

Wine scandal leaves Sausalito with a bad taste

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This is a story about wine, but it won't be swirled, sipped or savored. Rather, it will be lost, allegedly stolen, and finally cooked in a great blaze.

Many in Sausalito still can't believe who is at the center of the tale — a man so woven into the civic fabric that he called himself “Joe Sausalito” in his slice-of-Marin-life newspaper column. He was a gregarious city commissioner with influential friends, and an oenophile who belonged to the local wine society — that is, until the society's 1959 Chateau Lafite-Rothschild vanished.

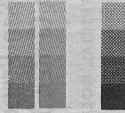
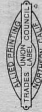


**Mark
Anderson**

Police say Mark Anderson abused the trust he built, starting a wine storage firm for collectors and then selling 8,000 bottles out the back door to fund a lavish lifestyle. Facing embezzlement charges, police say, Anderson kept right on selling — then really fouled things up when he tried to cover his tracks.

Federal prosecutors recently accused Anderson
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