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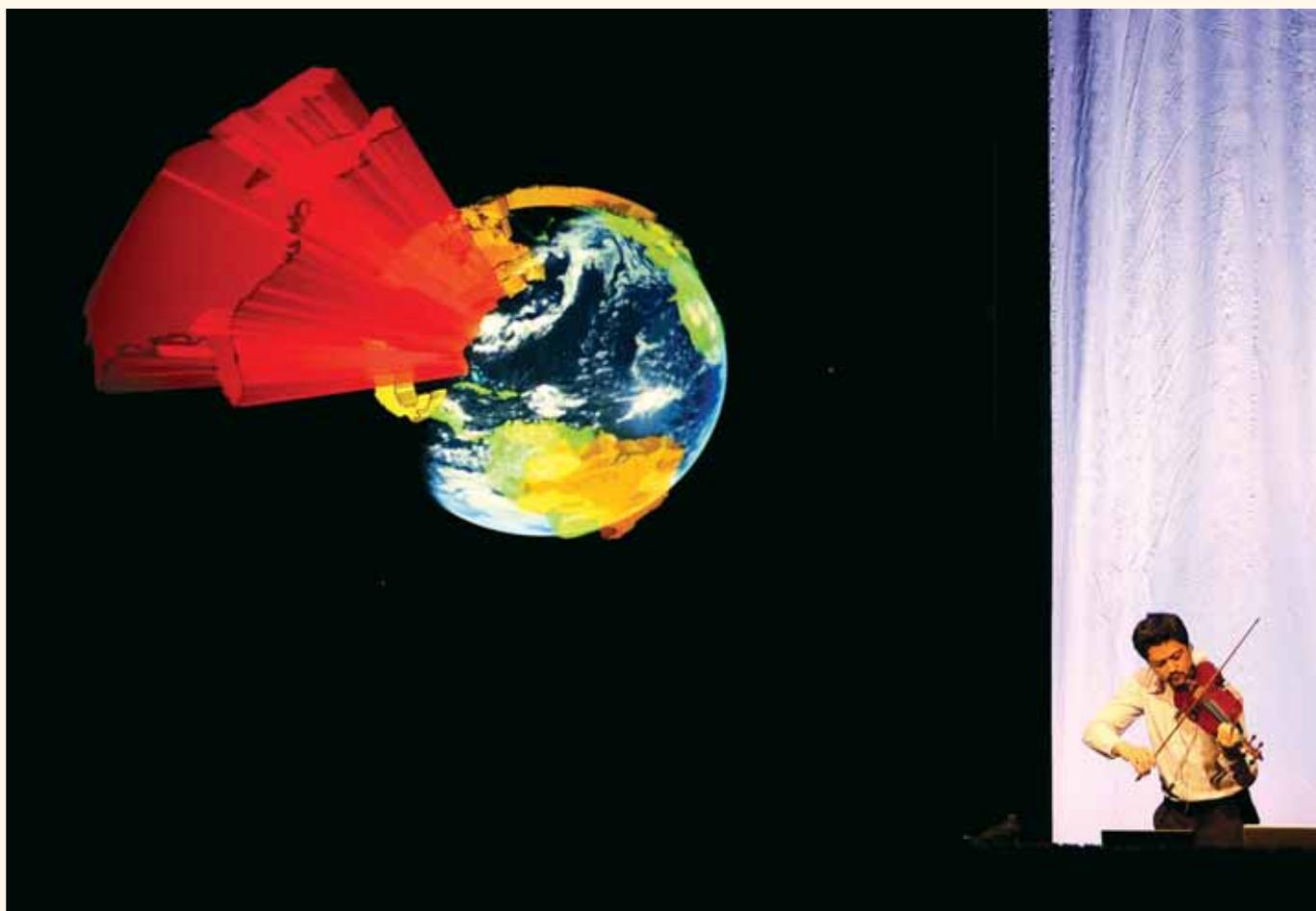
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BEAUTIFUL EARTH:

Musician Kenji Williams performs "Bella Gaia" alongside an image depicting world oil consumption during the opening ceremony for International Space University, held at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts on Monday. The highly regarded program will be located at NASA Ames this summer. See story, page 7.

Train Depot set to become wine bar

COUNCIL PICKS SAVVY CELLAR TO TAKE OVER DOWNTOWN LANDMARK

By Daniel DeBolt

It took seven years, but the city has finally found a use for downtown's replica 1888 Train Depot.

Last week the City Council picked Savvy Cellar Wines, Inc. to lease the structure, which was built in 2002 for the city's centennial celebration. Savvy Cellar plans to operate a wine bar out of the building similar to a business it runs in Redwood City.

City manager Kevin Duggan said Savvy Cellar has been interested in the site for several years and has been on the council's short list of prospective tenants. The council has been in discussion with own-

ers Jennifer Ayre and Brent Harrison since November, when a deal fell through with

"We are, and have always been, the right business for the train station in Mountain View."

JENNIFER AYRE

local restaurant operator Christine Tran. After several closed sessions during

which the council discussed the company's finances, among other things, the choice was made official at last week's council meeting.

"We are, and have always been, the right business for the train station in Mountain View," Ayre said in an e-mail in November. "We have a proven track record and business plan. We have not, and will not, go out of business." The owners would not comment more recently because a lease had not been signed yet.

Savvy Cellar plans to serve wine and "light foods" and to sell wine by the bottle.

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Grant Road project pits MV against LA

COUNCIL DISMISSES TRAFFIC WORRIES, APPROVES 53 NEW HOMES ON FORMER FARM

By Daniel DeBolt

After years of controversy and grief over the loss of the city's beloved pumpkin patch, the City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved 53 new homes on the site of the former Grant Road farm. It would have been a relatively calm vote, too, if not for a last-minute blitz from Los Altos over perceived traffic impacts.

Residents and officials from the neighboring city, including city manager Douglas Schmitz and Los Altos City Council member David Casas, stood before the Mountain View council to decry a design they said would result in traffic problems for Los Altos on Covington Road.

Specifically, they disliked a proposed four-way intersection which would move Levin Avenue south to connect it with Covington Road across Grant Road, a street layout originally planned in 1984.

"The intersection takes Mountain View's

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Kanter off to D.C. — and taking Plotkin with her

By Casey Weiss

Martha Kanter finally got approval to become under-secretary of education, and the outgoing Foothill-De Anza chancellor left for Washington this week. In a surprise announcement, one of the college district's longtime trustees, Hal Plotkin, has said that he will be joining her there.

Plotkin, who has served on the col-

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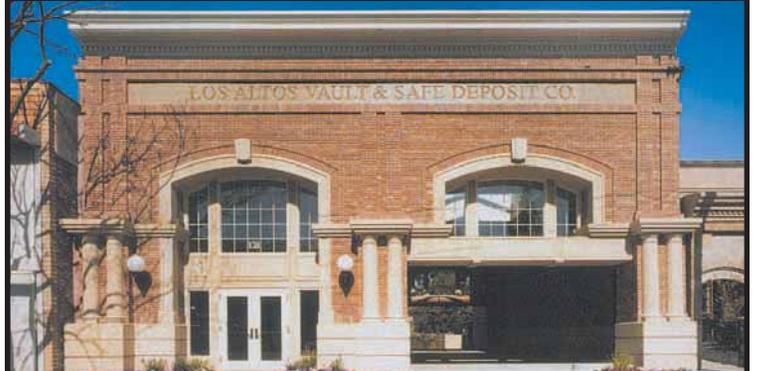
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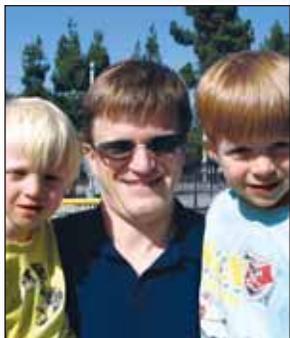
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Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Daniel DeBolt and Casey Weiss.

What are you doing for the Fourth of July?



"We're probably going to take the Caltrain to the city, at least if these guys get their way."

Jan, Nicolas and Luca Thiele,
Sunnyvale



"I'm going camping in Half Moon Bay."

Jackson Bartlett, Mountain View



"I think I am going to Santa Cruz to watch fireworks."

Ryan Stevenson, Santa Clara



"I am going to Fisherman's Wharf. I'll just watch the fireworks. I am not really from here."

Roselynn Gentels, Tampa, Florida



"I am going climbing in Yosemite."

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Fireworks show returns to Shoreline

NIGHT OF LIGHTS AND MUSIC AMONG SEVERAL PENINSULA EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

By Casey Weiss

All over the Peninsula, cities will be celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks, parades and other events — though the most spectacular show is probably the one in Mountain View's back yard.

Shoreline Amphitheatre is holding its 23rd annual "Fireworks Spectacular" on the night of Saturday, July 4 starting at 8 p.m. Shoreline is joining forces with the San Francisco Symphony, which will play many selections including Disney songs, music from "2001: A Space Odyssey," "The Planets" and "Star Trek." During the Star Trek retrospective, actor George Takei, a cast member of the original television series, will be guest narrator.

Many tickets to the event appear to be sold out, but as of press time a number of \$30 tickets were still available online by going to www.livenation.com/edp/eventId/408122. Parking at Shoreline costs \$10. Residents can also watch the fireworks show from the Palo Alto Baylands or from Shoreline Park.

Other major Fourth of July events on the Peninsula include:

■ The 28th annual Palo Alto Chili Cook-Off. Twenty teams will be competing at Mitchell Park, located at 600 E. Meadow Drive in Palo Alto, to serve the best chili on Saturday, July 4 from noon to 5 p.m. There will be live music and arts and crafts. The event is free, but to taste the chili participants pay \$5 to try out five different chilies. They then vote on the best recipe, and one chef leaves the event a chili champion. For more information, call (650) 463-4953 or visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/recreation.

■ The Fourth of July Parade & Celebration in Menlo Park. The parade starts at Santa Cruz and Chestnut and runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The celebration starts at noon at Burgess Park and includes games, crafts and music. There is a \$6 fee for the parade and activities. For more information, call (650) 330-2200, e-mail kmwhiteaker@menlopark.org or visit www.menlopark.org. ■



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Officer Marco Garcia signs "Never look back" on Julisa Arrayga's shirt as fellow players wait their turn for an autograph during the last day of the "Kick, Lead and Dream" soccer camp.

Advancing the ball at soccer camp

AT-RISK KIDS TURN OUT IN DROVES FOR THIRD ANNUAL 'KICK, LEAD AND DREAM'

By Casey Weiss

Looking out at his 250 soccer camp players last week, Akash Nigam said he never imagined this program for at-risk kids would grow so big when he and a few peers from Mountain View High started it three years ago.

Today, the "Kick, Lead and Dream" program brings police, teenage coaches and at-risk children together for two weeks

to play soccer and build team and leadership skills. Camp leaders of the program, which wrapped up on June 26, hope it helps keep the players away from drugs and gangs.

Each day the young players practiced drills and scrimmaged with their coaches. Also, athletes from the San Francisco 49ers and San Jose Earthquakes came to talk about integrity and teamwork.

The free camp started in 2006 with 25 players, but now

has about 50 coaches and 250 players ranging in age from 8 to 15.

"I never knew it would grow this big. We have a lot of people in this community who really care," said Nigam, who is stepping down as head counselor this year and will start college in fall 2010. "I am going to say a big good-bye. You have made a big impact in my life and hopefully I have made one in

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■ CITY BRIEFS

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS NEW BATTALION CHIEF

The Mountain View Fire Department has a new battalion chief in Cliff Del Carlo, a 27-year veteran of the department.

Del Carlo was promoted from fire captain on May 31. He and two other battalion chiefs take turns, in two-day shifts, overseeing the day-to-day operations of all of the city's fire stations.

Police chief and interim fire Chief Scott Vermeer wrote in a memo that Del Carlo was a "competent emergency scene manager providing strong leadership and sound tactical direction," and that he had a "calm and logical approach to personnel issues."

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS, CONCERTS START THIS MONTH

Cuesta Park, Eagle Park and Rengstorff Park will be the site of Friday night outdoor movie showings for local youths this summer.

The first movie night is Friday, July 10 at Cuesta Park with the showing of "Madagascar 2." On July 24, "Happy Feet" will be shown at Eagle Park, and on Aug. 7, "Kung Fu Panda" will be shown at Rengstorff Park.

The events are sponsored by the city's Youth Advisory Commission and Recreation Division. All shows are free and start at 8:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blanket or lawn chair.

Meanwhile, another free outdoor series, also sponsored by the city, is coming to Cuesta and Rengstorff parks and to Castro Street starting this month.

The 2009 Summer Concert Series, also known as "Thursday Night Live," begins July 9 with a 6:30-8 p.m. show at Castro and Dana streets by the Joe Sharino Band. A total of six concerts will run through late August.

For more on both series, visit the city's Web site at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us.

— Daniel DeBolt

More trouble at Americana over roof work

RESIDENTS SAY MANAGEMENT GAVE LITTLE NOTICE TO CLEAR OUT BEFORE ASBESTOS DUST FALLS

By Daniel DeBolt

Residents of the Americana apartment complex say they have been asked to spend the Fourth of July weekend moving out of their apartments to prevent asbestos dust from raining on their belongings during roof work.

According to several calls and e-mails to the *Voice* from residents, Prometheus Real Estate Group wants to put new roofs on five of the Americana's 22 buildings this summer, spending three weeks per building. Built in the 1970s, the buildings have fire retardant "popcorn" coating on the ceilings made of asbestos, which is known to cause cancer when inhaled and which came loose during roof work in the complex in 2007.

Work begins on the first building on July 6, but temporary housing has only recently become available. As a result, some residents may have to spend the Fourth of July weekend moving.

The Americana apartment complex, located at 707 Continental Circle, is owned by the Palo Alto-based Tan Group and managed by the Prometheus Real Estate Group, which also hopes to build 214 apartments at the Minton's Lumber site on Evelyn Avenue.

An assistant manager at the Americana refused to speak with the *Voice* about

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lege district's board of trustees for seven years, plans to resign July 6 to become a senior policy advisor in the U.S. Department of Education reporting to Kanter.

Local voters first elected Plotkin, a journalist, author and former Foothill student, to the board in 2003. He ran unopposed in 2007.



Martha Kanter



Hal Plotkin

During his time on the board, he served as president and worked on passing the district's 2006 bond, Measure C.

"Hal's knowledge as a trustee, journalist and policy-maker will be invaluable as we work to accomplish the exciting education agenda for the nation that President Obama and Secretary Duncan have put before us," Kanter said in a press release.

Obama tapped Kanter for the position early this spring, and the U.S. Senate confirmed her as the new undersecretary of education on June 19. She officially stopped working for the community college district on Tuesday, and the next day was sworn in to the new position.

In her new role, Kanter will report to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, overseeing pro-

grams and policies connected to postsecondary education, vocational and adult education and federal student aid.

Kanter, who has been with Foothill-De Anza for more than 15 years, spent her final days with the district attending commencement ceremonies and working with the incoming interim chancellor, Mike Brandy. Brandy, former chancellor of business services, is filling in until the board selects a new chancellor.

Trustees are scheduled to make a decision on a new chancellor by Dec. 1, and will decide how to fill Plotkin's seat after he resigns. His term would have expired in 2011. ■

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NEWS BRIEFS

HOMEOWNER ALLEGEDLY ATTACKS HOA BOARD MEMBER

Police arrested a man last Wednesday who they say expressed his anger against the Home Owners Association by menacing a board member with a hammer and a two-by-four.

Suspect Wade Ang, 36, was angry with the Home Owners Association of his townhouse complex because the association had not followed through with repairs to his unit on Royal Court Road, said police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

Ang approached one of the association's board members with a hammer and allegedly threatened him at around 8:30 a.m., Wylie said. The victim was able to get the hammer away from Ang and threw it in the bushes.

But Ang allegedly grabbed a wooden two-by-four and swung it at the victim. He then allegedly pushed the victim to the ground and stood over him swinging it and threatening the victim, Wylie said. Construction workers who saw the fight were able to disarm Ang, and the victim called the police.

Police arrested Wade on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and battery.

HOMELESS MAN CHARGED WITH BRANDISHING WEAPON

Mountain View police arrested a 55-year-old homeless man for allegedly brandishing a deadly weapon at officers in front of Chevy's Fresh Mex restaurant.

Police say Corey Baker was running, jumping and yelling at two customers at the entrance of the restaurant on El Camino Real on Monday, June 22 at around 7:30 p.m. They say they were able to calm the suspect down and had him sitting on the floor, but Baker then allegedly got up, grabbed a four-foot bamboo stick with a wire hook from his wheelchair, and started threatening police.

"It's a homemade weapon that would cause some serious injury," said police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

The officers took out tasers, which caused Baker to put down his weapon before the tasers had to be used, Wylie said.

THIRTEEN CAR BURGLARIES IN ONE NEIGHBORHOOD

Mountain View police are looking for three or more men who apparently broke into 13 different cars in the same neighborhood last Wednesday.

Police say the thieves went up and down La Salle and Preston drives south of El Camino, either breaking into cars or entering cars that were unlocked, and stole small items. They took stereo equipment and sunglasses, and spokesperson Liz Wylie said police were still talking to victims to see what else was missing.

In some cases, Wylie said, "The cars were just ransacked, but nothing was taken. It's just hard to know." Police believe the burglaries are all related since "they were all in the same area," she said.

One area resident said she saw three Hispanic men trying to enter a car. They left in a white boxy van, possibly a Dodge, Wylie said. The witness described the suspects as being in their 20s or 30s and all wearing dark clothes.

—Casey Weiss

POLICE ARREST ALLEGED PEEPING TOM ON SHORELINE BLVD

A resident of an apartment complex at 750 N. Shoreline Blvd. was arrested Sunday for allegedly peeping into people's windows around his apartment complex.

Police say 28-year-old Bogden Dimitru was "peeping and prowling" on two occasions. The latest incident was at 10:47 p.m. on Sunday, said police spokesperson Liz Wylie. The alleged victim, a young woman, immediately called police, who were able to find the suspect in the complex based on her description, Wylie said.

Police then called a man and woman who were alleged victims of a May 18 peeping tom case, and they were able to positively identify Dimitru as well, Wylie said. Police could not find the suspect on May 18 because that crime was not reported for several hours, she added.

Dimitru was booked into county jail on \$3,000 bail. He is charged with two counts of prowling and one count of peeping, all misdemeanors.

—Daniel DeBolt

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Momentous opening for Space University

By Daniel DeBolt

The International Space University had its official opening ceremony on Tuesday, putting Mountain View among other world-class cities, such as Barcelona and Beijing, deemed fit to host the august summer program.

Space enthusiasts from around the world gathered in the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts to see the ceremony, which kicked off the 22nd year of study at International Space University, or ISU, a roving space program settling for the summer at NASA Ames Research Center.

ISU has been educating many of the world's future leaders in space exploration, and this year, at NASA Ames, 130 graduate students from various backgrounds will investigate whether humans could settle in caves on Mars, among other things.

The event was a big enough deal that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger sent in a recorded greeting, which was projected onto a large screen.

"Welcome to California," he said in his famous accent to "130 students from around the world ... even Austria, yes!" He applauded those people who would explore the "vast unknowns of space."

The governor added that "California has something for everybody," and he hoped that when the students leave they say, "I'll be back."

The mayors of Mountain

View and Sunnyvale, Margaret Abe-Koga and Tony Spitaleri, agreed to share the title of "Heart of Silicon Valley" between the two cities for the night, and took the opportunity to give the reputation of both places a boost.

Moderator Seth Shostak of SETI described Mountain View as a place where, at a coffee shop, you might meet a young person "busy coding so they can become a millionaire before they are 30 so they can afford an apartment somewhere."

A striking multimedia presentation to a live violin performance followed, giving a visual depiction of the delicate nature of life on Earth. Using computer animation, an image of the planet showed air traffic patterns, asteroids swirling around the Earth and oil consumption per country.

ISU founder and trustee Peter Diamandis said the challenges facing space exploration were not in conflict with the challenges facing life on Earth. Diamandis said the purpose of the ISU was to "create a cadre of leaders who believe they can take on those challenges."

The opening ceremony also was held to acknowledge Singularity University, a similar space education program founded by Diamandis which will be housed at NASA Ames Research Center permanently. ■

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TRAIN DEPOT

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The company may also use the space to teach its highly regarded classes on wine. The company plans to open the new location on Nov. 1 this year.

The previous deal with Tran fell through last year. She planned to serve beer, wine, "artisan cheese" and Acme bread along with delicacies made at her restaurant,

which closed last year shortly after she was selected. Instead she opened Artisan Wine Depot at 400 Villa Street.

The city will get \$30,000 a year in rent from Savvy Cellar for the first five years of the 10 year lease. Once the lease is signed, the city will give Savvy Cellar \$225,000 for tenant improvements to the inside of the 1,100-square-foot "ticket office" space, which lacks sheetrock and appropriate plumbing and electrical.

The deal also includes use of a portion of Centennial Plaza for seating.

"They have been very successful in Redwood City," where they are known as good "community members," said city manager Kevin Duggan.

For more information about the business, visit www.savvycellar.com. ■

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yours."

Kick, Lead and Dream was held at Cherry Chase Elementary School in Sunnyvale this year, and for the first time the camp is including Sunnyvale

kids in addition to those from Mountain View and Los Altos.

The camp is a collaboration between the high school students, their parents, the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and the Mountain View Police Activities League. Local agencies and community members also helped fund the

camp.

During a June 26 award ceremony for players, coaches, parents and community members, Mountain View Police Chief Scott Vermeer said, "A lot of people talk, but not a lot of people walk the walk. Thank you to everyone who gave so much." ■

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Thursday, July 9, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at:

Building 943 Eagle Room
1 NASA Parkway
Mountain View, CA 94025

*Building 943 (Public Affairs Building) is located just before the main gate on NASA Parkway

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities under way at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement.

To review documents on Moffett Field environmental restoration projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6337.

For more information, contact Mr. John Hill, Navy Base Closure Manager, at: (619) 532-0985 or john.m.hill@navy.mil, or Ms. Kathy Stewart, Navy Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator at: (415) 743-4715 or kathryn.stewart@navy.mil.

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Thursday, July 30,
2 – 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 6,
6 – 7:30 p.m.
650-853-2960

What You Need to Know About Warfarin

Wednesday, July 15, 2 – 4 p.m., 650-853-2960

Managing Your High Blood Pressure

Wednesday, July 15, 6 – 8 p.m., 650-853-2960

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Thursday, August 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., 650-853-2960

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

Free orientation, Monday, September 2, 6:30 - 9 p.m..
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Tuesday, July 14, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.,
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Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m. – noon,
650-853-2961

Heart Smart Class

Tuesdays, July 21 & 28, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., 650-853-2961



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Tuesday, July 7 or August 4,
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Preparing for Baby

Tuesday, July 14 or August 4, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.,
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Infant Emergencies and CPR

Wednesday, July 22 or
Wednesdays, August 5 & 26,
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the plan. Regional portfolio manager Jeff Buck did not return a phone call by press time.

Five Americana buildings underwent roof work in 2007, causing high concentrations of asbestos dust to fall in some top-floor apartments. Asbestos was found at four times the allowable limit in one case, according to Prometheus' own documents.

One family won a \$7,500 small claims settlement against Prometheus after the company could not guarantee that the family's furniture and other belongings were free of asbestos. It was a "learning experience," manager Linda Rodriguez said at the time.

This time around, residents say Prometheus has proactively planned to test for asbestos dust, a measure that residents had to push for in 2007. And Prometheus has promised to cover belongings left behind in the apartments to protect them from asbestos dust. (Residents will likely leave many large belongings behind since the temporary housing is furnished.) And Prometheus has offered some residents the option of ending lease agreements so they can move out.

Despite these efforts, many residents are unhappy, saying that Americana management gave little notice about the need for them to move out.

"They are asking us to move our lives over" in one weekend, said one resident, who wished to remain anonymous. "But they've been planning this for months."

A notice was sent out to residents on June 18, but temporary housing, possibly in vacant apartments elsewhere on the site, won't be available until July 3. The first building is scheduled to begin work on July 6, leaving about 10 households in the first building only the July 4 weekend to move. At least some would have to cancel weekend plans, according to the complaints.

Residents said Prometheus has not made it clear whether there will be a thorough cleaning of any asbestos dust left behind after the roof work, which required special vacuum cleaners and wipes in 2007.

"All renters are fuming over the lack of advanced notice, the cost that will be incurred that we have to bear on our own for moving and timing that this is being handled in," wrote one resident in an e-mail. ▀

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City may sue Navy over Hangar One

By Daniel DeBolt

The Mountain View City Council unanimously decided Tuesday night that the city should pursue a range of serious actions to save the iconic Hangar One at Moffett Field, even if it means a lawsuit against the Navy.

"I think we're at a very critical stage right now," said city manager Kevin Duggan. "The Navy is now moving expeditiously within the next few weeks to have the siding removed," he said, referring to Navy efforts to award a contract to tear down the hangar's toxic siding, despite there being no plans to replace it. "They will take a stronger and stronger position that they have no choice but to proceed."

"There are very few iconic structures in Silicon Valley," Duggan continued. "This clearly is a unique example of the history in the area being reflected in a structure. Once the siding is removed, there could be long-term harm."

Talks have reached a stalemate between the Navy and the hangar's

current owner, NASA Ames, to find funds to re-skin the hangar, estimated to require between \$15 and \$40 million. The Navy says any delay in removing the Hangar's toxic siding could cost millions more in funds allocated to the project. Meanwhile, years of effort by every elected official in the area, including Rep. Anna Eshoo, have failed to put a better plan in place than leaving the hangar as a bare skeletal frame.

Local preservationists have called for a Hangar One summit between elected officials, NASA and the Navy to solve the problem, but the Navy hasn't responded to that request, which was made at the June 11 Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board meeting.

"It seems like we've been trying the diplomatic approach" for a long time, said council member Laura Macias. "This is tomorrow. I don't think we have time for the convening of important people."

The council agreed to have Duggan, city attorney Michael Martello and Mayor Margaret Abeko look at all options, including

"advertising that our very capable city attorney is looking at a government lawsuit," said council member Mike Kasperzak. Council members also wanted the city to work with Eshoo in contacting President Barack Obama's new Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus.

"The city attorney should contact the Palo Alto and Sunnyvale city attorneys for help in stopping this," added council member Jac Siegel. They should "look immediately at getting an injunction."

Lenny Siegel, a local expert on Superfund site cleanups around the country and at Moffett Field, said on Wednesday that a lawsuit was feasible. The Superfund law that governs the cleanup of the hangar allows lawsuits against the federal government to stop or delay such projects, Siegel said. And a legal argument could be made that the Navy has not fulfilled requirements for historic preservation.

"It only takes one city" to put forth "the lawyer who can make the precise legal arguments to prevail," he said. ▀

COUNCIL

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growth and throws it directly onto Los Altos," said Los Altos resident John Bear. "There is a point when the proverbial straw breaks the camel's back. I would recommend Mountain View be a good neighbor to Los Altos and be a part of the solution not part of the problem."

Casas, the Los Altos council member, appeared to think the proposed design was flawed and would require "traffic calming" on Covington. Even so, he acknowledged, "Realigning Levin is a rational thing from a design standpoint." He went on to admit that the Los Altos neighbors closest to the intersection did not oppose it, but those near Miramonte Avenue did.

Mountain View's traffic engineers estimate that the 53 new homes will generate an average of 530 new car trips a day, or 10 per household. Only about 222 of those trips would go down Covington, the city estimates.

"Even if it's double that, is it really going to make a difference?" asked council member Jac Siegel. "It's going to help Grant Road — we have a traffic problem there we are trying to solve. A lot of Los Altos people are driving down Grant Road."

Covington Road resident Paul Marco said he was one of the Los Altos residents "implored" to attend the meeting. He said traffic was already bad, and expressed concern about the kids walking or biking to Blach Middle School on Covington. He added that he was not aware of Los Altos taking any

action to slow traffic on the street.

An elderly Los Altos resident said he had a hard time backing out of his home on Covington, and a hard time turning onto Grant Road. He said a traffic increase would make it even harder.

Los Altos speakers also said the Mountain View traffic study was flawed. But the City Council and several Mountain View neighbors of the site dismissed the complaints.

"I didn't hear one cogent argument on what was flawed," said council member Tom Means.

A handful of Mountain View neighbors actually urged the council to approve the project.

"Two hundred trips a day — I don't think it will make any significant impact whatsoever," said Tom Holmes, a Preston Drive resident. "This is kind of a no-brainer decision for you guys. Let's move on."

The owners of the Grant Road farm property, Betty Moore and Pauline King, said they were pleased with the project's design. In the past they had been criticized for not working with a local group that wanted to preserve a portion of the 15 acres as a heritage farm.

"Connecting Levin with Covington, it creates a much safer way for neighbors to exit onto Grant Road," Moore said. She added that the "orchard planting" along Grant Road "will be a beautiful entry" into the new neighborhood.

"I admit to being one of those crazy people that wanted the heritage farm," said council member Laura Macias. "What a beautiful project. Integration with an older neighborhood — you don't see that very often."

SummerHill Homes also will widen Grant Road to two north-bound lanes in front of the project to help alleviate the significant congestion on Grant Road during rush hour. Council member Mike Kasperzak asked Casas what Los Altos was doing to alleviate significant traffic congestion on its two-lane portions of Grant Road out to Foothill Expressway.

"We are primarily concerned with bike pedestrian safety, not throughput," Casas replied. "Throughput is not something we look at as very attractive."

Los Altos has also asked Mountain View to close off Preston Drive at Grant Road, which Mountain View city staffers oppose.

"Traffic is an issue all over," Macias said. "It is an inevitability in terms of growth. At this point if we started limiting throughput nobody's getting anywhere."

Means said he couldn't think of any reason why Mountain View residents would drive down Covington. "If people want to go to a theater, they go to Mountain View," he said. The same went for going to a golf course or a restaurant, he said. "I was trying to think of why people would go down Covington when there would be a lot of better options down Grant Road."

As to the project itself, a mix of one- and two-story homes in six different floor plans that are estimated to sell for \$1.8 million each, Siegel summarized the council's opinion by calling them "a real wonderful addition to our city."

The council's June 30 meeting was the last before its summer break. Regular meetings will resume on Aug. 25. ▀

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Accountability for tenured teachers

When local school officials reassigned a controversial elementary teacher to a middle school for the upcoming academic year, many parents raised legitimate questions about how the system for disciplining tenured teachers played into the decision.

When asked about tenure, officials in the Mountain View Whisman and Mountain View-Los Altos school districts said it was not a subject they could say much about, referring questions to the teachers union or to state education officials. But attempts by the *Voice* to find a county or state official who could explain how the state's 88-year-old tenure process works resulted in few answers.

What we do know is this: First- and second-year teachers are closely watched by administrators, who ultimately recommend to trustees if tenure should be granted. After two years in a classroom, teachers become eligible to be granted tenure by their school district, a process that MVLA Superintendent Barry Groves said is taken "very seriously."

It should be, because with the granting of tenure, a fledgling teacher suddenly acquires virtual lifetime job protection. The rights of tenured teachers are governed by the state education code, and teachers can only be dismissed for certain hard-to-prove violations, including "unsatisfactory performance or misconduct," according to a UC Berkeley policy institute. This typically means a long and expensive dismissal process; as a result, few teachers in California are ever dismissed.

In fact, a recent investigative series by the *Los Angeles Times* found that the appeals process often goes on for years, potentially costing school districts millions of dollars in legal fees and lost work — and creating a strong disincentive for districts to pursue dismissal of a tenured teacher.

And in those cases that are pursued, parents are unlikely to hear much about it from the school district, which ritually cites teachers' right to privacy as a reason for not commenting on cases.

All this creates a serious conflict: On the one hand, teachers deserve to be protected from capricious administrators and shielded from unfair accusations by students or parents. On the other hand, bad teachers — and what makes a teacher "bad" must be well-defined — should be held accountable and either disciplined or dismissed.

Locally, school officials said teachers accused of misconduct are given "due process" before appearing before the district board. The board's decision can then be appealed to a panel of three judges, and up the judicial ladder if need be.

Given the recent case at Mountain View Whisman — in which a fourth grade teacher left (or was removed from) her classroom after a number of parents accused her of being verbally abusive — we believe more should be done to make information about such actions public.

Such a change would probably have to begin at the state level, since local school administrators are loath to tackle what appear to be iron-clad rules regarding personnel matters. But given the public nature of a teacher's work, the process used in disciplining teachers should be transparent, fair and swift.

Only the most contentious cases would require public scrutiny, and those that do would, in our opinion, benefit from a public discussion. This is particularly true for those teachers who are unfairly accused, as is bound to happen: A public exoneration would make that person's life and work much easier to resume, as opposed to a private exoneration where rumors and ill will are likely to fester.

The convoluted and opaque hearings given to tenured teachers are outdated and should be modified. We believe that open judicial proceedings for tenured teachers would benefit the district, the public, the interest of justice, and the teachers themselves.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

COMPETITION IS BEST WAY TO REGULATE CABS

Editor:

I was disappointed to read last week's editorial stating the *Voice's* disagreement with the City Council's decision to allow market forces, rather than political ones, to guide the taxi services in Mountain View ("Cutting cab inspections comes with hidden costs").

I suggest that the editors of the *Voice* learn what a government-enforced duopoly is and why it's not desirable for anyone outside of the favored parties. If safety is the primary objection, then make sure that all taxi companies comply with the same standards. Otherwise, stating that "we've always done it that way" is antithetical to the dynamism of Silicon Valley.

I welcome competition to our town and hope that our City Council continues doing the same.

Dan Waylonis
Stierlin Road

ONE WAY TO SOLVE CASTRO'S PROBLEMS

Editor:

Two articles in last week's *Voice* present a big problem for the public schools in Mountain View ("Castro, minus PACT, faces new challenges" and "End of the road for summer meal deal").

First, you say that "in 2008, 57 percent of Castro's students were Latino and 56 percent were English language learners, both groups that typically score below their white and Asian counterparts on standardized tests."

Second, budget cuts in school funding and in providing free food to poor families will make it difficult to conduct normal school activities. It is clear to me that we have too many illegal immigrants

in our school system, and they do present a big budget problem.

My solution is for the state to pass a constitutional amendment that requires those who are not legal residents in our state to pay non-resident tuition in our public schools. Why don't our government officials do that?

Charlie Larson
Sylvan Avenue

QUOTA AWARDED TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

Editor:

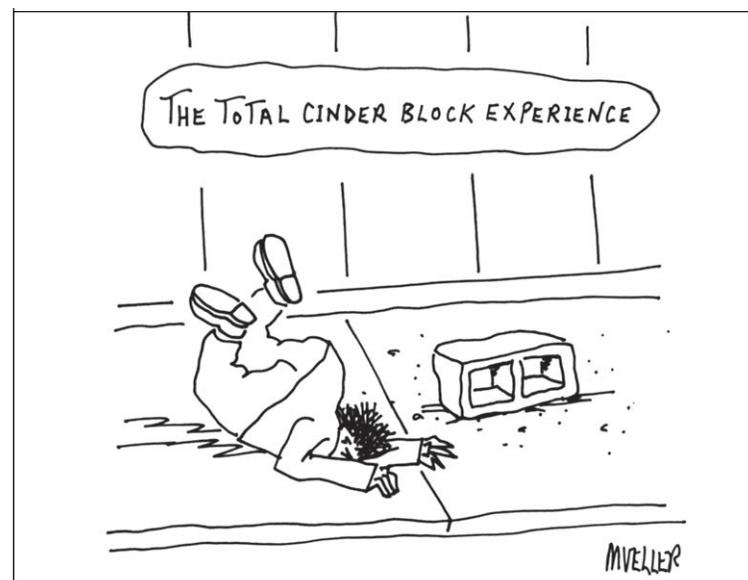
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Quota of Mountain View funded the first Infant Hearing Screening program at El Camino Hospital before it became required by the state for all newborns. Quota also provides scholarships to students who are deaf or hard of hearing or those who plan to work with the deaf.

Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos awarded three scholarships this year. The Quota Scholarship and the Eva Mockbee Scholarship were given for the second year to a graduate of Los Altos High School who is studying to be a sign language interpreter. Quota also gave a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior at Mountain View High School who has severe bilateral hearing loss, yet has excelled academically and in community service.

Anyone who would like more information can go to www.quota.org, or call (650) 969-5860.

Laura Brown,
Quota International of
Mountain View/Los Altos





Grilled halibut served over saffron risotto, with organic greens, cherry tomatoes, pomegranate seeds and orange beurre blanc, was featured on the specials menu one recent night.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Hitting the mark

MARQS IN MENLO OFFERS HARMONIOUS COMBINATION OF MUSIC, FOOD AND GOOD CHEER

By Renee Batti

Some people who enjoy attending concerts and listening to recorded music avoid restaurants that feature live music. That's usually because they also enjoy good conversation with friends and family, and too often the volume of the music precludes conversation.

Having dinner at Marqs in Menlo one recent evening, it occurred to me early on that, at last, I might have found the perfect venue for listening to

inspired music — not background music, or blaring sound, but music worth listening to — while still being able to talk with others I'm sharing a table with.

But music and conversation go only so far when you're hungry and craving well-prepared food. So, how does Marqs score on that chart? Impressively well — in some instances, deserving of the highest marks.

Owner Mark Adams, teaming up with executive chef Gary Maffia, opened the bar and grill

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- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion chopped fine
- 2 carrots chopped fine
- 2 stalks of celery chopped fine
- 4 veal shanks cut about 3 inches thick, each tied tightly cross-wise
- flour, spread on a plate
- 3/4 cup dry white wine
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1-1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup 6 & 1 tomatoes, crushed with their juices
- freshly ground pepper to taste
- salt to taste

To cook:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in foil pan. Add the onion, carrot and celery. Cook until the vegetables soften, about 10 minutes then drain the oil.
3. Meanwhile, heat the other 4 tablespoons of olive oil in a foil pan. Dredge the veal shanks in the flour, coating on all sides and shake off the excess flour. When the oil is hot, slip in the shanks and brown them on all sides. This should take about 6-7 minutes per side. Remove the veal shanks and place them in the first pan on top of the cooked vegetables.

4. Add the wine, butter, chicken broth, tomatoes, pepper and salt to the pot. The liquid should come at least two thirds of the way to the top of the shanks. If it does not, add more broth.
5. Cover the pan and place it in the oven. Cook for about 2 hours, turning and basting every 30 minutes, until the meat is very tender.
7. Transfer the Ossobuco to a warm plate and carefully remove the strings.

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MICHELLE LE

Regular customers, from left, Anne Chissler, Vicki Ferrando and Michelle Brown, eat at the bar at Marqs in Menlo.

MARQS

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in late February in the renovated space that formerly housed Siam Thai restaurant, at 1143 Crane St. in Menlo Park. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday, Marqs features the rare treat of live music every night. (On Monday nights, Marqs has a singing competition, with the winner awarded a gig at the restaurant; food is also available Mondays.)

Maffia made his name on the local food scene long ago as owner/chef of Barbarossa. At the helm in Marqs' kitchen, he's likely to gain a new generation of fans.

capers and a drizzle of truffle oil topped off the appetizer, which was a promising way to start the meal.

We split the candied prawn salad (\$14), which also came with organic greens — and also was delicious. The salad, which they divided for us in the kitchen, included cherry tomatoes, mandarin oranges, and pecans, and was finished with a honey-mustard vinaigrette.

For the entree, I had the Muscovy duck breast (\$18), which was thinly sliced and served with a port cherry reduction. It was good, but the meat lacked salt and could have used a bit more of the rich and flavorful sauce. The spinach and fingerling potatoes were delicious accompaniments.

Last week, we went back to Marqs to order off the bar menu and hear more music.

Marqs is subtly divided into a small dining area near the front of the restaurant, where a full menu is offered, and a bar area that includes small tables and a piano. Because there's no wall dividing the two sections, the music can be heard just fine from the dining area.

My friend and I were grateful for that when we ate there on a late spring evening, and the fabulous Nancy Gilliland was singing, accompanying herself on the piano.

That night, we started with a lovely ahi tuna carpaccio (\$12). The thinly sliced tuna served as the bed for organic mixed greens, which were topped with sliced avocado. Thin red onion,

My friend ordered filet mignon and foie gras (\$34) from the special menu that night — an outstanding dish that featured Black Angus beef. It was served with mashed potatoes and asparagus.

Although the portions were substantial, we managed to make room for one of the best bread puddings I've ever had (\$9), served with fresh fruit and caramel sauce.

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Both the wild prawns with bordelaise sauce (\$14) and the lobster spring rolls with plum sauce (\$12) were terrific — the prawns and sauce fresh and flavorful, and the spring rolls fat with lobster bits. The plum sauce was light and delicate, infused with a tea-like flavor.

The lavender creme brulee (\$9) also was a winner, one that had us licking our spoons and wanting more. The floral element didn't overwhelm the whole, striking a fine balance that I found to be present in just about every dish I tasted at Marqs.

The only criticism I have is that the red wines are served too warm. We had to ask for an ice bucket (promptly provided by our waiter) to cool down our bottle of Martella petite sirah, and we accidentally left it in the bucket too long. The wine we drank by the glass in the bar was also too warm.

The late Richard Olney wrote that "the myth that all red wines should be served at 'room temperature' has ruined more great wines than any other single mistreatment." The temperature in a room is often too warm to make the "myth" credible, and Olney insisted that even red wines be served in the 55-degree ballpark. The owner would do well to invest in climate-controlled storage.

The former bar manager at the Oak City Bar & Grill in Menlo Park, Adams is impressive in a number of ways. Friendly and energetic, he injects the atmosphere at Marqs with a sense of *joie de vivre* that adds to an already warm and comfortable environment.

It's a harmonious environment that, along with the food, makes dining there an experience worth returning for. ▣

Renee Batti writes for *The Almanac*, the Voice's sister paper.

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(Aquarius) The film focuses mostly on supply, of corn-fed meat and corn-based products, which account for a staggering number of items on supermarket shelves and fast-food menus. It's all made possible by the assembly-line model, designed for its economic efficiency and justified by its customer guarantee of uniformity. "Food Inc." paints a fairly dire picture of the stranglehold multinational conglomerates have on our food supply. But before you move to France, "Food, Inc." offers some alternatives. Gary Hirshberg, CEO of Stonyfield Farms, proposes beating the system by joining the system or, as he puts it, being Goliath instead of David. And for the ordinary consumer, Robert Kenner follows the advocacy-doc formula by hopefully ending the film with manifesto and web-site. *Rated PG for some thematic material and disturbing images. One hour, 34 minutes. — P.C.*

MY SISTER'S KEEPER ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Cameron Diaz is Sara Fitzgerald, the take-no-prisoners mom of a tenacious teen who's slowly dying of leukemia. But the focus isn't on mom nor is it always on the patient herself (Sofia Vassilieva as Kate), an ethereal spirit whose showdown with death has grown her wise beyond her years. The moral crux is Kate's younger sister Anna (Abigail Breslin), a petri-engineered "perfect match" who tires of her role as genetic savior to her big sis and files to become medically emancipated from her desperate parents in order to stop them from donating her kidney. This is a sticky ethical dilemma that's both timely and thought-provoking, though director Nick Cassavetes threatens to dilute its powerful message with conventional miscues: clumsy transitions, weepy background tunes, disjointed flashbacks and the maximum manipulation allowable for a three-hanky weeper. "Keeper" is a mawkish yet worthy enough addition to the summer line-up. *Rated PG-13 for language, disturbing images and mature themes. 1 hour, 46 minutes. — J.A.*

WHATEVER WORKS ★★1/2

(Guild) An aging, persnickety, neurotic, intellectual hypochondriac wins the heart of a beautiful teenage girl to the tune of vintage jazz in Woody Allen's "Whatever Works." Go figure, right? It's pretty much what you'd expect from the writer-director's 39th feature film, which cannot objectively be called a good movie. As Boris Yellnikoff, retired professor of quantum mechanics, Larry David gets a number of inspired misanthropic rants. In his own mind, anyway, he's underappreciated (having been passed over for a Nobel Prize) and superior. The comfortably withdrawn divorce gets thrown for a loop when he grudgingly invites hungry teen runaway Melody St. Ann Celestine (Evan Rachel Wood, 40 years David's junior) into his downtown New York apartment for a much-needed nosh. Of course, Melody's sunniness brings out the dormant best in Boris, who slowly reawakens to the idea of a loving relationship. *Rated PG-13 for sexual situations including dialogue, brief nude images and thematic material. One hour, 32 minutes. — P.C.*

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ENVIRONMENT

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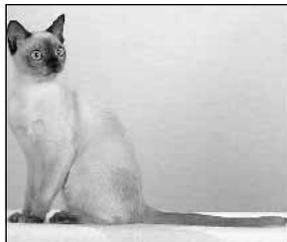
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 524749

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Cal Moto Vespa,

2.) Cal Vespa, 3.) California BMW Triumph Vespa at 2490 Old Middlefield Way,

Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County;

CAL MOTO

2490 Old Middlefield Way

Mountain View, CA 94043

This business is owned by a Corporation. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 5-22-09.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 28, 2009.

(Voice June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2009)

OHZONE SPIRITS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 524998

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Ohzone Spirits at 144

A & B So. Whisman Rd., Mtn. View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County;

CLASSICK IMPORT & EXPORT LLC

865 Sonia Way

Mtn. View, CA 94040

This business is owned by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 3, 2009.

(Voice June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2009)

NATIONAL TOWING & TRANSPORT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 525670

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: National Towing & Transport at 2520 Old Middlefield Way,

Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County;

GABRIELA P. MARQUEZ

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Mountain View, CA 94043

NANCY L. BOSCACCI

1687 Canyon View Dr.

San Jose, CA 95132

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 19, 2009.

(Voice June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2009)

BANTHER & ASSOCIATES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 525997

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Banther & Associates at 431 Bedford Loop, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County;

CHRISTOPHER LEE BANTHER

431 Bedford Loop

Mountain View, CA 94043

This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 29, 2009.

(Voice July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2009)

997 All Other Legals

AMENDED

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Case No. 09CV139962

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner SAMANTHA E. GRANT and OCTAVIO DUARTE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ISIAH OCTAVIO DUARTE to ISIAH CAYDEN GRANT. 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: JULY 14, 2009, 8:45 a.m., Room 107. Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. 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: MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE.

Date: May 15, 2009

/s/ Mary Ann Grilli

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(Voice June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2009)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN ANDREW PATERSON, aka JOHN A. PATERSON, Decedent.

CASE NO. 1-09-PR-164804

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or after July 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., the undersigned, as Administrator of the Estate of John Andrew Paterson, aka John A. Paterson, intends to sell at private sale, to the highest net bidder, all of the estate's right, title and interest in, and to certain real property located in the County of Santa Clara, City of Mountain View, State of California, which property is more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The sale shall be subject to confirmation by the above-entitled court. Bids for the property are hereby invited. All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the undersigned or Keller Williams and may be mailed or personally delivered to the undersigned at the Office of the Public Administrator, 2851 Junction Ave., 3rd. Floor, San Jose, CA 95134, or to Keller Williams.

All bids must be accompanied by a ten (10) percent deposit, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash

upon close of escrow. The full terms of the sale are contained in the bid form.

All bids will be opened at the Office of the Public Administrator at 2:00 p.m., or thereafter, as allowed by law.

The subject property is commonly known as 927 San Clemente Way, Mountain View, CA 94043 and shall be sold "as is." The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids prior to entry of a court order confirming a sale.

For additional information and bid forms, apply at the office of Keller Williams, 180 Great Oak Blvd., San Jose, CA 95119, Attention: Christine LeQuang, Telephone: (408) 828-1074.

Date: 6/17/09

DONALD R. MOODY

Public Administrator of the County of Santa Clara

Petitioner

ANN MILLER RAVEL, County Counsel

TAMARA K. LOPEZ, Deputy County Counsel

/s/ _____

Attorneys for Petitioner

Exhibit "A"

The land referred to in this Report is situated in the County of Santa Clara, City of Mountain View, State of California, and is described as follows:

LOT 98, as shown upon that certain Map



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**913 Camille Lane
Mountain View**

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Appointment



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townhome only 6 years old
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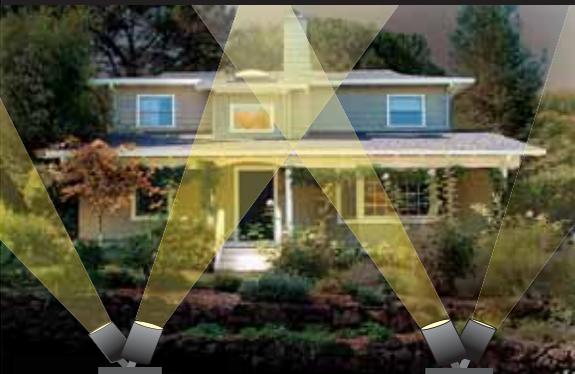


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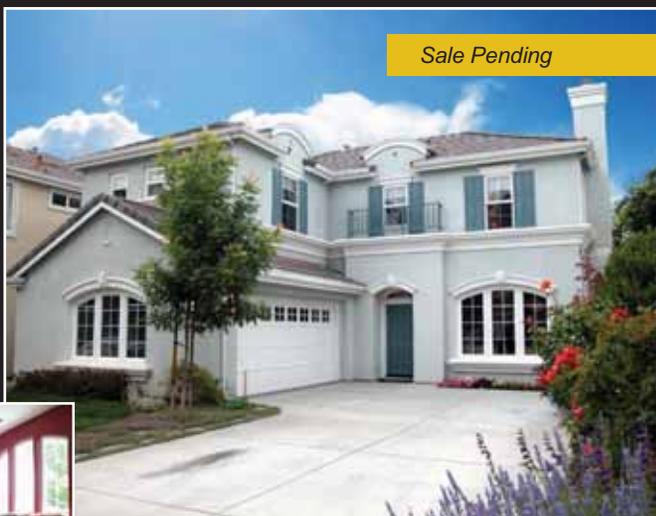
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