

SECTION 2 *The Almanac* Cover Story



**Jim Salyards**, who is in his 20th year at Filoli, took over running the garden when the longtime head of horticulture, Lucy Tolmach, retired in 2012. For 18 months he shared garden management with Alex Fernandez, who was recently promoted to director of operations for all of Filoli.

## Behind the scenes

Story by **Barbara Wood**  
Photos by **Michelle Le**

Filoli staff, volunteers ready gardens for opening day

It's a Monday, just two weeks before Filoli reopens to the public on Feb. 10, and in the 16 acres of gardens, the staff of 14 is busy pruning, grooming beds, checking the irrigation systems for leaks and malfunctions, mowing and trimming.

The 30 to 40 volunteers who show up each Monday (more

come on Thursdays) have done their morning shift of weeding and tidying the beds and the grounds are immaculate.

The normally serene grounds, located off Canada Road a few miles north of Woodside and a whole world away from the normal suburban sprawl of the Peninsula, are noisy, however.

Tree work is being done with chainsaws, and, because Filoli is normally closed to the public on Mondays, Monday is the day for noisy work such as mowing.

Bedding plants have been placed in their beds, neatly spaced, and in the greenhouses and cold frames, more plants — violets, pansies, columbine, foxgloves and forget-me-not, among them — are growing as they wait for their stint in the spotlight.

Bulbs have been planted in the 3,000 pots that will cycle through the garden. Jim Salyards, Filoli's head of horticulture, hopes that the daffodil variety, called "Fortune," which had begun to bloom for last year's opening day, will do so again this year.

Mr. Salyards says the pots will be swapped three times, so visitors will always have fresh blooms to marvel at. The earliest pots usually bear daffodils and the later pots, tulips. Unless, that is, the pots are in a part of the garden accessible to the dozens

**For 2015 Filoli purchased 70,000 bulbs, including 48,000 tulip bulbs of 57 varieties.**

of deer who live on the 654-acre estate. Those pots won't have tulips, because deer eat tulips. They do not, usually, eat daffodils.

Bulbs take up three-quarters of the annual plant budget, Mr. Salyards says, and for 2015 Filoli purchased 70,000 bulbs. Many of the other garden plants are either grown from seed or propagated, and some plants, such as new roses (the gardeners look for disease-resistant, fragrant varieties), are donated by their growers. Much of the seed is also donated and some is saved from previous seasons.

This year the garden will have 48,000 tulip bulbs of 57 varieties; with 31,000 of them going into pots. In the sunken

garden around the large lily pool, alone, there are 3,500 bulbs of one variety, "Menton." There also will be 20,000 new daffodil, or narcissus, bulbs of 18 varieties. Other bulbs are left in the ground to come back up year after year, such as in the meadow behind the house where 74,000 "Golden Dawn" narcissus have been planted along with California poppies and Arroyo lupine.

In 2010 gardeners planted 15,000 English bluebells near the row of pear trees next to the rose garden, where they come back up each year. Many of the narcissus that were in pots in previous years are massed in open areas of the garden and many of the bulbs in the ground naturalize and come back annually in even larger numbers.

If it is relatively calm in the garden just weeks before the public will arrive in droves (last year 120,000 visitors came during the nine months Filoli was



**Mike Callan**, a more than 10-year Filoli volunteer, trims a pomegranate tree in anticipation of the garden's Feb. 10 reopening.

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**Filoli's head of horticulture** Jim Salyards works in the garden alongside volunteer Rita Fanfelle, one of 130 garden volunteers who keeps Filoli's grounds immaculate for visitors.

### BEHIND THE SCENES

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open, often 1,000 people per day), it is because work has not slowed in the three months the garden has been closed to the public.

In addition to 130 garden volunteers, who each commit to working at least two half-day shifts each month, and the 14 employees, the garden hosts up to five interns or apprentices at a time. Interns, who are usually college students or recent graduates, work for 10 weeks and apprentices stay for six months, Mr. Salyards says. Filoli often hires former interns, with eight of the current 14 garden employees starting as interns, he says.

Some of the volunteers have been at Filoli for decades. Adrienne Bennett, 79, of Menlo Park, has been working in Filoli's gardens for 28 years, since 1987. She says that she started soon after she and her late husband, Hamish Bennett, downsized from an acre in Atherton to a townhouse in Menlo Park. "I suddenly realized I was going to need a garden fix," she says.

Ms. Bennett says that her job as a volunteer is not the most glamorous. "We're just doing weeding and raking up camellia blossoms, and weeding," she says. But the pleasure of making the property look immaculate for visitors is worth all that weeding. "It really give us a lot of pleasure to think we're enhancing the property," she says.

In the winter, the garden's fruit trees, many of them rare heritage varieties, and its many hedges, perennials and shrubs, all must be pruned and cleaned up. In the greenhouses, some of which date back to the original garden, plants are started from seeds or cuttings, and tender plants that will be moved into the house for

display are coddled.

The gardeners regularly grow new plants from the heritage plants in the garden, selling many of them in Filoli's garden and gift shop. Others are kept at the ready to replace plants that die or become diseased.

Displays are plotted out, seeds ordered and plans made. Mr. Salyards says he looks through garden catalogs for inspiration.

What visitors will see when the gates open on Feb. 10 is remarkably similar to the garden that was established by William Bowers Bourn II and Agnes Moody Bourn. The Bourns built their country home between 1915 and 1917 and established the garden between 1917 and 1929.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bourn both died in 1936, the property was sold to William P. and Lurline Matson Roth, who except for adding a swimming pool, kept the gardens much as they had been.

Filoli was donated to the National Trust for Historic Preservation by the Roth family in 1975, and opened to the public in 1976.

Some changes have been made to the gardens, mostly with the idea of adding more interest for visitors, such as the knot gardens and some perennial borders, Mr. Salyards said.

Mr. Salyards, who is in his 20th year at Filoli, took over running the garden when the longtime head of horticulture, Lucy Tolmach retired in 2012 after 35 years at Filoli. For the first 18 months, Mr. Salyards shared management of the garden with Alex Fernandez, who was recently promoted to director of operations for all of Filoli.

Ms. Tolmach and her husband Jonathan, who also worked at Filoli, have moved to a family property outside Ojai in Ventura County, where they have a large

fruit and vegetable garden as well as a family winery. ■

**On the cover:** Jim Salyards in the gardens at Filoli, where he is head of horticulture. (Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac.)



**This 1896 door** came to Filoli from the Bourn family's San Francisco home.



**Jim Salyards** has been working all winter with 14 Filoli employees, 130 volunteers and up to five interns and apprentices to ready the garden for its reopening.



Photo by Saxton Holt

**Camellia walks** will highlight Filoli's reopening.

## Filoli's plans special events for reopening weekend

Filoli reopens to the public on Tuesday, Feb. 10, and has plans for a weekend of special events to celebrate.

"Branches, Blossoms and Buds: Romance of the Winter Garden" is the theme for two days of talks, demonstrations, activities for children and families, and guided walks to see Filoli's collection of more than 250 varieties of camellias.

On both Friday and Saturday there will be flower arranging demonstrations, food demonstrations featuring "decadent chocolates," and camellia walks. On Feb. 13 only, there will be two demonstrations on camellia pruning and care, and a hands-on embroidery workshop (material fee \$10).

Valentine's Day will feature two greenhouse visits and demonstrations of re-potting camellias, a demonstration on "The beauty and artistry of stained glass," and a talk on "How to create masterpieces on your iPad."

Visit [Filoli.org](http://Filoli.org) for times of each walk, activity or talk.

The art exhibit, "Audubon collections, birds and plants, select prints and books from the Filoli collection," will be on display in the Visitor & Education Center through March 22.

Admission is \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors 65 and older, and \$10 for students ages 5 through 17. There is no admission fee for current members of Filoli. General admission includes self-guided or docent-led tours of the house and garden, access to the Cafe, Garden Shop, art exhibit, and docent-led Saturday nature hikes with advance reservations.

The estate is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., except for holidays. Filoli will be open for extended hours on the third Thursday of each summer month, from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., on June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20.

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## Real Estate Matters

### Menlo Park homes inventory drops 59% in December

By Hadar Guibara, Realtor with Sereno Group of Palo Alto

Most people consider December to be a slow month for real estate inventories. That hasn't exactly been the case recently in Menlo Park, until December 2014, when the number of homes on the market dropped to less than half of the number for the previous December.



The 84 homes available in December 2012 and the 56 on the market in the last month of 2013 were consistent with inventory levels of surrounding months. Inventories in those two Decembers could hardly be called "tight." In December 2014, however, just 23 homes were for sale, making it the tightest month, in terms of inventory, in more than two years.

#### Inventory, prices

The reduction in available homes has moved along an obvious path. And so has the reduction in median for-sale prices. Look at the number of homes available and their median list prices during the last four



months of 2014:

- September: 71/\$2,100,000
- October: 68/\$1,991,500
- November: 39/\$1,950,000
- December: 23/\$1,795,000

Home inventory numbers for the last two years overall have been consistent, minus a few peaks and valleys. The closest any month has come to 23 total homes available was 39 in November as shown above. The next closest was 56 in December a year ago.

Throughout 2014, the month-to-month home

inventory average was 66.

As to the median list prices of Menlo Park homes, December's \$1,795,000 was the lowest since \$1,785,000 in July. Aside from these two months, the median price hasn't dipped below \$1,800,000 since November 2013.

How will inventories fare as we move into 2015? We've yet to run definitive stats for any period this year, but we can take a look at the current Menlo Park Multiple Listing Service data for some clues.

Among single-family detached homes, condos and townhomes, a total of just 17 properties show up on the MLS in mid-January. The price range spans from \$699,000 to \$3,650,000, giving us a median list price of \$2,174,500.

Looking at inventories for the December-March periods in the last two years, we notice that levels changed little from month to month. In other words, we're smart not to hold our breath in expectation of large numbers of new listings showing up over the next few months. Where price is concerned, we might see a little rebound.

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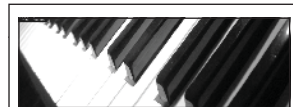
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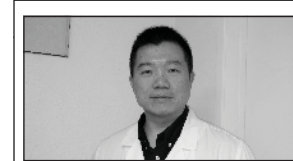
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# Public Notices

**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

**JUAN CARLOS AGUILAR GARDENING SERVICE**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: M-263466  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Juan Carlos Aguilar Gardening Service, located at 1102 Henderson Ave., Apt. 2, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
**JUAN CARLOS AGUILAR**  
1102 Henderson Ave. Apt. 2  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 2, 2015. (ALM Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2015)

**PANALO**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: M-263545  
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Panalo, located at 425 Broadway St., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
**ONE VIRTUAL SOURCE, LLC**  
425 Broadway St.  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 7, 2015. (ALM Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2015)

**VETERANS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 263666  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Veterans Construction Services, located at 1875 South Grant Street #910, San Mateo, CA 94420, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
**DIJANE R. LEWIS**  
222 Millbrae Lane, Apt. 8  
Los Gatos, CA 95032  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 16, 2015. (ALM Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2015)

**SILICON VALLEY GLOBAL MEDIA**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 263475  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Silicon Valley Global Media, located at 3600 Rolison Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
**SERGIO JOHN MALDONADO**  
3412 Hoover St.  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 2, 2015. (ALM Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2015)

**TACKED OUT PRODUCTIONS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 263442  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Tacked Out Productions, located at 2195 Greenways Dr., Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
**NICCOLLO LOVAZZANO**  
2195 Greenways Dr.  
Woodside, CA 94062  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 30, 2014. (ALM Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2015)

**CANDLEPOWER PRESS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: M-263583  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Candlepower Press, located at 1100 Sharon Park Dr. #4, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
**DORIS J. HARRY**  
1100 Sharon Park Dr. #4  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 9, 2015. (ALM Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2015)

**SPHYNX CONSULTING**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 263658  
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Sphynx Consulting, located at 188 Stone Pine Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San

Mateo County.  
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
**BLANKA SKUBNIK**  
188 Stone Pine Lane  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/02/2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 15, 2015. (ALM Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2015)

**CIRPOL**  
CIRPOL CONSULTING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 263781  
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Cirpol, 2.) Cirpol Consulting, located at 2081 Camino Al Lago, Menlo Park, CA 94027, San Mateo County, (Unincorporated).  
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
**PAUL DANIEL**  
2081 Camino Al Lago  
Menlo Park, CA 94027  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/12/2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 27, 2015. (ALM Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015)

**QED MATH SCHOOL**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: M-263807  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
QED Math School, located at 35 Loree Ln., Millbrae, CA 94030, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
**XIAOFAN DENG**  
35 Loree Ln.  
Millbrae, CA 94030  
**MIGUEL CONCY**  
2319 20th Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 28, 2015. (ALM Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015)

**BEST FRIENDS HEALTH CARE SERVICES**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 263816  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Best Friends Health Care Services, located at 220 Greenway Drive, Pacifica, CA 94044; Mailing address: 260

Ferndale Ave., South San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
**PAMELA T. LEE**  
260 Ferndale Ave.  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
**ELIZABETH SIMMONS**  
220 Greenway Drive  
Pacifica, CA 94044  
This business is conducted by: Copartners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 28, 2015. (ALM Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015)

**ZYRO**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: M-263808  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Zyro, located at 3130 Alpine Road, #288, #606, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
**GUMSTIX, INC.**  
3130 Alpine Road, #288, #606  
Portola Valley, CA 94028  
Delaware  
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 28, 2015. (ALM Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015)

**997 All Other Legals**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No.**  
1390118-31 APN: 057-114-060 TRA: 73-030 LOAN No: Xxxxxx4256 REF: Birkeland, Michael IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED September 21, 2012. 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 March 10, 2015, at 1:00pm, Cal-western Reconveyance Llc, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded September 28, 2012, as Inst. No. 2012-141586 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California, executed by Michael Birkeland, A Married Man As His Sole and Separate Property, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: San mateo county courthouse so. branch hall of justice & Records 400 County Center Redwood City, Marshall St Entrance San Mateo, 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: 41 West Summit Drive Emerald Hills CA 94062-3340 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: \$729,187.80. 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 (800)280-2832 or visit the Internet Web Site, [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), using the file number assigned to this

case 1390118-31. 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: (800)280-2832 Cal-Western Reconveyance LLC, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: January 08, 2015. (DLPP-441244 01/21/15, 01/28/15, 02/04/15) ALM  
2ND AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: CIV531554  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: MOHAMMAD REZA VAHDATPOUR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MOHAMMAD REZA VAHDATPOUR to MOHAMMAD REZA MARK VAHDATPOUR.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: February 25, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, 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: January 20, 2015  
/s/ John L. Grandsaert  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2015)  
T.S. No: V545560 CA Unit Code: V Loan No: 7966-26/MEDINA AP #1: 055-382-340 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, 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: Trustor: MARIA S. MEDINA, ALEJANDRO E. VALENCIA Recorded January 31, 2008 as Instr. No. 2008-009928 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 October 17, 2014 as Instr. No. 2014-094945 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 7, 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. 1341 CARLTON 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: FEBRUARY 17, 2015, 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 \$507,330.86. 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

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the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: January 19, 2015 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee CHERYL L. GRECH, 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: (888) 988-6736 or you may access sales information at salestrack.tdsf.com TAC# 971296 PUB: 01/28/15, 02/04/15, 02/11/15  
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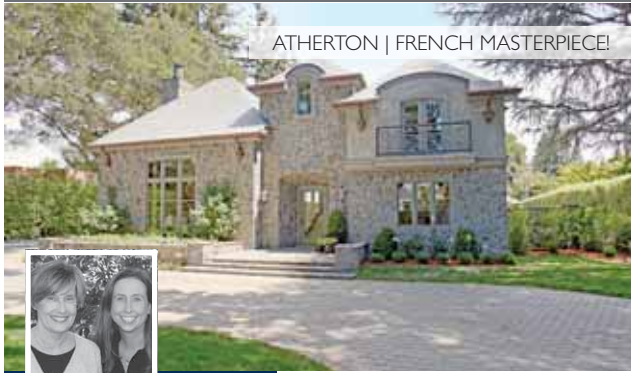


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Enjoy stunning Bay views from this gorgeous 1 AC+ property w/ PA schools. Contemporary 4bd/3ba, gourmet kitch w/ sub zero refrig. Mbr w/private deck.



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**HOSSEIN JALALI**  
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**1320 AMERICAN WAY \$3,100,000**  
Beautifully designed, this home features quality craftsman inside & out. Lrg entry, bright LR w/ fireplace & formal DR & Chef's kitchen. MP Schools!



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**HANNA SHACHAM**  
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**3725 EL CENTRO ST \$3,095,000**  
Spectacular & brand new 4 bed, 3 bath home in the beautiful area of Barron Park! Elegance & finesse. Top Palo Alto schools.



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**32 HOMER LANE \$2,598,000**  
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**BILLY MCNAIR**  
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**127 LAUREL AVENUE \$2,195,000**  
Ideal Willows location & walking distance to downtown Palo Alto. Separate detached cottage ideal for in-law, au pair, home office or rec space. 3/2.

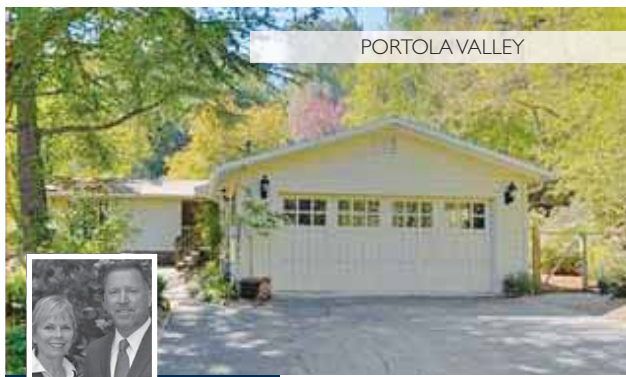


PALO ALTO



**VALERIE SOLTAU**  
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**709 SEMINOLE \$1,950,000**  
Convenient Palo Alto location w/ remodeled chef's kitchen & open floor plan. Wonderful slate backyard patio ideal for California entertaining!

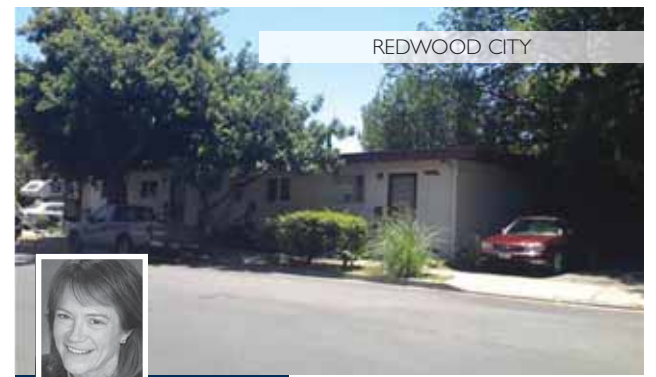


PORTOLA VALLEY



**JEAN & CHRIS ISAACSON**  
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**377 WAYSIDE RD \$1,750,000**  
Approached through a dramatic redwood canyon, this beautifully remodeled single level 2BD/2BA home rests in a sunny woodland setting of aprx. 1.5 ac.



REDWOOD CITY



**SARAH RIVERS**  
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**1235 WOODSIDE RD \$949,950**  
Excellent investment opportunity. Four 1BD/1BA units fully occupied. Well maintained and updated. Close to shops, transportation, schools and parks.



PALO ALTO



**HOSSEIN JALALI**  
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**765 SAN ANTONIO RD #56 \$830,000**  
Top floor in lovely Greenhouse complex w/ Treetop view from balcony. Updates throughout! Convenient access to 101, 280 & 85. Top Palo Alto schools!

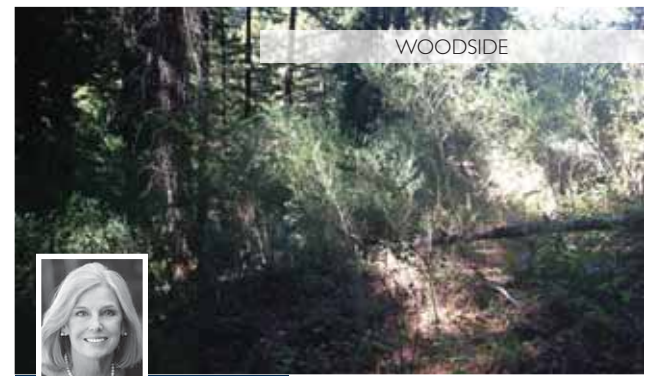


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**CRISTINA BLISS**  
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**146 GRANT ST \$675,000**  
Explore the possibilities! Large lot zoned R2 in the heart of San Mateo. RV parking, lots of storage, walk to downtown and schools!



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**MARGOT LOCKWOOD**  
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CalBRE #01017519

**17600 SKYLINE BLVD \$199,000**  
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