Silicon Valley art show

By Jane Knoerle
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Twenty-four artists from Atherton and Silicon Valley will display their paintings, watercolors, sculpture and photography at Jennings Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park in Atherton on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6 and 7.

The juried show is sponsored by the Atherton Arts Foundation, the town of Atherton, and Silicon Valley Open Studios.

A reception featuring the artists will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. The exhibit is also open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7. Admission is free.

Holbrook-Palmer Park is located at 150 Watkins Ave. in Atherton.

40th anniversary for open space district

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District marks its 40th anniversary with its first Founders' Day Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Monte Bello Open Space Preserve in the Santa Cruz Mountains, near Los Gatos.

The family-friendly festival will include live musical perfor-

AROUND TOWN

mances, line dancing, a historical exhibit, an opportunity to meet the rangers, a puppet show, food trucks, games and lasso tricks.

State senators Jim Beall and Jerry Hill, Assemblyman Rich Gordon, San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian are expected to take part in the event.

Celebration at Belle Haven Pool

Belle Haven Pool will host the Menlo Masters and the Belle Haven aquatic community for a Menlo United celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at 100 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park.

There will be water games, relays, music and food, with an admission charge of just \$1. For more information, call Brenda Villa at 330-2237.

Eat, drink, talk and swap books

Kepler's will present the "World Literature Edition" of a book swap Saturday, Sept. 7, at

1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. Guests will mingle over drinks and "munchies" at 6:30 p.m., with book discussions starting at 7 p.m. Festivities will end around 9 p.m.

Readers should bring a book they love and are willing to part with at the end of the evening. They will go home with a book recommended by another book swapper and a free advance reader's edition of a book from Kepler's. Tickets at \$30 may be ordered from Brown Paper Tickets online or by calling 800-838-3006.

'Running for Jim'

The ALS Association Golden West Chapter will present the documentary "Running for Jim" at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton.

The film chronicles the story of Jim Tracy, coach of San Francisco University High School girls' cross-country team, who was diagnosed with ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, in 2010. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the ALS Association Golden West

Chapter to support research and to aid families affected by ALS.

Tickets at the door are \$10 students and \$15 for general admission.

Explore marshlands

Environmental Volunteers is launching two free guided canoe trips for 30 people, offering an opportunity to explore and learn about the marshlands of the San Francisco Bay. There may still be openings for the Saturday, Sept. 28, trip. The Aug. 31 trip is filled.

The Sept. 28 trip will be launched at 10:30 a.m. from the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve near the EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto.

The program is funded by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as part of a settlement with Cosco

Busan after its container ship struck the Bay Bridge five years ago, spilling 53,000 gallons of bunker fuel into the San Francisco Bay.

Go to EVols.org to sign up for the Sept. 28 trip.

Teaching fellowship

Born in Menlo Park, Kimberly Hartung has been chosen by the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation (KSTF) as one of its 35 teaching fellows. Selected to participate in the San Francisco Teacher Residency Program, she will be teaching at Lincoln High School in the San Francisco School District.

Ms. Hartung earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Pomona College and a master's degree in education from Stanford University.

KSTF's goal is to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics education in the United States. ■



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THE ALMANAC'S READERS' CHOICE 2013 WINNERS

*Almanac readers name
their favorite restaurants,
shops and services*

In an age when many expect instant results from their digital devices, we often find that the most gratifying moments are when we unplug from the Internet and enjoy person-to-person contact. That's one of the reasons the quality of personal service we receive from local restaurants, shops and other businesses is so important. The Almanac's annual Readers' Choice poll is an opportunity for you to take your hat off to your favorite businesses that have provided that personal service, from traditional winners such as Cafe Borrone to newcomers on the list like Moses Hairstyling. On the following pages, we name the winners of the Almanac's 2013 Readers' Choice Awards.

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Readers' Choice Winners



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As the winner in five categories, **Cafe Borrone** is Menlo Park's "go to" place, the local equivalent of the town square. There's a lot of family pride in the restaurant that Roy and Rose Borrone founded almost 24 years ago. Daughter Marina, and her husband, Chef Josh Pebbles, are carrying on the tradition. By the end of the year, the restaurant will be expanding into the space formerly occupied by Cedro restaurant. The new addition will be known as Borrone's Market Bar. "It's going to be beautiful, very European," says Ms. Borrone. Chef Pebbles' kitchen is known for its organic and seasonal dishes. Patrons rave about the house-made pasta

Menlo Grill Bistro & Bar won for Best American Restaurant.

and the late summer salads, such as heirloom tomato and mozzarella served with balsamic dressing. And for a sweet touch, what could be better than custard made from Rose Borrone's original recipe? *1010 El Camino Real, #110 | (650) 327-0830*

AMERICAN RESTAURANT, PLACE FOR A DATE

In just two years, **Menlo Grill Bistro & Bar** has become a solid favorite with local diners for American comfort food served in stylish surroundings. New chef Erik Romme has introduced seasonal specialties, such as sweet corn chowder, summer melon salad and strawberry gazpacho, along with cedar-brined pork chop and homestyle roast chicken. Try impressing your date with Sunday night supper featuring house-smoked prime rib. A new addition is brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in addition to full breakfast, luncheon and dinner menus. With emphasis on being a friendly neighborhood restaurant, Menlo Grill



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FRENCH RESTAURANT

Left Bank has the expansive, happening look of a true French brasserie. Local diners appreciate its authentic cuisine, lively happy hour, handsome interior, and outdoor sidewalk seating. Chef Steven Catalano serves classic brasserie items, such as onion soup, escargot, steak frites, and mussels, along with seasonal specialties of heirloom tomato salad and sweet corn fricassee. Brunch at Left Bank, served until 3 p.m., offers a variety of choices: French toast, crab cakes, Basque sausage and eggs, omelets, and, of course, eggs Benedict. 1635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 473-6543



Carpaccio won for Best Italian Restaurant.



Best Grocery Store award was won by Draeger's.

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Carpaccio, which just celebrated its 25th year, is once again our readers' choice for "Best Italian" restaurant. Regular patrons have their favorite dishes, such as eggplant Parmesan, Caesar salad, cannelloni, lasagne and cannoli. However, chef Jorges Cortes constantly offers new weekly specials, says manag-

ing partner Ciya Martorana. Recent specials include gnocchi with tomato vodka sauce, rack of lamb with roasted vegetables, and grilled rainbow trout. Diners enjoy the Tuscan atmosphere of the Pat Kuleto-designed restaurant interior highlighted with colorful oil paintings done

in Italian art poster style. 1120 Crane St., Menlo Park | (650) 2322-1211 | www.carpaccios.com

TAKE-OUT, CHINESE RESTAURANT

Su Hong To-Go won the Readers' Choice vote for both Best

Take-Out and Best Chinese Restaurant. The Su Hong business, including the former restaurant on El Camino Real, has been around for 36 years and has held the title of Best Chinese Restaurant in the minds of Almanac readers for two decades now. Owner Bee King said that

diners enjoy the quality food and reasonable prices. "We use quality ingredients and make our items fresh every day," she said. Among some of the most popular items on the menu are the Chinese chicken salad, pot

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HAMBURGER, DINE WITH KIDS

Almanac readers have named **Jeffrey's Hamburgers** — the family-friendly, old-fashioned hamburger diner — their favorite place to go for a hamburger and to dine with kids. Manager Stephen Friebel said that customers enjoy the choice between traditional hamburgers on the menu, or having the option to build their own by choosing the type of meat, toppings and cheese. The restaurant grinds meat on site daily for its hamburgers, and recently added the burger bowl option for those who have gluten-free diets. Kids are a fan of Jeffrey's as much as adults. "Our menu is totally kid appealing, because we have the milkshakes and the French fries," Friebel said. "They love it." 888 El Camino Ave.,

Angel Heart Cakes won for Best Bakery.

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

It's no wonder that **Fuki Sushi** has almost 70,000 likes on Facebook and took this year's Best Japanese Restaurant award. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg had the restaurant cater his private wedding ceremony in May 2012 (and even had a Fuki Sushi branch installed on Facebook's new Menlo Park campus). Fuki Sushi, which opened in 1978, has an extensive menu from appetizers (beef asparagus roll anyone?) to nigiri sushi, sashimi, rolls and entrees. Thirsty sushi-goers can also indulge in Fuki Sushi's cocktail menu, whiskey list, sho chu or liquid dessert menu. 4119 El Camino Real, Palo Alto | (650) 494-9383

MEXICAN RESTAURANT

The fresh, colorful, artwork-filled **Cafe Del Sol** has won the vote of Almanac readers for Best Mexican Restaurant. The menu has modern Mexican food, from classic favorites like fajitas to unusual options such as spare ribs and chicken entrees. The restaurant offers a wide variety



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The Prolific Oven won for Best Dessert.

is gaining in popularity, and “compost cookies (chocolate chip cookies with pretzels and cornflakes) are flying out the door,” says Ms. Rivera. Another big hit is “munch boxes” shipped to college kids or for holiday gifts. New staff includes Betsy Davos, Molly Wantuch and Stephanie Sanchez. 3716 Florence St., Redwood City | (650) 363-2253

BREAKFAST

Ann's Coffee Shop has served up simple food done well in Menlo Park since 1946. Opening at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday (7 a.m. on Sunday), it's a popular spot for breakfast, which is served all day, with 16 types of omelettes, hash browns, pancakes and all the other classics on the menu. Cash only. 772 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | 322-0043

DESSERT

Sweets are certainly trending at **The Prolific Oven**, the 2013 Readers' Choice winner for Best Desserts. Since 1980, locals have been heading to one of the most prolific bakeries in town. Prolific Oven offers multiple styles of cakes to order, plus other desserts from cannoli to cupcakes, and cheese-swirled brownies to holiday pies. “We are ECSTATIC,” Regina Chan, daughter of Prolific Oven owner Henry Chan, says in an email response to the news about winning the award. “We’re thrilled to receive this award because it means we are still doing something right.” 550 Waverley St., Palo Alto | (650) 326-8485 | www.prolificoven.com

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of soups, appetizers and salads, all which can be ordered for dine-in, take-out or delivery. Cafe Del Sol recently launched a colorful and musical website — www.cafedelsolmenlo.com. 1010 Doyle St., Menlo Park | (650) 326-2501 | cafedelsolmenlo.com

NEW RESTAURANT

LB Steak is a welcome addition to the downtown Menlo Park dining scene. Its concept is that of a modern American steakhouse, featuring USDA prime beef. However, Chef Brendy Monsada also prepares a fine selection of seafood entrees. The signature dish is the 32-ounce Tomahawk Chop steak with a choice of sauces. There are eight other steak choices and several non-steak options. Side dishes include Yorkshire pudding, cream of spinach and seasonal vegetables. Save room for dessert, including rhubarb strawberry crumble. 898 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 321-8980

ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

This is a sad story. **Bella Vista** restaurant, nestled in a grove of redwood trees on Skyline Boulevard in Woodside, recently closed. But it went out a champion, once again winning the Readers' Choice Award for Best Romantic Restaurant. Built in 1927, it combined rustic beauty with a dazzling view of the city lights below. Generations considered it the perfect place to pop the question and, of course, it was packed on Valentine's Day. The luxurious menu offered such retro favorites as oysters Rockefeller, escargot, steak Diane (flambeed by your waiter), abalone with almonds,

veal scaloppine, cherries jubilee and Grand Marnier soufflé. “After 35 years, we've decided to call it a day,” says owner John Ward on the restaurant's answering machine. “It's been a great experience, but it's time to go. Thank you for all the great years.” We will miss you, Bella Vista. 13451 Skyline Boulevard, Woodside | (650) 851-1229

BAKERY

Angel Heart Cakes has expanded its offerings to include not only angel food cakes, but carrot cake with cream cheese frosting, coconut cake with cream cheese frosting, and a rich devil's food chocolate cake. Business is good since the bakery opened two years ago, says co-owner Chris Rivera. Wedding business has doubled, breakfast service



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BEST ICE CREAM/ FROZEN YOGURT

Pinkberry at the Stanford Shopping Center has won the 2013 Readers' Choice Award for Best Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt. The simple yogurt store with outdoor seating offers traditional frozen yogurt, Greek yogurt, smoothies, shakes and cones. The choices are even greater for toppings, which includes fruit, chocolate, cereal and more. "We use the highest quality ingredients possible," general manager Esther Chun says. "We make sure our fruit is cut every single day by hand." The store offers seasonal flavors. 180 El Camino Real # 14, Palo Alto, CA | store0079@pinkberry.com | pinkberry.com | (650) 322-6030

PIZZA

With seemingly endless combinations of sizes, toppings and premade pizzas, **Applewood Pizza** has again won the vote of Almanac readers as their favorite pizza place. At Applewood, customers can make their own pizza, or select a favorite on the menu, such as the Menlo Combo, Prawn or Hawaiian. The topping choices range from pep-

peroni and cheese to Canadian bacon, BBQ beef and marinated eggplant. Pastas, salads, and 37 imported beers help create a diverse menu at the family-style restaurant. Customers can dine in the restaurant, or order online or by phone. 1001 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 324-3486 | applewoodpizza.com

PLACE TO BUY MEAT

Schaub's Meat Fish and Poultry at the Stanford Shopping Center has won again for Best Place to Buy Meat. Fred's marinated sirloin, fresh poultry chicken sausages, prime beef and sandwiches are among the most popular items on the menu. Beyond the food, people enjoy the service as well, says Manager Danell Street. "We give good quality customer service and we're willing to help meet the customers' needs," she said. 395 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, CA 94304 | (650) 325-6328

BEST SANDWICH

The staff at **Woodside Deli** in Redwood City "puts more in sandwiches than most people do," owner Dan Gallinetti tells the Almanac. "We load them up." The deli is in its 45th year and specializes in all things Italian, as long as it's deli. "If it

comes from Italy, we've got it," Mr. Gallinetti says. "I appreciate being voted best sandwich place." 1453 Woodside Road, Redwood City | (650) 369-4235

BIKE STORE

From commuters to racers to casual weekend riders, **Menlo Velo Bicycles** has a bike for every lifestyle; however, this small specialty shop is perhaps best known for its personalized approach. "We interact with every person who comes in the door," says owner Rainer Zaechlein. "We're a small shop, but we strive to provide the very best customer experience." This year Menlo Velo has expanded its already-diverse offerings to include electric bicycles, and Mr. Zaechlein invites Peninsula residents to come by and try one. An electric bike owner himself, he says, "Everyone who goes on a test ride comes back with a huge smile. It's a matter of time before they catch on in Silicon Valley." 433 El Camino Real Menlo Park, CA 94025 | (650) 327-5137

BOOKSTORE, GREEN BUSINESS

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Kepler's has expanded its inventory of books and its selection of events even as it has squeezed into a smaller space, moving from 10,000 to 6,440 square feet at the same location. The revamped decor turned back the clock to the radical 1960s for inspiration. "My Beloved World," a memoir by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, was the local bookstore's best-seller this past year, and led to a sold-out author event as well. But looking beyond what's on the shelves, readers also appreciate Kepler's efforts to promote green, sustainable practices, leading to two Readers' Choice awards in 2013. 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | 324-4321 | keplers.com

BOUTIQUE

Alys Grace offers a distinctive assortment of upscale clothing, accessories and gifts. Each piece is selected to maintain the right blend of elegance and edge, and the friendly and attentive staff are always willing to offer a second opinion. "We love our customers and enjoy helping them find the perfect outfit, girlfriend gift, or hostess gift," says owner Tiger Bachler. Loyal customers flock to Alys Grace from all



Stephen Miller Gallery won for Best Floor Coverings.

over the Bay Area, but those who live farther away aren't out of luck. The popular boutique has an online store, alysgrace.com, which ships their merchandise to women nationwide. 899B Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park 94025 | (650) 322-5524

PICTURE FRAME SHOP

Old-world craftsmanship meets state-of-the-art equipment on Santa Cruz Ave, where **The Great Frame Up** has resided for the past two years. At this long-time local favorite, owner Marcy Magatelli and her staff provide customers with design expertise



Best Picture Frame Shop was won by The Great Frame Up.

and years of experience. "We aim to give customers exactly what they want, when they need it," she says. She recently installed a computerized camera setup that allows customers to easily visualize their projects and compare different looks. This year, she is particularly

excited about two new frame options: a classically elegant line of handmade 22k gold frames, and an ultra-modern plexi-frame line popular with designers. 865 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 323-1097

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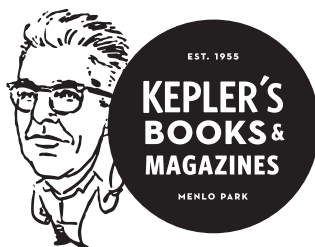
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TOY STORE, GIFT AND NOVELTY

Once again, **Cheeky Monkey** has won honors as Best Toy Store and Best Gift & Novelty Store in the eyes of Almanac readers. Anna Chow, who co-owns the store with her husband Dexter Chow, says that retro items are popular right now: paper airplanes, craft kits, bubbles and basic toys. The store has been trying out a "tween" section to appeal to children, ages 10-14, who have outgrown other toys in the store. This summer, Cheeky Monkey partnered with Yogi-Birds, a kids yoga program, to provide free kids yoga classes in the store. "It's a lot of fun," Ms. Chow said. "It might be a little hard for kids to focus sometimes in the store, but I think it's been a great experience." 640 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park; (650) 328-7975 | info@cheekymonkeytoys.com | cheekymonkeytoys.com

Cheeky Monkey won for Best Toy Store and Gift and Novelty Store.

GROCERY STORE

Shopping at **Draeger's Market** has become a way of life for generations of local residents. The family-owned store, founded in 1956, features a vast selection of grocery items, from caviar to corn flakes. There are 500 varieties of produce, top-quality meat and fish departments, gourmet cheeses, fine wines, foreign beers, and a bakery known for luscious cakes, cookies, tarts and pies. The hungry shopper can order a sandwich from the well-stocked deli, dish up a salad at the lavish salad bar, or trek upstairs for a coffee and pastry or a bowl of soup at the cafe. 1010 University Drive, Menlo Park | (650) 324-7751

HARDWARE STORE

Voted favorite hardware store among Readers' Choice voters for eight years in a row, it's clear that **Menlo Park Ace Hardware** is doing something right. Manager Mihail Chivari attributes the store's success to the community. "We're so thankful to have such a loyal customer base," he says. His business strategy is as simple as "listening to what customers want," and delivering it promptly, keeping the shelves



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HOME DECOR & FURNISHINGS

Known for its fine furniture and interior design services, this is the 21st year that **Flegels Home Furnishings** has won a Readers' Choice award. Three generations of the Flegel family have made the Menlo Park store, founded in 1954, a benchmark for quality that attracts not only Silicon Valley titans, but a world-wide clientele. Customers appreciate seeing prestige furniture lines, such as Stickley, Baker, McGuire and Henredon, on display instead of having to choose items from a catalog. A professional staff of 10 interior designers is on staff to help shoppers, at no additional cost, find the right accent piece or a full suite of furnishings. 870 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | 326-9661

NURSERY

Ladera Garden & Gifts expanded its business five years ago to include home and garden accessories, but the nursery is the heart of the business. Owners Juan and Mercedes Navarro know the nursery business and they know their Portola Valley neighbors. The couple has worked side by side for 33 years and their three children have grown up in the business, helping out after school or during vacations. Known for its selection of heat-loving, deer-resistant and butterfly-attracting plants, the nursery offers a type of personal service you don't find in “big box” stores. Employees are happy to plant containers, suggest what to grow where, and diagnose your ailing plants. 3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley | (650) 854-3850

PET STORE

The Pet Place owners Lynn and Marc Macy, lifelong Menlo Park residents, are dedicated to the welfare of animals, and that's reflected in the service they and their staff provide. With its comfortable, welcoming atmosphere, the store offers a wide selection of products and goes the extra mile, whether it's in helping solve a behavior

problem, finding the right food, or referring a customer to a veterinary specialist, sitter or trainer. The Pet Place hosts rescue groups and shelters, and helps with adoptions and in finding temporary and permanent homes for animals in need. 777 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 325-7387

PRODUCE

This open-air market is nestled in the middle of the bustling Stanford Shopping Center, but entering **Sigona's Farmers Market** feels like taking a step back in time. Wander among baskets overflowing with tree-ripened fruit, or pick up something special for tonight's dinner from the rows of fresh organic veggies. Sigona's is a family business, and is dedicated to supporting local growers and small farms. In addition to its outstanding produce, Sigona's offers a large selection of specialty foods. Its flavored olive oils and balsamics are well known among local foodies. Lydia, a frequent Sigona's customer, recommends the balsamic fig vinegar with the blood orange fusion olive oil. Try her combination, or find your own favorite. 399 Stanford

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SHOE STORE

Customers at **Fleet Feet Sports** don't just come for the quality shoes and the personalized customer service. The store, which has won for Best Shoe Store, also offers programs to help people train for races. "We do whatever it takes to get someone in the right gear to help them keep running or walking and enjoy it," said Jim Gothers, co-owner with his wife Lisa Taggart. The business has weekly "fun runs" on Thursdays for anyone, and monthly "pub runs" when beverages are served at the store after a 3- to 6-mile run. In the fall, the store offers discounts for high school cross country runners and gives a percentage back to schools. "We want to get people interested in running at a young age," said Mr. Gothers. 859 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 325-9432 | fleetfeetmenlopark.com

SPECIALTY STORE

Beltramo's Wines and Spirits, founded in 1882 by Giovanni Beltramo, remains a Menlo

Park favorite that's still run by the family. The store carries international as well as domestic wines and other beverages (and chocolate). Sample wine on Saturdays, or beer and spirits sampling every other Friday. Customers can find a bottle of California cabernet sauvignon for less than \$15 or a single malt scotch for \$17,000. No stranger to the Readers' Choice Awards, Beltramo's has also been recognized by Market Watch, the National Liquor Stores Association Food and Wine Magazine, and the New York Times. 1540 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | 325-2806 | beltramos.com

AUTO REPAIR

The award for best auto repair goes to **Portola Valley Garage**, a specialist in the repair of European vehicles since 1948. Owner Tom Ramies has a message of thanks for his customers: "It's because of you that we're number 1 and we'll continue to strive to do our best." The garage is in its second year of offering two-year, 24,000-mile warranties. "There's not a lot of people that offer that," Mr. Ramies says. In March, Portola Valley Garage became a Star Test and Repair smog station, meaning the full range of smog test services is available, including fixing older

vehicles that don't pass. 4170 Alpine Road, Portola Valley | (650) 851-7442

BARBER

Readers awarded Best Barber honors this year to **Moses Hair-styling** in Menlo Park, where Moses Mareno has been principal for 24 years. "I have been coming to Moses off and on ... for over 20 years," says one customer who now lives in Morgan Hill. "I would never think of going anywhere else." Another customer recalls living in five other states and finding no one to compare with Mr. Moreno: "Moses is a great barber, in fact the best we know of anywhere." 1110 Crane St., Menlo Park | (650) 322-8822

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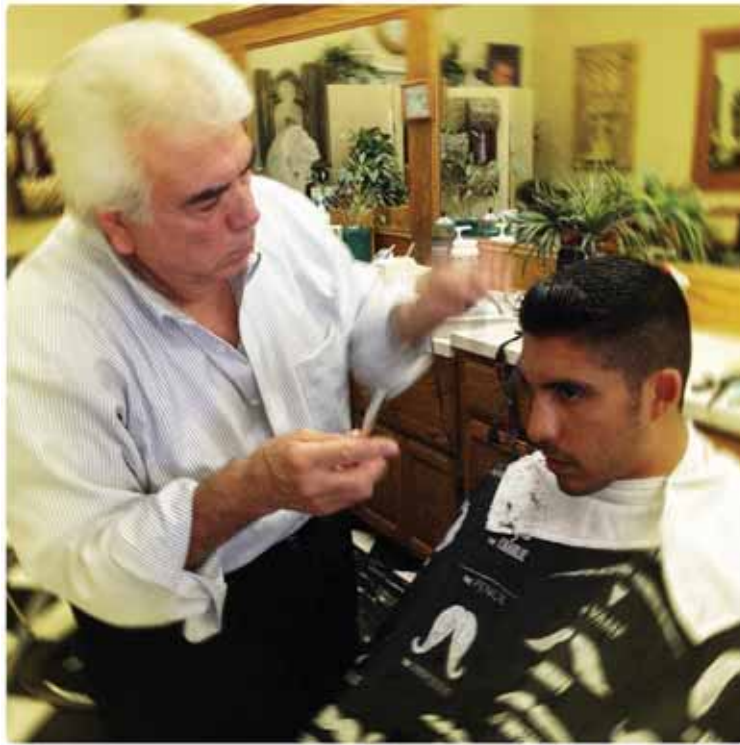
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DRY CLEANER

For the fifth year in a row, **Menalto Cleaners** claims the award for best dry cleaner. "Our business is your dirty laundry," according to its website, and since E. Gary Smith opened the business 25 years ago, he's offered services such as pickup and delivery, hand-finished shirts, alterations and even shoe repair. Mr. Smith, who lives around the corner from his store, said the willingness to go the extra mile contributes to the popularity of Menalto Cleaners. Customers come from Menlo Park as well as from referrals through other Bay Area businesses, such as Neiman Marcus and Ann Taylor. 1921 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park | 323-7001 | menaltocleaners.com



Best Barber award was won by Moses Hairstyling.

FITNESS CLASSES/YOGA

A community feel and friendly staff is what customers enjoy at **Studio Rincon**, which won 2013 Readers' Choice Awards in two categories: Best Fitness Classes and Best Yoga. Among some of the most popular classes offered are Zumba, Cardio kickboxing and Aligned Vinyasa Yoga. Owner Bill Petrin says that customers enjoy the positive

atmosphere. "The most common feedback I get from people is how friendly and positive our staff, teachers and community is," he says. "It's a great place to be." The business recently doubled its space to offer child-care within classes, a bigger studio, retail, drinks and more.

This year will be the fourth year that Studio Rincon will offer youth dance classes in the fall, beginning in September. 3536 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo Park | (650) 861-0242 | studiorincon.com



Studio Rincon won for Best Fitness Classes and Yoga.

FLORIST

Fresh, locally grown flowers are what keep customers coming back to **Twig and Petals**, voted Best Florist by Almanac readers this year. Along with colorful arrangements of flowers, the store sells eco-friendly prod-

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Axis Performance Center won for Best Gym.

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with the bride and groom for weddings." The store keeps up with seasonal flower arrangements to fit customer needs and keeps its store stocked with new items, such as vases and containers. "We're looking forward to more events, holiday parties, and new products," Ms. Hicks said. 1927 Menalto Ave, Menlo Park CA 94025 | (650) 241-4377 | twigandpetals@gmail.org

BEST GYM

Kids and adults enjoy the facilities and personal training at **AXIS Performance Center**, which won the 2013 Readers' Choice Award for Best Gym. "Our clients get results," owner Scott Norton says. "They feel like they are part of a great community at AXIS." The gym is equipped with a multipurpose turf area, a three-lane indoor track, a free-weight area, and various types of speed and agility components. Classes are catered to different age groups, sports and genders. In the past two years, AXIS has remodeled the entire facility, from the locker rooms and reception area to the workout equipment. "It's essentially a brand new gym," Mr. Norton says. 550 Raven-

wood Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 63-1920 | axispt.com

HAIR SALON

Olive Hill Salon has won the 2013 Readers' Choice Award for Best Hair Salon. Clients at the boutique enjoy the friendly environment, says owner Danielle Casa. "Our stylists and receptionists know clients by name, and an appointment is an opportunity to catch up on life, family, and friends," she says. The business is environmentally friendly, using products that are not tested on animals and others that are sulfate-free; it recently added a hair color system free of chemicals. The boutique works with nonprofit organizations, such as Locks of Love. "Above all, we keep in mind that every client is an individual," she says. 2920 Woodside Road, Woodside | (650) 851-1150 | olivehillsalon.com

HOTEL

Rosewood Sand Hill, winner of "Best Hotel" for the fifth year, has

become a center of the Peninsula social scene since its opening in 2009. Locals, as well as hotel guests, enjoy the hotel's relaxed California ranch atmosphere, Madera restaurant, the terrace for sunset cocktails, and the lounge for a lively scene in any season. New this year are Saturday jazz nights in the hotel lobby lounge and the in-house chocolate line (used for desserts, wedding favors and turndown



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MANICURE/PEDICURE

A Touch of Elegance, or T.O.E. as it's known to regulars, lives up to its name with its handsome decor, dozens of blooming orchids (for sale), colorful apothecary jars of candies (to taste), and seasonal decorations. The owners, mother and daughter Mai and Hanh Hong, are friendly and efficient. They will remember your name and make you feel welcome for your manicure and pedicure, waxing, eyebrow tint, lash extensions, and other personal care. For 14 years the salon has been the place to go for regular maintenance nail care, as well as for weddings and other special occasions. 1150 Crane St., Menlo Park | (650) 321-0679

PAINTERS

Over the past 23 years, **Avi Decorative Painting Inc.** has been recognized often for the quality and professionalism of its work. Asked how he maintains a loyal clientele, owner Avi Lenchner replies: "We take no shortcuts. We actually mean what we promise, and we make it happen." Mr. Lenchner says he and his team strive to provide customers with the best value for every service provided, from color consultation to lead-based paint neutralization. Also, the company is committed to sustainability and the use of environmentally friendly materials. A nonprofit organization, Avi Green Now, aims to raise community awareness about "living green," he says. P.O. Box 51551, Palo Alto, CA 94303 | (650) 329-0770

PHARMACY

Efficiency and convenience is what customers enjoy about **Walgreens**, which has again won the Readers' Choice award for Best Pharmacy. Because the store is located on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park, manager May Man says that local residents enjoy the convenience of stopping by the pharmacy as they pass through the downtown area. They also like the easy process of picking up prescriptions. "Everything is always ready when they get here," Man said. "We try to solve their problems before they get here so that it's already taken care of." 643 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 321-1530

PLUMBER

Customers at **Guy Plumbing** appreciate the company's trust and reliability, and readers have once again named the family-owned business best plumber. Owner Dave Guy said that customers enjoy the fourth-generation company because not many businesses today focus on face-to-face interactions and customer service. "It's good to see that there's still interest in the hands-on, mechanical aspect of business," he said. The business has responded to city and county water-saving regulations by providing products that both work well and minimize water usage. "We're becoming familiar with how to save water," he said. "Customers are pleased with it." 1265 El Camino Real, Menlo Park 94025 | (650) 323-8421 | guyplumbing.com

ART GALLERY

Portola Art Gallery displays the work of 16 Bay Area artists, including photographers, painters and ceramicists. Each month a different artist is featured, and the public is invited to a reception with that artist. The artists' cooperative was located

in the Little Red Schoolhouse in Portola Valley before moving, in 2006, to the historic and scenic Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. Two of the artists, Kristen Olson and Jan Presco, offer painting classes and workshops at Allied Arts and other nearby locations. The gallery offers a wide selection of gift items, such as unframed prints, tiles, silk scarves, greeting cards, books and pottery. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, (650) 321-0220.

HAPPY HOUR

Customers flock to the **Dutch Goose** because it feels like home, owner Greg Stern said. "It takes a long time to establish that kind of atmosphere and we've been fortunate to have withstood the test of time since the 60s." Happy Hour runs from 3 to 6 p.m. weekdays, with drinks from \$3 to \$5. Add on unique items such as the deviled eggs or the "choose a flavor" self-serve soda fountain, and it's easy to see why this Menlo Park pub has won multiple Readers' Choice awards. 3567 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park | 854-3245 | dutchgoose.net

FLOOR COVERINGS

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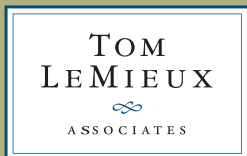
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

File No. 256881
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. ADVANCE AMERICA 2. ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS 3. ADVANCE AMERICA CASH ADVANCE
Located at: 765 Hickey Blvd., Pacifica, CA 94044, COUNTY: San Mateo
Mail Address: 135 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306
Is (are) hereby registered by the following owner(s): Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of California, LLC, 135 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306
This business is conducted by: limited liability company.
Corporation/LLC: Yes
Organization: DE
LLC: 200026510070 (CA)
The registrant commenced to transact business under the FBN or names on October 15, 1998
"I declare that all information in this statement is true" (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she know to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant: James A. Ovenden
Print Name: JAMES A. OVENDEN, CFO /VP
Signature MUST be that of an appropriate person, i.e. the individual, one of the general partners, a trustee or, if a corporation, by an officer (title must be included).
A fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law.
This statement was filed with Mark Church, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder, San Mateo County on July 23, 2013.
MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK BY: NATASHA VAN, Deputy Clerk (ALM Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013)

CORE CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 257002
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Core Consulting, located at 810 Glencrag Way, Suite B, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
PETER STINE
810 Glencrag Way, Suite B 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 08/01/2013.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 31, 2013.
(ALM Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013)

HAYLEY'S FITNESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 257040
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Hayley's Fitness, located at 1244 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
HAYLEY DAWN LEINFELDER
1244 Los Trancos Road Portola Valley, CA 94028
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 August 1, 2013.
(ALM Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013)

CAFE BORRONE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 257011
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Cafe Borrone, located at 1010 El Camino Real Suite 110, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County; Mail Address: 2198 Gordon Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CAFE BORRONE, INC.
2024 Broadway Street 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 12/01/1989.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 31, 2013.
(ALM Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2013)

BORRONE MARKETBAR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 257012
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Borrone Marketbar, located at 1010 El Camino Real Suite 140, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County; Mail Address: 2198 Gordon Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CAFE BORRONE, INC.
2024 Broadway Street 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 01/01/2013.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 31, 2013.
(ALM Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2013)

ACE - A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 256942
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Ace - A Commitment to Excellence, located at 159 Alta Mesa Road, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ANDREA CAROLYN MOSS
159 Alta Mesa Road 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 07/01/2013.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 26, 2013.
(ALM Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2013)

REDWOOD PAINTING CONTRACTOR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 256945
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Redwood Painting Contractor, located at 414 Pine St., #1, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ANA CECILIA AREVALO
414 Pine St. #1 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 July 26, 2013.
(ALM Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2013)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: CIV522807
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: LINDA FROST filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
LINDA FROST, aka LINDA LOU MARTIN, aka LINDA LOU ROBERTS to LINDAGRACE FROST.
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: September 11, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2J, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 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: July 23, 2013
/s/ Robert D. Foiles
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013)

T.S. No: A542145 CA Unit Code: A Loan No: 3000013543/ROSE VIRGI AP #1: 060-064-180-7 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: TRUSTEE: ROSE VIRGINIA DRAGOO, TRUSTEE OF THE ROSE VIRGINIA DRAGOO FAMILY TRUST 2000 Recorded January 23, 2006 as Instr. No. 2006-009993 in Book — Page — of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County; CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded May 10, 2013 as Instr. No. 2013-070466 in Book — Page — of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JANUARY 18, 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 553 6TH AVENUE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025 "If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness." Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: SEPTEMBER 3, 2013, AT 12:30 P.M. *AT THE MARSHALL STREET ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS 400 COUNTY CENTER REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$622,854.26. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free



and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 480-5690 or (800) 843-0260 ext 5690 or visit this Internet Web site: <http://www.tacforeclosures.com/sales>, using the file number assigned to this case A542145 A. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. 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 monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: August 6, 2013 CLEAR RECON CORP. as said Trustee, as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary MARLENE CLEGHORN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 4000 W. Metropolitan Drive, Suite 400 Orange, CA 92868-0000 The Beneficiary may be attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or (800) 843-0260 ext 5690 or you may access sales information at <http://www.tacforeclosures.com/sales>. TAC# 965109 PUB: 08/14/13, 08/21/13, 08/28/13
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T.S. No. 2013-1496 Order No. 01180-40640 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/13/2006. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: MISAE RAMIREZ AND MARLENE RAMIREZ Duly Appointed Trustee: S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Deed of Trust recorded 12/21/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-193404 in book XX, page XX of Official

Records in the office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California. Date of Sale: 9/4/2013 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other reasonable estimated charges: \$129,367.77 Street Address or other common designation of purported real property: 3816 FAIR OAKS AVE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025 A.P.N. 060-124-030-2 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the trustee within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 480-5690 or (800) 843-0260 ext 5690 or visit this Internet Web site: <http://www.tacforeclosures.com/sales>, using the file number assigned to this case 2013-1496. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 7/31/2013 S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106 Westlake Village, CA 91362 (818) 991-4600 FRANCIS FRANCO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1053999 8/14, 8/21, 08/28/2013
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-13-549282-JB Order No.: 130081828-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/22/2006. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by 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 publica-

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Classified deadlines for the Weekly and Voice Best Of and Almanac Readers' Choice newspapers have been changed as follows:

August 30 Weekly
Monday, August 26 at Noon
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Company: CGNET Services International Inc.

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tion 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): ERIC J. WEINER AND MANTH NGUYEN, TRUSTEE OF THE NGUYEN-WEINER FAMILY TRUST CREATED OCTOBER 29, 2004 Recorded: 6/29/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-096847 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California; Date of Sale: 9/11/2013 at 12:30:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,209,342.99 The purported property address is: 1650 BEAR GULCH ROAD, WOODSIDE, CA 94062 Assessor's Parcel No.: 072-230-100-9 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-573-1965 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-13-549282-JB . Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. 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, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. 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 holders right's against the real property only. 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. THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141

5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-13-549282-JB IDSPub #0054641 8/21/2013 8/28/2013 9/4/2013 ALM

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-10-381187-AB Order No.: 4519927 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/4/2007. 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 of 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): BRENDA J. ROBINSON AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 10/19/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-152140 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California; Date of Sale: 9/11/2013 at 12:30:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$444,326.59 The purported property address is: 1135 MADERA AVENUE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025 Assessor's Parcel No.: 062-091-270-9 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-573-1965 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-10-381187-AB . Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property

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Mountain View, 1 BR/1 BA - \$1650

Mountain View, 1 BR/1 BA - \$1595

Mountain View, 2 BR/2.5 BA - \$3600

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803 Duplex

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Palo Alto, 1 BR/1 BA - \$1200/mo

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STATE OF MAINE
PROBATE COURT
CUMBERLAND, ss
Docket No. 2012-1180
LEGAL NOTICE TO TODD HAYWARD and LAURIE LITKE, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED BY DUE DILIGENCE. Pursuant to an Order for Service by Publication dated July 31, 2013 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: 1. Kathleen Meade has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will or Appointment of Personal Representative of Both, with regard to the Estate of Inez M. Davis. That Petition asks this Court to approve a codicil to the last will and testament. 2. This proceeding may affect beneficiary rights of Todd Hayward and/ or Laurie Litke. If Todd Hayward and Laurie Litke wish to oppose Petition for Formal Probate of Will or Appointment of Personal Representative of Both or otherwise protect their beneficiary rights, they must file a written response with the Cumberland County Probate Court, 142 Federal Street, Portland, ME 04101, with a copy to J. Colby Wallace, counsel for the Petitioner, PO Box 9729, Portland, ME 04104-5029, no later than twenty (20) days after the first publication date of this Notice. 4. Failure to respond as directed in the preceding paragraph will be deemed a waiver of all objections to the requested relief, which may then be granted without further notice and hearing. Dated: July 31, 2013 /s/ Joseph R. Mazziotti Joseph R. Mazziotti Judge of Probate, Cumberland County, Maine (ALM Aug. 21, 28, 2013)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1369338-31 APN: 063-031-080-3 TRA: 21-019 LOAN NO: Xxxxxx6932 REF: De Guzman, Consuelo IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED April 01, 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. On September 17, 2013, at 12:30pm, Cal-western Reconveyance Llc, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded April 10, 2008, as Inst. No. 2008-039519 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California, executed by Consuelo De Guzman, a Married Woman, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: At the main entrance of the city hall of records

401 Marshall Street Redwood City, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1658 Purdue Ave East Palo Alto CA 94303-1239 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$336,706.54. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (619)590-1221 or visit the internet website www.dlpllc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 1369338-31. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web Site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales information:(619)590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance LLC, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: August 14, 2013. (DLPP-432194 08/28/13, 09/04/13, 09/11/13) ALM

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE APN: 073-133-370-4 Title Order No.: 120293612 Property: 505 MOORE ROAD, WOODSIDE, CA 94062 Trustee Sale No.: 2410.00009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/25/2007. 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. On 09/18/2013 Sage Point Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT drawn on a state or national bank, 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,

or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BELOW MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST Executed by: GARY P. MCKAE AND CYNTHIA L. MCKAE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded on 02/01/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-016664 of Official Records, in the office of the County Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California Date of Sale: 09/18/2013 at 12:30PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 505 MOORE ROAD, WOODSIDE, CA 94062 APN# 073-133-370-4 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is \$5,494,365.41. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. 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 shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (949) 236-5599 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2410.00009. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 08/21/2013 Sage Point Lender Services, LLC 400 Exchange, Suite 110 Irvine, CA 92602 949-265-9940

JOSEPH HIRSCHY FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (949) 236-5599 or visit www.nationwideposting.com SAGE POINT LENDER SERVICES, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0220065 To: COUNTRY ALMANAC PUB: 08/28/2013, 09/04/2013, 09/11/2013

Trustee Sale No.201-065296 Loan No. IE10799 Title Order No.8235679 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED 注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다 NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LU'U Y: KEM THEO ẤY LÀ BẢN TRÍNH BÀY TỜ M LỰOC VÊ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY (PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/10/2009. 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 09/11/2013 at 12:30 PM, PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 08-14-2009, Instrument 2009-109710, and as modified by the Modification of Deed of Trust recorded on 05-03-2010, Instrument 2010-047539, and as modified by the Modification of Deed of Trust recorded on 11-10-2010, Instrument 2010-134685, and as modified by the Modification of Deed of Trust recorded on 05-16-2011, Instrument 2011-054615 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California, executed by GERALD F. SCHUHE, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, LEO KESSELMAN, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction the trustor's interest in the property described below, 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. The sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE MARSHALL ST. ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$665,585.28 (estimated) PROPERTY HAS NO COMMON ADDRESS, FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE PROPERTY, PLEASE SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE INITIAL PUBLICATION TO: LEO KESSELMAN, C/O PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC., 46 N. 2ND ST., CAMPBELL, CA 95008 APN Number: 080-180-060-8 - SEE EXHIBIT "A" FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT "A" THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS GUARANTEE IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, (UNINCORPORATED AREA), COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 1: LOT 21 IN BLOCK 6 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 809 VISTA VERDE NO.2, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 16, 1962 IN BOOK 57 OF MAPS AT PAGES 15 TO 18. EXCEPTING HOWEVER THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PORTION THEREOF: BEGINNING AT THE EASTERNMOST CORNER OF LOT 21 IN BLOCK 5 WHICH IS COMMON TO LOTS 21 AND 22 IN BLOCK 5 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 809 VISTA VERDE NO.2, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY IN BOOK 57 OF MAPS AT PAGES 15, 16, 17 AND 18, RECORDS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING SOUTH 65° 37' 06" WEST, 165.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 19° 28' 06" WEST 193.14 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF LOT 21 WHICH IS COMMON TO LOT 22 SHOWN ON SAID MAP; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID

SOUTHEASTERLY LINE NORTH 40° 40' 06" EAST, 330 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 2: PORTION OF LOT 22 IN BLOCK 6 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 809 VISTA VERDE NO.2, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 16, 1962 IN BOOK 57 OF MAPS AT PAGES 15 TO 18, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 22 IN BLOCK 5 AND RUNNING THENCE ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 22 NORTH 40° 40' 05" EAST 265.82 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID BOUNDARY SOUTH 19° 28' 06" WEST, 257.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 22 AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID LINE NORTH 64° 36' 16" WEST, 96.87 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 3: A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 20 AND 21 IN BLOCK 6 WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF VISTA VERDE WAY ALL AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 809 VISTA VERDE NO.2, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO ON NOVEMBER 16, 1962 IN BOOK 57 OF MAPS AT PAGES 15 TO 18 AND RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF VISTA VERDE WAY ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 325 FEET FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 45.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY LINE AND RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY IN A DIRECT LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 65 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 20 AND 21 DISTANT THEREON SOUTH 22° 00' 35" WEST 55.00 FEET FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID DIVIDING LINE NORTH 22° 00' 35" EAST 55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 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". The following statements, NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS and NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER are statutory notices for all one to four single family residences and a courtesy notice for all other types of properties. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Priority Posting & Publishing at (714) 573-1965 or visit this Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com using the file number assigned to this case 201-065296. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATE: 08-12-2013 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (714) 573-1965, OR VISIT WEBSITE: www.priorityposting.com PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. AS TRUSTEE (408)-370-4030 46 N. Second Street Campbell, CA 95008 ELIZABETH GODBEY, VICE PRESIDENT PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1055286 8/21, 8/28, 09/04/2013 ALM

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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.: CIV523447 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANNE FAGRELL TEARSE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: REBECCA LUCIA ZANGER FAGRELL TEARSE to ISABELLE REBECCA LUCIA ZANGER FAGRELL TEARSE. 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: September 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2J of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 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: August 14, 2013 /s/ Robert D. Foiles JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2013) YORK'S WOOD RESTORATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 257126 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: York's Wood Restoration located at 3130 Alpine Rd. Ste. 288 #160, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County. Registered owner(s): STEVEN GEORGE YORK 350 Grove Drive Portola Valley, CA 94028 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 August 8, 2013. (ALM Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2013)


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