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Transitional kindergarten students learn to color within the lines during Ann Hanneman's class at Theuerkauf Elementary School. See story and additional photos on Page 7.

More residents say PG&E will strip their yards

ONE GAS LINE WILL BE MOVED NEXT YEAR,
BUT TREES STILL HAVE TO COME OUT, PG&E SAYS

By Daniel DeBolt

A group of residents who live in a Rock Street condo complex are joining a chorus of complaints from Mountain View residents about PG&E's plans to strip backyards where major gas lines exist.

"It's never going to be as nice," said Kenneth Hauck, a resident of the condos at 1963 Rock St., as he looked at the view of eight trees that shade his second-story balcony, a hummingbird hovering nearby.

PG&E wants to remove all

the trees that shade his yard and seven other households because they are over major gas lines 132 and 109, and could damage the line and cause an explosion.

The trees include two large pines and a redwood with a 3-foot-diameter trunk, all apparently ignored by PG&E since the 1970s.

"That one they are very anxious to get rid of," Hauck said of the 80-foot-tall redwood in the parking lot next to his unit. "It's right on the pipeline. PG&E clearly didn't pay any attention to this the whole time" the tree has been there.

What bothers Hauck even more is that PG&E insists on removing the trees even though next year it may relocate the section of gas line 109 that runs under the them.

"I want them to move the whole thing out to Middlefield and not destroy my backyard," Hauck said. "The trees are just gorgeous right now. They provide a sense of privacy, a sense of beauty."

Residents of 15 other households on San Lucas Avenue find

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Taxpayer group threatens to sue water district

By Nick Veronin

The Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association is threatening to sue the Santa Clara Valley Water District for violating the Brown Act — a charge that a representative from the public utility said was politically motivated and twists the facts.

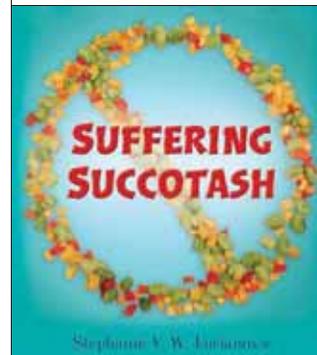
In a letter to the public utility, the taxpayers association told the water district that it would consider litigation if the "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection" measure — an extension and increase of the Measure B parcel tax from 2000 — is not withdrawn from the November ballot.

The SVTA claims that the water district violated the Brown Act when officials there failed to notify the public and local press, as they are required by law to do, a full 24 hours before convening a meeting pertaining to a parcel tax extension proposal.

A representative from the district said that "good faith" efforts were made, and claimed his organization missed the deadline by only about an hour, at most.

Marty Grimes, spokesman for the SCVWD, admits that district officials were late in notifying the Mercury News and in posting a notice on the SCVWD website that a special meeting was to be held Aug. 8. However, Grimes said, the meeting was held for one reason only: to remove two words from the parcel tax ballot description because officials at the water district had exceeded

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the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' restriction of 75 words for ballot descriptions by two words.

The board found out about the problem on Aug. 7, three days before the Aug. 10 filing deadline for the Nov. 6 election, and was acting as quickly as possible to address it, Grimes said. The district missed notifying the Mercury News by 59 minutes and posted the notification of the meeting on its website 45 minutes late, Grimes said.

**'I can't imagine
why they would
make this mistake
on purpose.'**

JOHN ROEDER,
PRESIDENT OF THE SVTA

"Our read of it is, we made good faith efforts to meet the Brown Act," he said. "There wasn't really a substantive breach of the Brown Act in any way."

"I agree that it was an honest

mistake. I can't imagine why they would make this mistake on purpose," said John Roeder, president of the SVTA. But, he continued, "the law says that these are the notification periods. There was a violation of that."

Grimes maintained that the only reason Roeder and the association care about the violation is that they are opposed to the measure and always have been. "They are going to do anything they can to try to kill it any way they can," he said.

Roeder does not entirely dispute this statement.

"I would like to see Measure B simply taken off the ballot, and I would like to see them put together a better, well thought-

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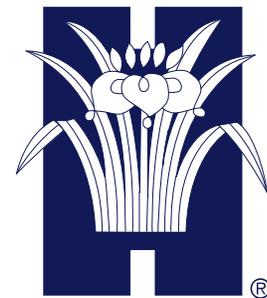


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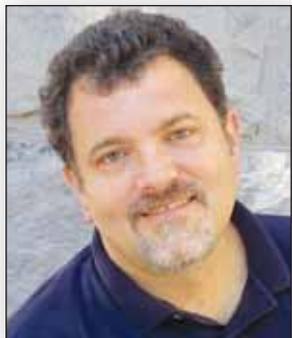
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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Nick Veronin.

Will the political parties' conventions influence your presidential pick?



"I do pay attention even though I'm an independent, primarily because I think it's possible to get good ideas from either party. So why not pay attention?"

Dave Nielsen, Mountain View



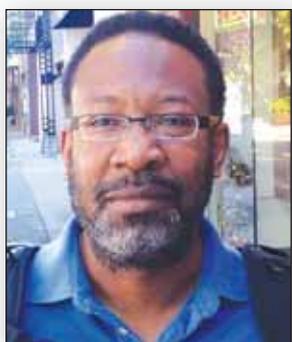
"No. I do not feel the news coverage of either convention will influence the way that I vote."

Lisa Haley, Palo Alto



"I guess I'm following it in a very casual manner, because I'm a pretty firm Democrat and liberal, so I'm pretty positive that I'm voting for Barack Obama."

Amanda Ferris, Sunnyvale



"Yes. The conventions do matter for me. I watch the Republican convention. I definitely will watch Romney's speech and Ryan's speech. It's just interesting to get a perspective. ... I'm a Democrat, but it's just interesting to hear what the other side has to say."

Matson Wade, Redwood City



"I'm absolutely paying attention to the convention. While I probably have my mind made up, it potentially could change, so I'm not going to say I'm completely closed off to a potential different candidate."

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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FOOD TRUCKS FOCUS OF SURVEY

How much food truck regulation is necessary?

A new survey is being circulated by city officials to gauge the community's interest in the new food truck movement, and tests the waters for a set of food truck regulations that are in the works.

The survey at surveymonkey.com/s/MVmobliefoodtruck asks if the trucks need to have restrooms, garbage cans or hours of operation and if they should be allowed only in certain areas of the city, among other things.

The survey was spurred by concerns from code enforcement officers about food trucks that have begun to set up for extended periods in Mountain View and complaints from the "brick and mortar" restaurants the trucks compete with.

A meeting for residents to comment on the issue is set for Thursday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the plaza conference room at City Hall, 500 Castro St.

School District were scheduled to continue arguing their respective views Aug. 30 in the long and protracted legal battle over disagreements between the two educational organizations, an official with the charter school said.

A hearing on the matter before California Superior Court Judge Patricia Lucas had been scheduled for Aug. 15. However, the hearing date was postponed.

The new hearing was rescheduled for Aug. 30, at 1:30 p.m., at the Downtown Superior Court, located at 191 N. First St. in San Jose.

CSMA SCAM

The Community School of Music and Arts is warning locals to be aware that an imposter, falsely identifying himself (or herself) as a CSMA fundraiser, has been calling around asking for donations.

"We knew right away that it was bogus," CSMA spokesman John Williams said, referring to the scam.

Officials from the school investigated the matter, and to Williams' knowledge, no one

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Lawyers from Bullis Charter School and the Los Altos

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Correction:

Due to an error in the winner's list provided to the Voice, in last week's issue it was mistakenly reported that Sushi Tomo in Palo Alto was the winner for Best Sushi/Japanese restaurant in the 2012 Best of Mountain View reader poll. In fact, the winner is Sushitomi, located at 635 W. Dana St. in Mountain View. Sushitomi is a repeat winner, earning the most votes in its category every year since 2007.

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Ware's death spurs call for California Street revamp

BETTER DESIGN COULD PREVENT DEADLY COLLISIONS, GROUP SAYS

By Daniel DeBolt

The death of William Ware — hit by a speeding car while waiting at a California Street bus stop on June 21 — caused shock in a neighborhood where some are now calling for major traffic calming measures.

"Neighbors were pretty shaken up over the William Ware thing," said Jarrett Mullen, a resident of the neighborhood where Ware was hit at the stop near Escuela Avenue. "We all saw ourselves there too. We could have been the victims. We could have been run over. We could have been killed."

Mullen is now pushing to reduce California Street from four lanes to two in a larger effort to improve the streets in the neighborhood known for rows of apartment buildings and working class residents. He and some of his neighbors have launched the Rengstorff Park Great Streets Initiative "to inspire action to transform the streets in the neighborhood to more livable places."

On Tuesday afternoon, pedestrians at Escuela and California didn't hesitate to express concern about car speeds and show support for slowing cars down.

"People around here feel really bad about this guy," said Ger, a man waiting for the bus, referring to the accident that killed Ware. He looked at California Street and said, "people drive really fast because they got room to do that."

Yolanda Reyes, a yard supervisor at Landels School, was sitting at the bus stop where Ware was killed. "I always see these little crashes right here, all the time," she said of the Escuela and California intersection, where new traffic lights that now include left-turn signals, installed after the accident, have yet to be activated. "It's kind of scary because the school is right there."

Another woman offered her comments about the traffic as she jumped on the bus: "They just need to slow down! We have kids here!"

Mullen says it's unnecessary for



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The bus stop where William Ware was hit and killed two months ago is decorated with gifts, flowers and candles. Yolanda Reyes, in photo, says she has seen many vehicle collisions at the nearby intersection.

California Street to look like an expressway, encouraging drivers to speed in what he calls a "failure of design." The street, along with Shoreline Boulevard, needs to go on a "road diet," he says.

"The traffic counts on Califor-

nia Street are at a level where you don't need four lanes of traffic there," Mullen said. "If it's below a certain threshold, then there's this kind of accepted principle you don't need four lanes and two lanes may actually be more

beneficial."

Two lanes would slow traffic, while adding a turn lane in the center would allow a car to pull out of traffic to turn, rather than

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Real estate investor gets five-year federal sentence

By Sue Dremann

A longtime Palo Alto and Mountain View real estate investor has received a five-year federal prison term on Aug. 20 for bilking private lenders of millions of dollars, according to a federal prosecutor.

James Stanley Ward, 65, faced 18 counts including conspiracy, mail fraud and wire fraud after he deceived investors through his Mountain View-based company Jim Ward & Associates, Inc., and its successor, JSW Financial, Inc.

According to separate civil charges brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Ward and his three co-defendants propped up their failing real estate development projects while concealing \$17 million losses of investor money.

The men — Ward and co-

defendants Richard F. Tipton, 62, of Palo Alto, Edward George Locker, 36, of Highland Heights, Ohio, and David Lin of Los Altos — told investors their money would be used to make loans secured by residential real estate. In reality, the men used most of the money to make unsecured and undocumented loans to entities that the defendants controlled. The investments they made in Silicon Valley real estate development projects were suffering mounting losses and protracted delays.

As the enterprise collapsed, investors continued receiving monthly statements showing steady growth in the value of their portfolios, according to the SEC.

The SEC also alleged that Ward and co-defendant Edward George Locker took \$900,000 of investor money to purchase homes for themselves.

Last December, Ward pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud.

Prosecutors had asked the court to impose an eight-year, one-month sentence, but the court took the middle road. Ward will serve five years in prison and will be on supervised probation for three years, including one year of home detention.

A restitution hearing will take place within 90 days, according to Jack Gillund, a U.S. Department of Justice public affairs spokesman.

In his guilty plea Ward admitted that from September 2005 through October 2008, the men gave investors documents that purported the funds were invested in loans that were secured by deeds of trust on California real estate, but the men knew that those representations were false,

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Row homes slated for vacant lot on Ada Avenue

By Daniel DeBolt

A 59-unit row-home project proposed for a vacant lot at Ada and Minaret avenues has been given the thumbs-up by zoning administrator Peter Gilli and is now headed for City Council approval.

If the council votes yes on Oct. 9, developer Tripointe Homes LLC could begin construction on the 4.51-acre site in April 2013 and finish the following November.

Gilli called the three-story row-home proposal "a very good project" during an Aug. 22 hearing. He cited the City Council's desire for ownership housing as more than 1,000 apartment units make their way through the city's planning pipeline.

A few neighbors raised con-

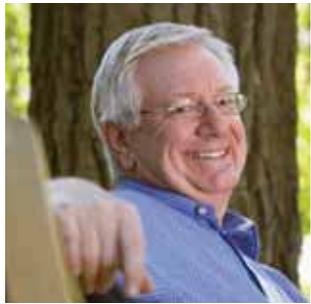
cerns about how the project would impact the existing lack of parking in the neighborhood, to which city staff said the project includes 137 parking spaces, more than two per home, and more than the city requires.

Speed bumps on Minaret Avenue would be installed along with the project, addressing one neighbor's concern about people coming to and from Whisman Road who "speed by at 40 miles per hour."

Gilli also made it a condition of his approval to provide pedestrian and bike access on the main private street through the project, addressing another neighbor's request; he plans to present to the council the possibility of providing similar

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PG&E

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themselves in a similar situation, and Hauck and his neighbors say they had no idea the lines existed under their backyards.

PG&E says the tree roots could disturb the line and cause a leak, like the one that caused a deadly explosion along line 132 in San Bruno in 2010. Trees also block detection of leaks by aircraft fitted with special laser technology, PG&E says.

Alex Dimitri, a Kaiser physician who lives with his wife and infant child next door to Hauck, said he will lose three trees in his backyard, and is now going to think twice about barbecuing there. He said the greenery was a big reason he recently moved in.

"I feel like at this stage of the game they should be making more concessions," Dimitri said of PG&E following the San Bruno disaster.

Another section of line 109 is in the process of being moved from under nearby Crittenden Middle School. "If it can be moved from

Crittenden, it can be moved from my backyard." Dimitri said, noting concern for his own child.

PG&E says the section of line 109 is actually on a list of lines to be relocated in 2013. Until then, PG&E spokesperson Monica Tell said, PG&E needs to do something to ensure the safety of those nearby as part of its new "commitment to safety" following the San Bruno disaster.

While the section of line 109 is being looked at for relocation, Tell said it's not urgent. The lines have passed a hydrostatic pressure test, she said.

"There are no issues with the line that currently runs under that specific area," Tell said. "When a pipeline is strong and functioning there is no reason to relocate that line."

Tell said line 109, built in 1973, needs to be replaced and relocated only because it doesn't have a consistent diameter and would not allow the use of a new leak detection device called a "smartpig."

Hauck, Dimitri, and the Telleria household on San Lucas Avenue expressed interest in work-

ing together to try to keep PG&E from stripping their yards, and to have the gas lines moved out to Middlefield Way, which isn't planned for the section of line 132 that runs through backyards on San Lucas.

Beto and Eileen Telleria say they have been working with Public Works Director Mike Fuller to arrange a neighborhood meeting with PG&E instead of the individual meetings that have occurred so far, in which "it seems like some people are hearing different things." One neighbor said he was told he could plant new fruit trees after some work was done on the line, Beto Telleria said.

Fuller confirmed in an email that a meeting was in the works, but no date has been set.

"The city is arranging a meeting with PG&E with those affected by this, and until that meeting, all paperwork signings and work (have) been put on hold," said Eileen Telleria in an email. "The meeting will be announced."

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CALIFORNIA STREET

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stop others behind it, Mullen said. And it would mean more room for wider bike lanes, so bicyclists won't have to ride in the "door zone" — that area where bicyclists are sometimes hit by the opening door of a parked car.

California Street isn't the only roadway in the area that could use improvements, according to the Rengstorff Great Streets Initiative website. The site makes suggestions to improve Escuela Avenue, Rengstorff Avenue, Villa Street, Latham Avenue, Ortega Avenue, and Shoreline Boulevard, which could be reduced from six lanes to four, it says.

The website also calls for a paved trail along the Caltrain corridor, like one Palo Alto has built near its University Avenue station. "If Caltrain is expanded to four tracks in Mountain View, there is still plenty of space for this trail," it says.

"The idea is that this neighborhood is one of the densest neighborhoods in Mountain View, if not the densest," Mullen

said of the area where Ware was hit. "It should be easy to bicycle and walk to nearby destinations. These streets don't reflect that. You kind of feel terrorized when you are walking down the street because of high car speeds and volumes. And the general aesthetics are not very welcoming."

Installing bike lanes on narrow streets like Escuela and Ortega Avenue is impossible without removing parking on one side of the road, so Mullen proposes that cars be encouraged to slow down and share the road with bicyclists.

"The vision for these streets is to transform the pavement into an attractive space with rain gardens and new landscaping, permeable paving, pedestrian-scale lighting, and traffic-calming devices to keep cars below 20 mph," the website says. "On Ortega where traffic counts are lower, it may be possible to fundamentally transform the street from asphalt plain to public space."

Mullen also imagines more tree shade so pedestrians don't feel "baked" by the sun.

"Our streets are overwhelmingly dedicated to moving cars at high speeds, which stresses

people out, leads to injury, and occasionally death," says the group's site. "Moreover, streets are the neighborhood's greatest accumulation of publicly owned space, and present a tremendous opportunity to invest in an asset that touches every person who lives in the area."

Director of Public Works Mike Fuller said that the council's recent approval of the city's 2030 general plan spurred early work to begin on a "California Street Corridor Improvements Study," which could lead to traffic calming on California Street.

Fuller was hesitant to embrace a "road diet" for California Street.

"With the current volumes we have we might be able to go from four to two lanes on California Street," he said. "But with the projected future (traffic) volumes, we may not be able to."

For more, visit the Initiative's website at greatstreetsrp.wordpress.com.

Look for more coverage of the city's efforts to become bicycle friendly in next week's issue.

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Matthew Pumar to be arraigned Aug. 31

Matthew Pumar, the Mountain View driver accused of accidentally hitting and killing William Ware, is scheduled to be arraigned Aug. 31, according to Duffy Magilligan, the deputy district attorney on the case.

It will be the first time Pumar has appeared in court since he

was arrested on one count of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence on July 10. Pumar immediately posted \$100,000 bail.

Police said that on June 21 the 21-year-old Pumar sped through a red light, swerved to dodge a truck entering the

intersection, lost control of his car, then ran over Ware, who was waiting at a bus stop in the 1800 block of California Street.

Ware was dismembered by the violent impact of the collision, according to his niece, Dolores Marquez.



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Transitional kindergarten teacher Ann Hanneman teaches kids the sing-along game "Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?" during a recent class session.

Transitional kindergarten eases youngest children into the classroom

By Nick Veronin

A lot can happen in a year. Ann Hanneman knows this from both personal experience and the short time she has spent teaching transitional kindergarten in Mountain View.

According to Hanneman, the mother of an elementary school-aged boy, children make huge strides between ages 4 and 5. During that period in her son's development, Hanneman said, "a huge light turned on." And in the one week she has been teaching the newly introduced transitional kindergarten class at Theuerkauf Elementary, she has seen many of her students making vast improvements in their ability to color inside the lines, recognize their names in print and follow directions.

All 13 of the students in Hanneman's class are 4 years old, and won't turn 5 until November. Over the course of the school year they will experience "a lot of social and emotional growth," which, she said, will prepare them to hit the ground running when they enter normal kindergarten in August 2013.

"I think it's what these kids need," she said.

This is the first year of state-mandated transitional kindergarten in California, and Hanneman's class is one of two in the district (the other is a 16-student class at Castro). The program is intended to make the move from early childhood into school smoother, and comes paired with a shift in the cutoff date for regular kindergarten eligibility.

Previously, children who turned 5 before Dec. 2 could enroll in kindergarten.

Under the Kindergarten Readiness Act, that deadline will eventually be moved up to Sept. 1. The cutoff date will move up incrementally over the course of three years, and the Mountain View Whisman School District plans to unroll its transitional kindergarten program incrementally as well. This year, the program is available only to children with November birthdays; next year, transitional kindergarten classes will accept children who turn 5 between Oct. 2 and Dec. 2; and finally, in 2014-15, transitional kindergarten will accept kids who turn 5 between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2.

Transitional kindergarten falls somewhere between preschool and regular kindergarten, according to MVWSD



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Students have reading time during Hanneman's class.

Superintendent Craig Goldman. The curriculum is more basic than a normal kindergarten curriculum, but the day is longer than an average preschool day.

"A lot of people call me a kindergarten teacher," Hanneman said. "Others call me a preschool teacher. I tell them, 'I'm neither. I'm a transitional kindergarten teacher.'"

At the beginning of Hanneman's second week of class, she was reminding her students to push in their chairs when they got up from their desks to play, and had them using crayons to color a cartoon mouse, encouraging them to stay within the lines — skills some have never been asked to

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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has lost any money as a result of the fraud. However, he continued, the school wants to make sure the community knows about it. A warning has been prominently posted on the front page of the CSMA's website, and local media outlets have been advised.

The woman who alerted the CSMA of the scam said she had

received a phone call earlier in the week from someone asking for a donation. "She was suspicious enough not to be taken by it," Williams said. She declined to give the caller any information over the phone and called the Mountain View-based music and arts school to ask whether the pledge drive was legitimate.

Because the people contacted

were not affiliated with the school in any way, Williams said, there is no reason to suspect that the CSMA database has been hacked.

According to Williams, CSMA's investigation turned up a phone number in connection with the fraudulent calls — 949-313-3622. Williams said that anyone who receives a call from that number ought to be suspicious.

FEDERAL SENTENCE

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according to the indictment. The companies did not secure investments in either the Blue Chip Realty Fund, LLC, or the Shoreline Investment Fund, LLC, according to the indictment.

In November 2008, Ward and the others informed investors through the company's bankruptcy attorney that the company was broke, the funds were unsecured and investors would not likely recover any money. Many of the investors were retirees, according to court documents.

One 74-year-old victim reported that she lost all of her life savings and was in jeopardy of losing her home. Her daughter had to return home to help out with expenses, according to prosecutors.

A retired journalist reported losing 25 percent of his net worth, and another retiree said she was "extremely traumatized" and "found (her)self crying constantly," prosecutors said.

Ward was not as active in the fraud as Locker, Tipton and Lin were, according to prosecutors. He sold JSW in 2006 to Locker, Tipton and Lin, but continued to participate in the business' operations in the same manner.

He was responsible for investor relations, loan decisions, project management and property acquisitions. He also received \$20,000 per month for his role at Columbiana Development, Inc., a general contractor business in the same building as JSW, according to court papers.

Although he was semi-retired and spent most of his time living in Ohio, he knew of the fraud that was mainly perpetrated by the other defendants. And although Ward's real estate license was revoked, he continued to tout the business to investors and did not disclose the frauds, prosecutors said.

But prosecutors said the government believes Ward and the other co-defendants did not set out to defraud investors or to enrich themselves with fraud proceeds.

"Ward, who has a long track record in the hard-money lending business and who was well known in the Peninsula community, held the subjective hope that he, Locker, Tipton and Lin could turn the business around, given more time for the market to improve and a hiatus from the crushing monthly interest payment obligations. Unfortunately for the investors (and ultimately for the defendants), Ward and his co-defendants chose criminal

deception as the means to that end," prosecutors said in court documents for his sentencing. Up to the time of the crime, he has conducted his business affairs "in a completely blameless manner," they stated.

An Ohio businessman who has known Ward and who spoke on the condition of anonymity said Ward was an extremely successful businessman, and many locals invested with him over the years without problems.

"We are baffled by these events as he was a local icon and regarded highly by most. Our thoughts are with him and his family and we hope they make it through this in one piece," he said in an email to the Weekly.

Ward is a native of Columbiana, Ohio, who was a track star and went to Stanford University on track scholarship, according to the associate. He lived in Palo Alto most of his life and moved to Delaware, Ohio, a few years ago when he retired or was semi-retired. He frequently returned to Mountain View to conduct business.

Ward's attorney, Acting Federal Public Defender Geoffrey Hansen, could not be reached for comment.

Tipton, Lin and Locker are due to be sentenced on Sept. 10 in federal court in San Francisco. ▀

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TRANSITIONAL

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perform before.

Transitional kindergarten, Goldman said, looks a lot like what regular kindergarten used to look like. Now, however, the kindergarten curriculum has advanced so much that children who are younger — even by just half a year — are often at a disadvantage, he said. For example, many can't sit still and have trouble following directions.

Hanneman's smaller class size gives her more one-on-one time with each child and allows for more individualized guidance.

But as much as Hanneman is a supporter of the program, Goldman said there are some unresolved political issues that still hang over the program.

For starters, MVWSD runs the program at a loss, which Goldman said is unavoidable if his district is to implement the

program the way it was intended to be implemented. Based on the transitional kindergarten funding the district gets from the state versus how much it will cost to run, the superintendent estimates "conservatively" that the program will run an \$80,000 deficit this year.

MVWSD could have run its transitional kindergarten program as some other districts are running theirs — in a combination class format, where the younger children share class with the older kindergartners but are technically afforded extra attention from the teacher. "We wanted to do it right."

Additionally, Goldman said, the current transitional kindergarten arrangement — in which the program will be offered only to children born in September, October and November — could ultimately result in children with fall birthdays being given "a leg up" when they reach normal kindergarten.

The program, he said, should offer children "equitable opportunities, regardless of what month they are born."

One solution to this second issue, Goldman said, would be for the state to recognize the need for and fully fund public preschool.

Currently, however, with the state still struggling through the recession and the uncertainty of Gov. Jerry Brown's tax initiatives on the November ballot, Goldman said the district is simply doing its best to implement the new program, and figure out best practices along the way.

"We're pioneers in this area," he said, adding that many districts throughout the state are in the same boat, working to sort out and develop curriculum as they go. Considering the reality of the situation, he concluded, "Things are going well. The teachers are doing a great job with the children." ■

TAXPAYER GROUP

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through project," he said. With the ballot measure, he added, the water district is simply seeking an extension and increase of a parcel tax without justifying the request by offering specifics on what the money will be used to do.

The water district taxes all parcels in the district, including in Mountain View, under Measure B, which passed in 2000. The current parcel tax, which the district calls the "Clean, Safe Creeks" plan, is set to expire in 2016.

The proposed ballot measure, also called Measure B, or "Safe, Clean Water," would extend that tax through 2029 and increase the amount collected by a maximum of 3 percent each year. The decision on how much to raise

the tax each year would fall to the water board.

If raised by the maximum amount each year, it is estimated that that tax will raise \$548 million over its 13 year life span. Different types of parcels would pay different rates.

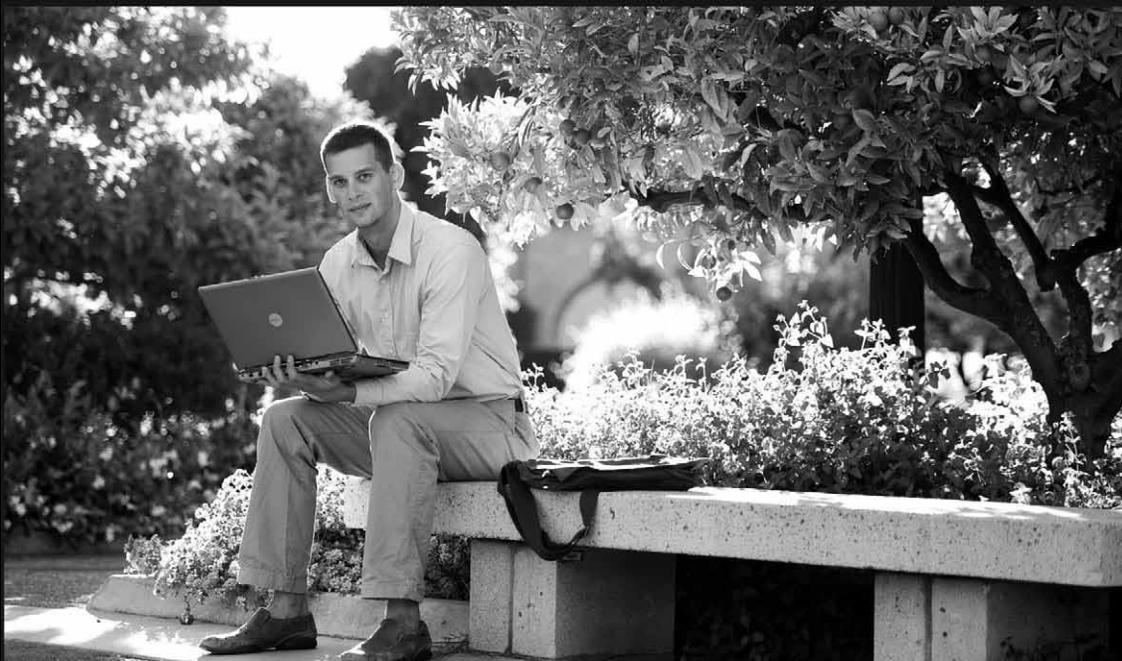
A district press release said the money will be used to "ensure a safe, reliable water supply for the future, reduce toxins, hazards and contaminants, ... protect our water supply and local dams from the impact of earthquakes and natural disasters," and support other projects related to water and wildlife preservation.

That list is far too vague, according to Roeder. Furthermore, he said, it would require certain people to pay for projects that would not benefit or positively impact them. ■



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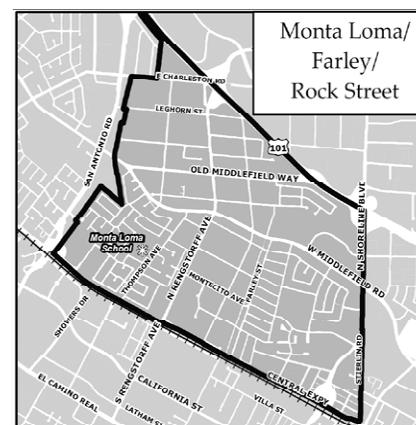
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Rapper E-40 says city officials kept him out of Shoreline show

MV CITY OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE GOT NO SAY OVER ROCK THE BELLS LINEUP

By Daniel DeBolt

When the Rock the Bells hip hop festival hit the Shoreline Amphitheatre on Aug. 25, Bay Area hip hop icons Too Short and E-40 were conspicuously absent after performing in the first leg of the tour in San Bernardino.

E-40 claims Mountain View doesn't want the duo at Shoreline, but city officials say they have nothing to do with the show's line-up.

"For some reason, the city of Mountain View won't let E-40 and Too Short perform," E-40 said in an interview with Fuse TV last week.

"They can't even give us an excuse or nothing. The city of Mountain View don't want E-40 or Too Short to perform. They don't want us performing on our own soil."

In an interview with another local media outlet, E-40 says it is the "third or fourth year in a row" that he's been kept from performing at the Shoreline Amphitheatre, and that he trusts it's not because the organizers don't want him, calling them "good people."

City Manager Dan Rich says the city is not to blame. While the city works closely with the Shoreline Amphitheatre's operator, Live Nation, to make sure concerts are safe, Rich said he is unaware of "any conversation with city officials about the artist line-up and have no idea why that is what is being said."

Violence at Shoreline is occasionally an issue during and after concerts, including a fatal shooting after the 2005 KMEL Summer Jam and a multiple stabbing during a brawl at the 2009 KISS FM Old School Fiesta. In 1995, KMEL and Bill Graham

Presents accused Too Short of being involved in a scuffle backstage at the amphitheatre, causing that year's KMEL Summer Jam to end before E-40 could go on stage.

"The City of Mountain View does not dictate or necessarily have control over who performs at the Shoreline Amphitheatre," said a statement Rich sent to the Voice. "Live Nation makes those types of business decisions for the Shoreline Amphitheatre. In this particular case regarding Too Short and E-40, no one from the police department, city attorney's office, city manager's office, or any member of our council had any discussions with a Live Nation employee over the line-up at Rock the Bells."

Event organizer Chang Weisberg said in a statement issued by Live Nation that efforts are under way to have Too Short and E-40 at the 10th anniversary of the show next year.

"In an effort to bring clarity to the issue of E-40 and Too Short not being on this year's Bay Area Rock The Bells Festival, we are currently in the process of working with Live Nation and the City of Mountain View to allow E-40 and Too Short to be a part of the 10-year anniversary next year," Weisberg said.

"E-40 and Too Short have made historic performances at our other festivals. We look forward to working closely with both of these artists and the local community to bring them back. Unfortunately, we were unable to get it done this year, but we are excited that the process is under way to have these two Bay Area legends return to Rock The Bells very soon."

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ROW HOMES

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access through an alleyway on the site.

Plans show two small private parks, including one that is "a meditative kind of park," said city planner Nancy Minicucci. More than 44 percent of the lot is landscaped.

The developer is asking to remove remove 38 large trees

classified as heritage trees by the city, mostly black walnut trees in poor health, remnants of an orchard on the site, Gilli said. Six heritage trees would be relocated.

Minicucci said the heights of the homes would be 34 to 36 feet, well under the city's 45-foot zoning limit for the site. The mix of attached and detached homes also meets the city's row-home guidelines. ▣



Kobad Bugwadia, owner and director of the Mathnasium tutoring center in Mountain View, goes over some problems with a pair of students.

Local tutoring center holds 'TriMathlon'

WINNERS OF CONTEST GET XBOX, CHANCE TO BE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

By Nick Veronin

A local franchise of a national math tutoring organization is looking for sharp young boys and girls to go head to head in an arithmetic contest for the chance to win an Xbox Kinect and the chance to compete on a national stage.

The Mathnasium of Mountain View and Los Altos is calling out to all third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders with strong math skills to enter a TriMathlon, scheduled for Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 2510 W. El Camino Real.

Kobad Bugwadia, owner and director of the tutoring center, says he's looking forward to the event, which he says works to get kids excited about math.

"I think math can be pretty cool," Bugwadia says, noting that, unfortunately, it is often associated with "long division and drudgery." By hosting a competition like this, he says he hopes kids will either develop an interest in math, or be more

proud of their love for the subject.

Entrants will compete against grade-level peers on three math-oriented games: magic squares, a game in which the children are awarded for creating their own math problems; a counting game, which tests students' ability to count from any number to another number by a determined variable (such as counting from 50 to 10 by units of 3); and a mental math workout, where the kids must solve problems without pencil and paper.

Winners from each grade level will be awarded a Xbox Kinect — a Microsoft-designed video game console featuring games controlled by a device that captures human movement and translates it into directives for on-screen avatars. First-, second- and third-place winners will each be awarded medals. All participants get a certificate.

This is one of many TriMathlons being held across the country. If an entrant scores within the top three for his or her grade level nationwide, he or she will

be entered into the national TriMathlon.

Of course, in addition to getting kids excited about math, the competition gives Bugwadia a chance to show off his Mathnasium to parents.

When Bugwadia is not running a math competition, he is often working as a tutor at his Mountain View Mathnasium, as well as the one he owns in Campbell. "The first thing we do is to connect math to many of the things the kids are learning," he said. "Visualization of the concepts is a very important technique that we use."

The Mathnasium focuses on bringing math off the page and out of the conceptual world and showing students how it can be applied in their daily lives. The technique is very effective in getting children more interested in math, he said, noting that it is easy to tell when he has gotten a student's attention: "I see their eyes light up." ▀

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Facebook's oldest user keeps the conversation polite

MENLO PARK WOMAN MEETS ZUCKERBERG,
TOURS SOCIAL NETWORK'S NEW CAMPUS

By Nick Veronin

At a little over a century in age, Menlo Park resident Florence Detlor is the oldest known Facebook user. The title, which she pays little mind, has earned her a tour of the social networking company's massive headquarters, and a meet-and-greet with the company's billionaire founder, who at 28 years old is 73 years her junior.

"I was very impressed," Ms. Detlor says, referring to Mark Zuckerberg. "He was very pleasant and official. Very nice."

Shortly after noon on Aug. 22, Ms. Detlor toured the Facebook campus along with a group of officials from Little House in Menlo Park, the Peninsula Volunteers-run senior activity center, of which she is a member. In fact, it was at Little House where the 101-year-old Ms. Detlor learned the ropes of the popular social networking site, and it was through Little House that this trip was organized.

Every month Little House offers interactive Facebook classes for seniors to learn how to use the site, post pictures, add friends and play social games. The lessons are taught by a volunteer Facebook employee.

Ms. Detlor's interest in signing up for Facebook was piqued by her family. She recalls how family members would often talk about using the site, occasionally suggesting that Ms. Detlor give it a try.

The idea was not all that far-fetched. While Ms. Detlor admits she isn't highly tech-savvy, she is far from computer-illiterate. The centenarian got her first personal computer in 1999 — around the time Mr. Zuckerberg was entering his freshman year of high

school.

Ms. Detlor's timeline indicates that she joined Facebook on Aug. 19, 2009. However, she says she has been using the site for only one year. Her first picture post is a shared photo, originally uploaded by her niece on Ms. Detlor's 100th birthday.

Officials from the social network confirm there are no known older users than Ms. Detlor.

Ms. Detlor was born in Canada, and moved to Los Angeles shortly thereafter. "Not a moment too soon, I believe," she says.

From L.A. she moved north to Menlo Park. She remembers the exact date she first moved into the home she still lives in to this day: Dec. 9, 1955. She loves her "beautiful Menlo Park," she says, even if she doesn't "like the way they run it sometimes."

That's about the most political Ms. Detlor gets, at least on Facebook. She says she likes to limit her social wall feed to polite discourse and pleasant small talk.

Scrolling through her feed there are earnest questions, such as, "Is a garage sale a good way to shop?" There are also positive proclamations that also serve as a call to discuss positive experiences had in church: "I heard a thought-provoking sermon this morning. I can work on that all week." An Aug. 5 post from Ms. Detlor reads: "Isn't it good that we don't have to face politics on Facebook???"

It may be surprising for the more experienced Facebook user that Ms. Detlor is able to avoid politics within Facebook, but the



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Florence Detlor, 101, smiles after writing "Flo thanx" on Facebook's wall during her tour of the Menlo Park campus.

truth is she is fairly discerning when it comes to "friending."

"I just want (the conversation) to be meaningful," she says, "and to give back a message that is meaningful." When she sees

labyrinthine Facebook campus.

According to an official with Little House, the Facebook class is a big hit. "The ability to be able to connect and reconnect with long-lost friends, engage with them, keep up with their family and kids and just be able to link up with their families" is what makes the course so popular, according to Kwesi Wilson, marketing and communications coordinator for Little House.

Mr. Wilson says that the class has grown in popularity, largely due to word of mouth, as Little House members tell their peers about how much they have enjoyed using the site. "They pick it up quickly," he says. "It's really easy to use. And as soon as they start

clicking and get in there, start uploading pictures, they're in."

Mr. Wilson pointed to a recent USA Today article featuring Ms. Detlor that explores the use of social networks by senior citizens. That article, "Facebook 101: Seniors learn to use the social network," cites a recent Pew study that indicates all social network users over the age of 50 use the technology predominantly to stay in touch with family.

That's what Mr. Wilson says he uses it for — staying up to speed with his family living in Ghana.

The article also cited another recent Pew study that found 33 percent of senior citizens on the Web used social media sites in 2011. That's up from 13 percent just two years prior.

Loneliness may be a significant driver behind this uptick in social media use by the elderly, Mr. Wilson speculates. "What they (the seniors) find, is that they're able to keep in touch with their children, their friends, so (they) virtually are keeping in touch with everyone," he says.

Ms. Detlor says her friends would benefit from the contact they could experience through Facebook, but also notes that many of her friends have passed away.

This fact may shed some light on why she isn't all that shy about engaging with complete strangers online — so long as they remain polite, of course. ▀

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Los Altos senior calls con man's bluff

By Nick Veronin

A Los Altos senior wants her peers in Mountain View and elsewhere to be wary of phone calls they may receive from anyone purporting to be from the Social Security Administration.

The woman said she was recently contacted by an imposter claiming he was from the government agency and asking for her personal information.

The woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said that she was called around 10 a.m. Aug. 28 by a man claiming to represent the Social Security Administration. He told her the administration would soon be sending out new Medicare cards to seniors, but before she could get hers she would have to provide him with some information, such as the name of her bank.

"The moment he mentioned that he was going to need my bank information, I said, 'Oh, no,'" the woman said. "He hung up immediately."

"These kinds of calls are reported from time to time," said Lowell Kepke, a spokesman for the Social Security Administration's regional office in Rich-

mond. "They are scams."

No one will ever call from the administration asking for personal or banking information over the phone, Kepke said. "We advise people to be very careful when they get a phone call. Social Security representatives won't call and ask for that kind of personal or banking information."

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LOCAL WOMAN WHO RECEIVED CALL

The Social Security Administration is much more likely to reach out via mail or email and request that the beneficiary make an appointment to come into a local branch to provide sensitive personal information, or to call the administration themselves,

so that it is the beneficiary initiating the transaction.

Still, he said, the administration receives reports like this one from time to time, and unfortunately, some people have already been duped. "What we find," Kepke said, "is that our beneficiaries, especially elderly beneficiaries, tend to be trustful of the government and social security, and that trust can get them in trouble if they're not careful."

The Los Altos woman was careful, though, according to Kepke. "Your reader did the right thing," he said.

The woman said that the call came from a 408 number. When she reported the fraud, a representative from the Social Security Administration told her they had received numerous similar complaints recently. However, Kepke could not confirm whether there has been a recent spree of similar incidents.

If a Social Security beneficiary is ever concerned or suspicious about a solicitation of any kind, he said, that person should write down the name and contact information of the person claiming to be from the administration, then call the toll-free Social Security number: 1-800-772-1213. ■

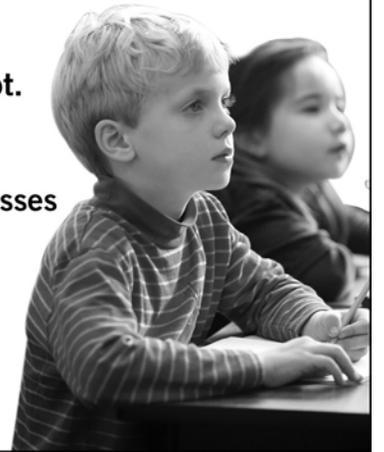
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Developer needs to work with adjacent businesses

The David-and-Goliath-battle between the giant developer Merlone Geier and a handful of small merchants and building owners over a fence that blocks their access to the San Antonio shopping center is no closer to resolution than it was a few months ago.

That is when Merlone Geier threw up a fence in the middle of the night that sealed off businesses along San Antonio Road from the center's parking lot. The action was unannounced and in short order was ruled illegal by the city's zoning administrator, Peter Gilli. But even though the fence is long gone the dispute is far from over, unless the two sides, which include the owners of Barron Park Supply and the International Halal Market, can reach the compromise that Gilli seeks.

The merchants charge that Merlone Geier, which is in the midst of developing more than 16 acres of the center into a mixed-use space of housing, offices and retail, including a new Safeway store, is pressuring them to sell out. The small businesses are located on San Antonio Road and around the corner on California Avenue, and owners are eager to remain independent from the shopping center. And some say Merlone Geier is simply interested in owning all the property out to the street.

It is not yet clear how a compromise can be forged, although Merlone Geier appears to lack much interest in doing anything other than putting up a new 6-foot wrought iron fence. City officials say one property owner may be ready to accept the fence, and Barron Park Plumbing Supply has adequate parking in front of its business. But the proposed fence would block the exit for a driveway at the Halal Market, which could do serious harm.

"It killed my business," said co-owner Mehran Farshad about the cyclone fence that lasted only a few days in May.

In our view, the city should have seen this dispute coming and extracted a compromise from Merlone Geier as a condition of approval, rather than allowing the company to run roughshod over these merchants. The impact of opening a small access alley to Halal Market will not cause substantial harm to the developer. But if the plan for a fence goes forward, it could do great harm to at least one business now, and perhaps even more to the popular Milk Pail Market in 2016, if its agreement to share parking at the Ross store and BevMo parking lot is not renewed in 2016.

Paul Brunmeier, a partner with Charles Riegler at Barron Park Plumbing Supply, told the Voice last week that he believes the fence issue is "...an example of, in my opinion, a bullying tactic by the developer to put existing successful Mountain View businesses in a poor state if not try to force them out of business altogether so they could obtain this land cheaper for their own plans."

Merlone Geier managing director Greg Geertsen in May denied that his company has been putting pressure on the five businesses to accept the company's buyout offers.

"This is not our intent at all," he said. "The intent is to protect our property rights."

Rather than falling back on the "property rights" argument, we would like to see Merlone Geier express a commitment to working out a compromise that will enable all five businesses near the corner of San Antonio and California to maintain their current status.

The old adage "Good fences make good neighbors" could apply here if the fence were adjusted so that all parties could live with it. Otherwise, it will leave a black mark on the shopping center project before it is even completed.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

THE INDISPENSABLE IMPORTANCE OF GOOGLE

How often do those of us who remember life before PCs, laptops, and cellphones pose the now rhetorical "How did we get along without all this totally cool technology?" Well, we managed to get along in ignorant bliss of what did not yet exist except in sci-fi literature and films (remember the HAL-9000 in "2001: A Space Odyssey" back in 1969?). However, to return to those primal days now would be traumatic to say the least, especially for those of us who are creative inventors and use these technologies every day.

Mountain View's very own Google is to me the technology the world can least afford lose because of its eclectic value to every other technology — simple or complex — in today's world. A recent story on the BBC website highlights this better than just about anything.

A 15-year-old American school boy back on the East Coast has invented and developed a new cancer screening test that employs carbon nano-tubes that allow for such insidious cancers as pancreatic, ovarian, and lung to be detected 168 times faster and 1,000 times cheaper than any other tests used. This intellectually precocious boy got the idea while daydreaming in his freshman biology class one day, and he did exhaustive Google searches into carbon nano-tubes, cancers, and cancer screening tests.

That spark of unpredictable creative genius flashed in his head and he realized he had discovered something very important. He sent out 200 letters to labs and universities asking for access to lab facilities, and he got 199 rejections because he is "only a kid with no college degree." But a cancer researcher at Johns Hopkins realized the kid had something special so Johns Hopkins gave the kid lab access. Now the boy has a patent filed and he will save countless lives. He credits his research to Google.

As a prolific inventor myself I use Google every day. In 2006 I invented the "broad-spectrum fractional sequestration combustion gas liquefier" that also employs carbon nano-tubes in the multi-phase system. Like that 15-year-old boy, I did all my physics, chemistry, and engineering research via Google. Now the Chinese government is interested in my technology as it holds promise for clean coal energy generation.

Long live Google!

Jeffrey Van Middlebrook
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GRADING POLICY WOULD FAIL REAL WORLD TEST

As a graduate of Mountain View High School who read the article about the new grading policy, I was extremely concerned about the way this system

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is formulated.

As a current college student who has experienced both the classroom and work environment through various internships, this supposedly “progressive” system seems more rigid and unrealistic than ever. With a down economy and college students who already have difficulty translating their classroom skills to a real world setting, this system only perpetuates a world where unrealistic letter grades lead to a disconnect with practical knowledge. In the working world, people are not hired because of their perfect 4.00 college GPA, but rather because of their valuable work ethic or interesting skill listed on their resume.

Letter grades that reflect the so-called “mastery” of material will only take a student so far in his or her career and life. While this student may understand how to solve the algebra equations, if he never arrives at class except on test days, how will he

fare when he is required to work at his daily job? He certainly will not last very long with these poor habits.

Not only is this arrangement unrealistic in terms of transitioning to one’s career, but it also places more stress on students and less control in their hands regarding their grades. Many students rely on the fact that participation and work ethic are reflected in grading policies. Sometimes, there is only so much a student can do to illustrate “mastery of material.” Outstanding students may spend almost their entire lives studying, yet still have difficulty with certain material. Thus, this system is actually less effective in illustrating a student’s success in school because those who are determined and hard-working aren’t necessarily the ones who always receive the highest test scores or assignment grades.

While it is useful to assess and provide feedback about these non-academic factors, if this information is not reflected in a student’s grade, then this leads

to further pressure on these students when looking toward college applications. This process will significantly change who is accepted to certain colleges. Students accepted will not necessarily be the ones who will truly succeed in the real world, but rather solely those who test well. This new policy is one that moves grades farther away from any translation to real world success. It is a system that rewards IQ points rather than valuable skill.

Alyssa Jacobson

Oakhurst Avenue, Los Altos

HOSPITAL CEO’S SALARY IS UNREASONABLE

I read that San Francisco has the nation’s highest paid police chief (\$321,577). He is compensated better than the police chiefs of Los Angeles (\$307,291) and New York City’s Police Commissioner (\$205,180).

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*Kary Lynch
San Jose*

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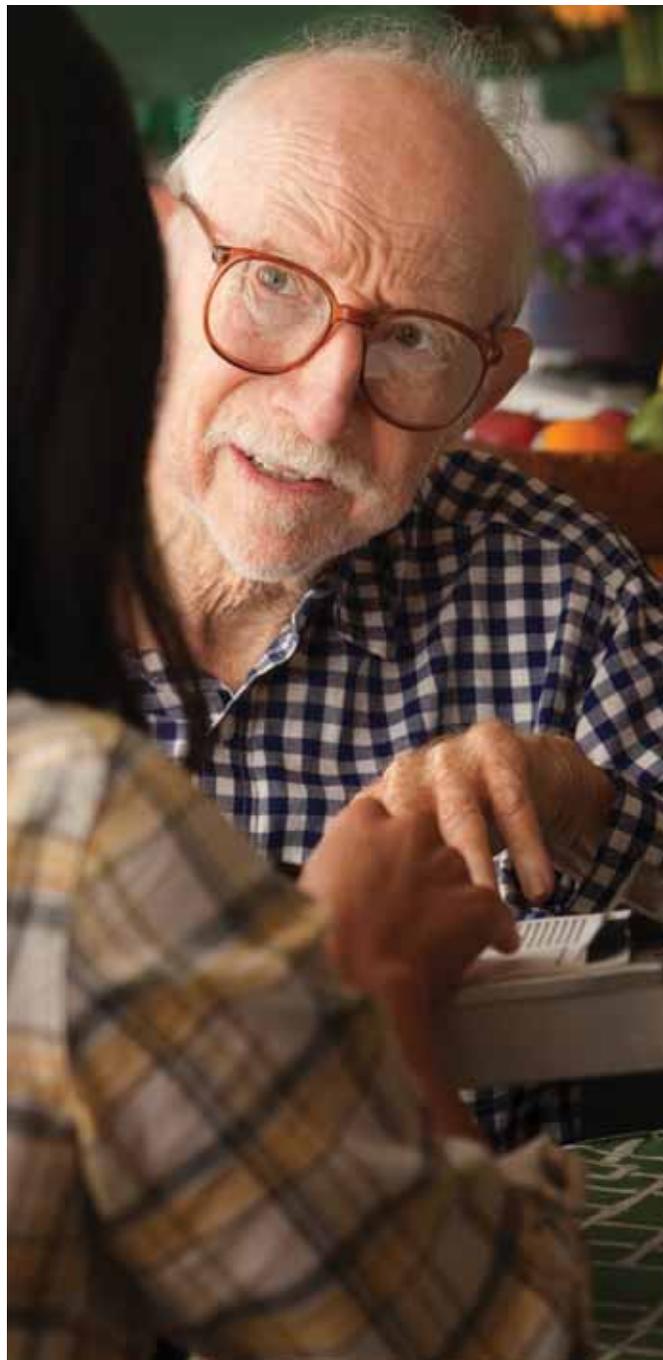
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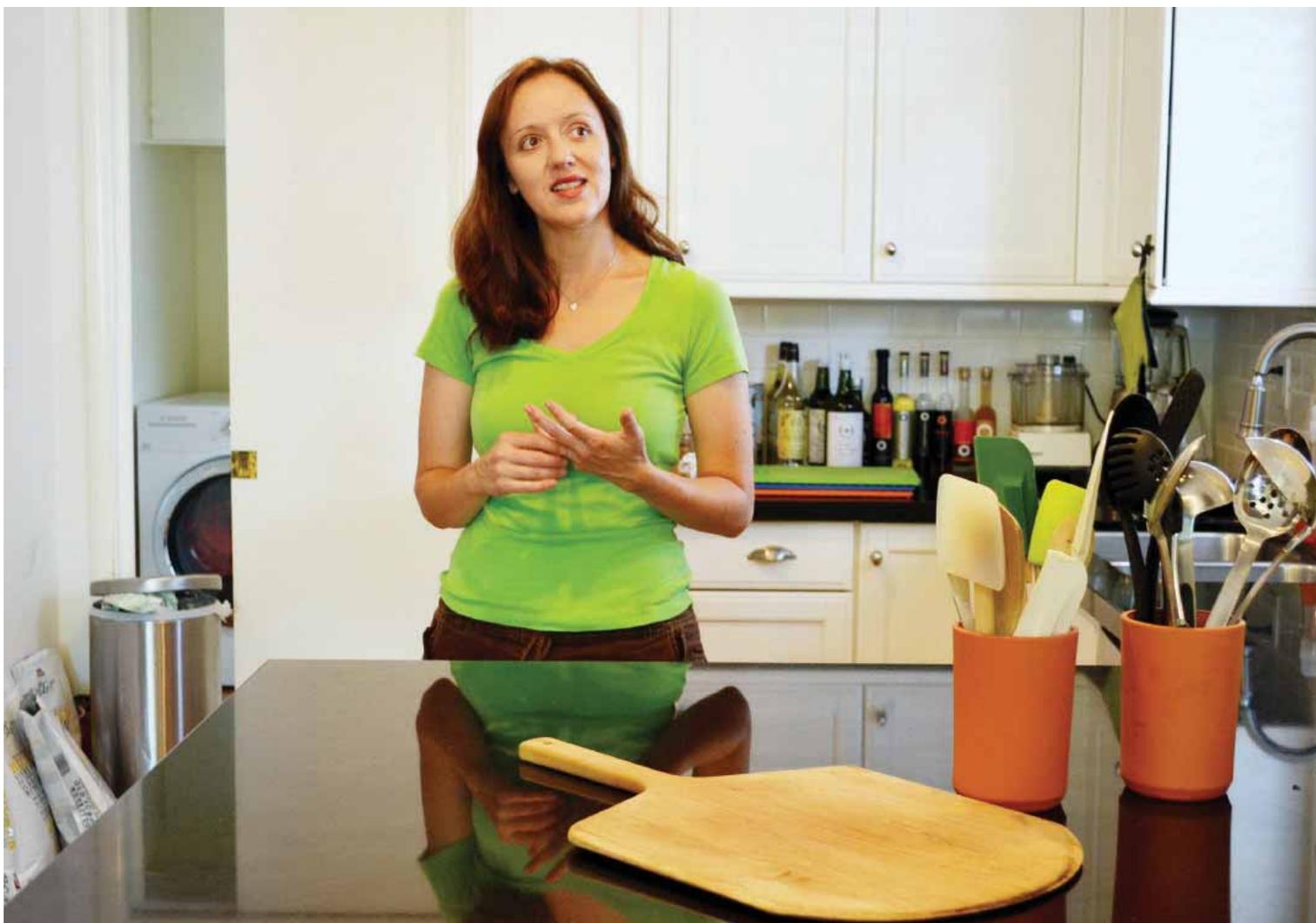
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Stephanie Lucianovic in her kitchen, where she indulges culinary interests developed after overcoming her picky-eater ways.

You are what you (won't) eat

LOCAL AUTHOR DELVES INTO THE ROOTS OF PICKY EATING

By Andrea Gemmet

'Every adult picky eater knows that dinner parties are their personal hell.'

STEPHANIE LUCIANOVIC

Nobody wants to be a picky eater. Though their frustrated parents might think otherwise, picky eaters would love to be able to tuck into a plate of food with enthusiasm instead of facing it with knotted stomachs, tearful protests and gagging.

Stephanie Lucianovic knows what it's like. For years, mealtimes were a torment for the Menlo Park resident, who choked down vegetables under duress, detested fish and didn't dare eat a peach. Now a food writer and culinary school graduate, she delves into the evolving science of taste in her new book, "Suffering Succotash: A Picky Eater's Quest To Understand Why We Hate the Foods We Hate."

She will be featured at an author event at Books Inc. at Town & Country Village in Palo Alto on Sept. 27, and she's vowed to convert audience members into okra lovers with one of her own recipes.

That's right, okra.

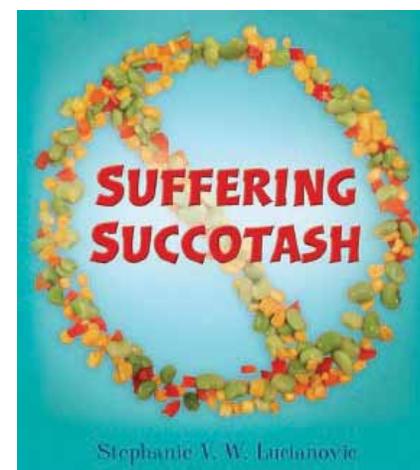
Not too long ago, okra was on the list of things the adult Lucianovic still couldn't bear to eat. As she recounts in her book, finding okra on the menu when she had dinner at a friend's house set off a silent wave of panic. While feigning interest in the recipe, "my brain chanted, Slimy okra, bad okra, evil okra, GAG!" she wrote.

"Every picky eater — former or current — has been in this situation. Every adult picky eater knows that dinner parties are their personal hell."

Fortunately for Lucianovic, her friend's okra was a tasty revelation, and using the same recipe, she cooked it every night for a month. She knows she's taking a risk bringing a dish to an author event, she says.

"My friend warned me never to bring food," Lucianovic says. "I told Books Inc. that's what I want to do, and they're fine with it. I make farro salad with okra in it, and I want to get people to try it."

Lucianovic's book — part memoir, part popular science — explores current research



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From personal experience, Lucianovic knows the life of a picky eater can be lonely, and wrote her book to let others know they're not alone.

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as well as the many unknowns behind how people experience food differently, but it also comes with recipes for things like roasted cauliflower and sauteed greens. For Lucianovic, expanding her palate had a lot to do with finding the right way to cook the things that she's always hated.

"I won't eat broccoli steamed or stir-fried; I only eat it roasted," she says. "Legumes can be weird. I eat lentils because they're small and I can make a cold salad and drown them in a lemony vinaigrette."

While some foods, vegetables in particular, require work in order to be palatable to her, she does have one firm rule: Smothering something in cheese sauce doesn't count.

"I don't want to drown it; I want to like the flavor," she explains. "I add lots of ingredients I like, then slowly pull back, because my brain has accepted that I like butternut squash."

Going to the source

Discovering that there are genetic differences that make some people experience flavors differently led Lucianovic to contact researchers at Cornell University and Monell Chemical Sense Center in Philadelphia, as well as Palo Alto dietitian Karen Ross. When she first heard about supertasters, Lucianovic says, she had high hopes that genetics were to blame for her dinner table torments.

So-called supertasters make up about 25 percent of the population, and are highly sensitive to a

bitter chemical compound found in some foods. A less-sensitive segment of the population can't even detect some types of bitter flavors

After subjecting herself to a variety of tests, genetic testing definitively ruled out her being a supertaster. In the process, Lucianovic did gain insight into the combination of factors, whether childhood trauma, genes or psychology, that create picky eaters. She writes about the physiological effects of stress on the digestion that cause "delayed gastric emptying" — the sensation of food sitting like a lump in your stomach, causing discomfort and nausea. She interviewed dentists and a sword swallower about overcoming an overactive gag reflex.

"I wish I could have told more about the gag reflex," she says. "There's just not much on how it works and how it's controlled."

For Lucianovic, keeping herself from gagging helped her get through a dessert of poached peaches and avoid embarrassing herself in front of her future in-laws.

For other picky eaters, textures or smells can make or break a meal. Most toddlers spend some time as fussy eaters, a well-known developmental phase that freaks out parents, but that most outgrow.

While picky children are often thought of as being rebellious or spoiled or going through a difficult phase, finicky adults face the stigma of being thought immature, unsophisticated or high-maintenance. Lucianovic describes herself as a polite, eager-to-please middle child who

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didn't want to offend. She simply couldn't make herself eat food she found abhorrent.

"It's not like people really understand," Lucianovic says. "You can't help (food) preferences, any more than you can help what music you like. No one gets into a knock-down, drag-out fight over liking Miley Cyrus."

Becoming a 'picky foodie'

But she wanted to go out to restaurants without worrying that she couldn't stomach some of the things on her dish, and eat at friends' houses without offending them by refusing part of a meal.

So Lucianovic set out to overcome her picky ways, inadvertently using a technique neuroscientists call "pattern reset." Stealing a bite or two of food off the plate of her decidedly non-picky husband helped open her up to new foods, she writes. The positive associations overwrote the negative ones.

Her interest in food blossomed to the point that she enrolled in culinary school, started a food blog, became a food writer and editor. The picky eater had somehow morphed into a foodie, "annoying diners around me by taking dark and blurry photos of

'You can't help (food) preferences, any more than you can help what music you like.'

STEPHANIE LUCIANOVIC

every single meal I ate out."

She even had a stint in the prep kitchen for a season of Jacques Pepin's public television series, "Fast Food My Way."

"I worked in the back kitchen and was terrified the whole time

— not of him, he was sweet and nice," Lucianovic says. "We'd ask how he wanted (ingredients) prepared, and he'd show us how he wanted things done. Every morning was like a mini cooking class with Jacques Pepin."

But while she grew to love peaches and broccoli, and happily eats fish, there are still some things she can't stand to eat, and has no interest in learning to love — like bananas and raisins, or the titular frozen succotash she endured as a child.

She now considers herself a "picky foodie," and has written a blog entry for the Washington Post enumerating the many reasons that bananas are evil. She's also discovered that KQED Forum host Michael Krasny is a fellow picky eater.

"You can bond with someone over raisin-hate," she says.

Lucianovic says she was lucky to find an editor who embraced the topic, as a lot of them didn't understand why anyone would

want to read a book about picky eaters. "One editor wanted it to be about why we love the foods we love. I said 'picky' has to be in the title."

While she did a lot of research into the topic, she says parents with serious concerns about their children's nutrition need to consult a pediatrician or dietitian and not rely on her book.

"I can't tell you how many people have come to me and said, 'I didn't think anyone would write about how I felt,'" she says.

"The most important thing for me is that I want people to feel that they're not alone. When

(picky eating) gets carried into adulthood is when it gets really lonely. It affects social interactions, makes them stressful. ... They're not doing it to be annoying or childish or difficult."

INFORMATION

Stephanie Lucianovic is set to speak about her book, "Suffering Succotash: A Picky Eater's Quest To Understand Why We Hate the Foods We Hate," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, at Books Inc. in the Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real in Palo Alto.



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On June 5, 2012, voters residing within the Mountain View-Whisman School District passed Measure G. Measure G is a \$198 million bond measure that authorizes funding for needed repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects for the District's schools. After a bond authorized under Proposition 39 is passed, state law requires that the Mountain View-Whisman School District Board of Trustees appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee to work with the District. The Committee responsibilities include: informing the public regarding the District's expenditure of bond proceeds, ensuring bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure G and presenting an annual report to the Board of Trustees on their conclusions regarding the expenditure of Measure G proceeds.

Applications can be downloaded www.MVWSD.org/Measure-G or be picked up at the District office, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043.

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Weekend

MOVIE TIMES

All showtimes are for Friday through Monday only unless otherwise noted. For other times, as well as reviews and trailers, go to mv-voice.com/movies.

2 for 1 - Moonrise Kingdom/To Rome with Love (R) Century	16: 12:10, 2:40, 4:50 & 7:35 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 1:30, 3:35, 6 & 8:05 p.m.
2016: Obama's America (PG) Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2:10, 4:25, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: Noon, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m.	
The Apparition (PG-13) Century 20: 12:20, 5:15 & 10:05 p.m.	
Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Guild Theatre: 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.	
The Bourne Legacy (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: Noon, 3:30, 7 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 1:10, 4:20, 7:25 & 10:25 p.m.	
Brave (PG) ★★☆☆1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:35 & 4:05 p.m.	
The Campaign (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:50, 4:40, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 12:30, 3, 5:30, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.	
Celeste and Jesse Forever (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:25 & 9:45 p.m.	
The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 16: 11 a.m.; 2:30, 6:30 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 12:55, 4:40 & 8:30 p.m.	
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) ★★ Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 1:50, 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.	
Doctor Zhivago (1965) (PG-13) Century 16: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m. Century 20: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m.	
The Expendables 2 (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:30, 4:10, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:10 & 10:45 p.m.	
Hit and Run (R) ★★ Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 2:45 & 7:40 p.m.	
Hope Springs (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 1:55, 4:20, 7:10 & 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 1:45, 4:10, 6:50 & 9:20 p.m.	
Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) Century 20: 11:35 a.m. & 4:25 p.m.; In 3D at 1:55, 7 & 9:20 p.m.	
The Intouchables (R) ★★ Aquarius Theatre: 3:15, 6 & 8:45 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.	
Lawless (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:35, 4:10, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 12:45, 2, 3:20, 4:35, 5:55, 7:15, 8:40 & 10:10 p.m.	
Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 16: 6:40 & 9:50 p.m.	
Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) ★★☆☆1/2 Century 20: 10:30 p.m.	
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:40, 4:10, 6:40 & 9:10 p.m. Century 20: 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50 & 10:20 p.m.	
The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure (G) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40 & 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 1:40, 3:50, 6 & 8:10 p.m.	
ParaNorman (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16: 1:50 & 6:50 p.m.; In 3D at 11:30 a.m.; 4:15 & 9:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 4 p.m.; In 3D at 1:35, 6:55 & 9:15 p.m.	
The Possession (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 12:30, 2:55, 5:40, 8 & 10:40 p.m.	
Premium Rush (PG-13) Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 1, 2:15, 3:30, 4:35, 5:50, 7:05, 8:15, 9:25 & 10:35 p.m.	
Robot & Frank (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:30 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 2, 5 & 7:25 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 9:45 p.m.	
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Guild Theatre: Sat. at midnight.	
Ruby Sparks (R) ★★☆☆1/2 Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 9:50 p.m.	
Sleepwalk With Me Aquarius Theatre: 2:15, 4:30, 7 & 9:15 p.m.	
Sparkle (PG-13) Century 20: 10:20 p.m.	
To Rome With Love (R) ★★ Century 16: 9:40 p.m.	
Total Recall (PG-13) Century 20: 9:05 p.m.	

★ Skip it
★★ Some redeeming qualities
★★★ A good bet
★★★★ Outstanding

For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit www.mv-voice.com and click on movies.



MOVIE REVIEWS

BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD ★★★★★

(Guild) Independent filmmaking doesn't come any better than this. Newcomer Quvenzhané Wallis delivers a riveting performance as the child trying to make sense of her world on the wrong side of a southern Louisiana levee. She and her ailing father (Dwight Henry) struggle to stay afloat in The Bathtub, a floodplain populated with odd characters and littered with ramshackle housing — a hurricane away from disaster. The community refuses to be displaced. Director Zeitlin's gift is the ability to pack social commentary within a unique voice and look. He and co-writer Lucy Alibar address the difficulties of preserving a people and their culture in post-Katrina Louisiana. The imagery has a haunting quality, especially once the characters become unmoored. "Beasts of the Southern Wild" is a must-see movie of rare vision. And the defiant brown eyes of Quvenzhané Wallis burn with a warrior spirit you won't soon forget. *Rated PG-13 for language, child imperilment, brief sensuality, disturbing images and thematic material.* 1 hour, 33 minutes. — S.T.

THE BOURNE LEGACY ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Meet the new Bourne, same as the old Bourne. That's the impression left by "The Bourne Legacy," a would-be franchise refresher in which Jeremy Renner grabs the baton from Matt Damon. Everything in this film you've seen before, whether it be recycled from the "Bourne" trilogy or even Joe Wright's "Hanna," fer gosh sakes. What is this movie about? A chemically enhanced super soldier (Renner) discovers his masters have turned on him. Cross tracks down Marta Shearing (Rachel Weisz), the only surviving doctor who used to maintain him; now she too has been targeted. Renner and Weisz are as solid as one might respectively expect, but the film doesn't make us care much about them, or say anything more pointed about the state of American covert affairs than "We are morally indefensible and absolutely necessary." Instead, the film expends acres of talk on military doublespeak and technobabble. As Scott Glenn's CIA director confesses early on, "I've kind of lost my perspective on what's possible." Just remember, kids, you're not paranoid if they're really out to get you ... or your movie dollars. *Rated PG-13 for violence and action.* Two hours, 15 minutes. — P.C.

THE CAMPAIGN ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis bring their boundary-pushing comedic sensibilities to the world of politics with this uneven chuckler. The strong cast and topical plot help make for a hilarious first hour. But "The Campaign" eventually fizzles beneath a spattering of raunchy humor that often misses the mark. Ferrell plays North Carolina-based U.S. Rep. Cam Brady as sort of an amalgam of George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Brady has long run unopposed in his district and again looks destined for re-election despite an episode of infidelity. The greedy tycoon Motch brothers (Lithgow and Aykroyd) are eager to supplant Brady with a candidate who will support their agenda, and turn to the oblivious and awkward Marty Huggins (Galifianakis), the son of a wealthy businessman. The filmmakers do

well in not pandering to one particular side of the political spectrum. In fact, part of the movie's flair comes in avoiding actual politics (when an intern brings up a real political issue, Brady kicks him out of the campaign headquarters). Where the film falters is in its script. Winning scenes trade time with squirm-inducing moments. There is some smart social commentary tucked in, but it's tough to take seriously given the picture's crude undertones. "The Campaign" shows a great deal of promise and is a worthwhile viewing for Ferrell and Galifianakis fans. But, not unlike some politicians, it proves unable to live up to its own potential. *Rated R for language, sexual content and brief nudity. One hour, 25 minutes.* — T.H.

CELESTE AND JESSE FOREVER ★★★1/2

(Century 16) Till now, the premier divorce comedies have been to some degree mean-spirited, from "His Girl Friday" to "War of the Roses." But screenwriters Rashida Jones and Will McCormack have devised a kinder, gentler divorce comedy in "Celeste and Jesse Forever." A "rom com" that plays off of or squirms out of the clichés, the film stars Jones and Andy Samberg as the title characters, high school sweethearts who got married but eventually hit a wall. Now six months separated and heading for a divorce, their relationship is, ironically, stronger than ever — as inseparable best friends. But unresolved romantic feelings have lingered, consciously for Jesse and perhaps unconsciously for Celeste. Even at a slim 91 minutes, the picture feels padded with too much material that's dead on arrival. Samberg decently holds up his end of the hipster duet, and McCormack puts in a nice supporting turn as a friend of Jesse's, but it's Jones who easily walks off with the movie, flimsy though it may be. *Rated R for language, sexual content and drug use. One hour, 32 minutes.* — P.C.

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES

★★★★★
(Century 16, Century 20) All the world's Gotham City in Christopher Nolan's ambitious Batman trilogy, which comes to an emphatic conclusion. The screenplay by Nolan and his brother Jonathan takes inspiration from "A Tale of Two Cities" and Fritz Lang's "Metropolis" in depicting the levels of society: the 99 percent versus the 1 percent, the skyscrapers down to the sewers. The leitmotif of Nolan's well-orchestrated Batman saga is how a society, and an individual, responds to a fall. Batman has receded into billionaire Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale), a limping recluse. He faces two characters plucked from the pages of Batman comics: fearsome terrorist Bane (Tom Hardy) and cat burglar Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway), who wants a "clean slate" in an internet age when information is immortal. The film delivers a whole lotta movie, with cast-of-thousands spectacle and giant-sized action. The Nolans consider the issues of the day (there's a big Occupy Gotham theme); explore the role of legendary heroes in galvanizing the public; and labor to ensure that how their Batman ends dovetails with 2005's "Batman Begins." *Rated PG-13 for violence, sensuality and language. Two hours, 45 minutes.* — P.C.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS ★★

(Century 20) "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days" reunites the core cast of previous entries and maintains a tonal consistency. Here again is Everyboy Greg and the rest



Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones in "Hope Springs."

of the cast from the previous film. The summer-themed adventure that picks up where "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules" left off, at the end of Greg's seventh-grade year. As for the tone, it's strictly middle-school slapstick and middle-class worries, like how to dodge parental expectations and play video games instead. Even for an episodic kiddie farce, "Dog Days" seems overly familiar in its comic premises and conflicts. But it'll all be new to its intended audience, who are likely to lap it up as happily as the Heffleys' new mutt, Sweetie, at his water dish. Like its predecessors, "Dog Days" offers a mostly shapeless plot, as Greg gets into varieties of trouble, shooting himself in the foot when it comes to his friendship, courtship and family life. The main thread involves Greg lying about having a job at the Plainview Heights Country Club so he can spend time around Holly; as a result, dedicated gamer Greg realizes the outdoors aren't so bad after all. And so "Dog Days" gently imparts a lesson or two, about taking responsibility for and learning from mistakes. The oddest thing about the movie is that this kid-lit adaptation hardcore disses reading. *Rated PG for some rude humor. One hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

HIT AND RUN ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Gearheads unite! Others disperse. To paraphrase the archetypal patrolman, there's nothing to see here in "Hit and Run," a chase comedy from Dax Shepard. Nothing, that is, but a lot of yee-haw stunt driving, much of it performed by the movie's real star: a black 1967 Lincoln Continental convertible. Wheelman Charlie, a member of the federal Witness Protection Program, takes his girlfriend of one year, Annie (Kristen Bell) to L.A. for a job interview she has only hours to get to. Tipped-off ex-con (Bradley Cooper) seeking revenge on Charlie. Yee-haw, and so forth. The film isn't totally lacking in shaggy charm, and it's clearly a labor of love for Shepard and his real-life life partner (and rumored wife) Bell. Depending on how much you like Shepard you may well like "Hit and Run." But don't expect much more than drifting and abrupt turns, both with the cars and the plot. The movie narrowly functions as a relationship comedy "driven" by eruptive trust issues and peppered with conversations pitched somewhere between Tarantino and Seinfeld. Ultimately, instead of feeling transported, you may feel abandoned on the side of the road. *Rated R for pervasive language including sexual references, graphic nudity, some violence and drug content. One hour, 40*

minutes. — P.C.

HOPE SPRINGS ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) "I want a real marriage again." With those words in the dramedy "Hope Springs," Meryl Streep's housewife throws the gauntlet before her husband of 31 years, played by Tommy Lee Jones. Streep's Kay Soames ropes her husband Arnold into a weeklong program run by "You Can Have the Marriage You Want" author Dr. Bernard Feld (Steve Carell). The master class in acting put on by Streep and the particularly pitch-perfect Jones is the big draw here. While Carell, like his character, expertly facilitates, the leads put themselves under the microscope, finding fascinating rhythms in their give-and-takes, and speaking volumes with body language. "Hope Springs" turns out to be a different kind of mainstream movie, wielding star power to turn a giant, unsparring mirror on its target audience: in this case, baby boomers in stale marriages. There's a riveting intensity — and a sense of privilege — to the way the movie takes us into squirmy private moments and focuses nearly every scene on the sometimes funny, more often sad dynamic between the two lead characters. A handful of comic flourishes lean toward jokiness at odds with the film's greater scheme, of dramatic cultivated awkwardness between two people facing hard truths. Also, one might well wish for a chink in the armor of Carell's too-perfect shrink. But the movie's countercultural commitment to character and performance is enough to give "Hope" a try. *Rated PG-13 for mature thematic content involving sexuality. One hour, 40 minutes.* — P.C.

THE INTOUCHABLES ★★

(Aquarius) In "The Intouchables," a rich, stuffy, white man exposes a poor black man to the "finer things" in life; in turn, the black man teaches the white man how to loosen up and love. No need to check your watch. It's still 2012. With its brash humor and emotional generosity, "The Intouchables" has crowd-pleaser written all over it, but there's no mistaking the queasy racial implications. Francois Cluzet ("Tell No One") plays Phillippe, a quadriplegic millionaire who unexpectedly plucks Senegalese immigrant Driss (Omar Sy) out of the Parisian ghetto to be a live-in home-care provider. Phillippe — also a closet adventurer — appreciates Driss' irreverent insistence on prodding his boss out of his discomfort zone and into his need for speed and romance. Wildly popular in its native France, "The Intouchables" applies

strict formula to a reassuring story about improving one's life by embracing new people and experiences. It's a cinematic warm fuzzy if ever there was one, and the performances by Cluzet and Sy prove highly appealing. But in America, where we invented this formula, audiences are likely to find it discomfitingly retrograde. *Rated R for language and some drug use. One hour, 52 minutes.* — P.C.

MOONRISE KINGDOM

★★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) For more than a decade, writer-director Wes Anderson has faced criticism of his films being fussily repetitive. Though his new film is nothing if not fussy, it's Anderson's freshest, breeziest work since the high-water mark of 1998's "Rushmore." "Moonrise" tells of a pair of troubled and gifted 12-year-olds who, in 1965, elope into the wild of New Penzance Island. Other than Anderson's own oeuvre, the film best recalls "Harold and Maude" as an offbeat romance of two lovers against the world. Anderson contrasts the simplicity of young love with the adults' insistence of complicating everything. The script by Anderson and Roman Coppola allows none of the plot elements to spin out of control, and the director keeps it short and sweet. So if Anderson's careful compositions and dollhouse-styled production design send you up the wall, keep your distance. But this time, the filmmaker isn't too clever by half: He's just clever enough. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content and smoking. One hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

PARANORMAN ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Norman sees dead people, but he doesn't tremble like Haley Joel Osment of "The Sixth Sense." Instead, the 11-year-old greets the deceased like old friends in directors Sam Fell and Chris Butler's stop-motion animated comedy. There's much to applaud in the charming first act that develops the main characters and establishes the small-township setting of Blithe Hollow with such incredible detail. Norman Babcock (voiced by Kodi Smit-McPhee of "Let Me In") is a sensitive soul, branded as the local freak and bullied at middle school. Aardman veteran Fell ("Flushed Away") and first-time screenwriter Butler (storyboard supervisor of "Coraline") excel at creating a delightful character piece, teeming with wit and atmosphere. But once the plot unleashes the walking dead, the brain of the screenplay seems half-eaten by zombies. The story spins into a protracted and all-too-familiar chase scene. Drawing parallels between the 18th-century witchhunts and the bullying of today's "freaks," the message becomes murky. The notion that fear breeds bullying, as well as mob violence, seems simplistic and clouds the real theme of forgiveness. Wonderful stop-motion and immersive 3-D techniques can't stop a misconceived concept from running amok like Frankenstein's monster. *Rated PG for scary action and images, thematic elements, rude humor and language. 1 hour, 36 minutes.* — S.T.

ROBOT & FRANK ★★

(Palo Alto Square) In "Robot & Frank," a robot helps a fading old man to see life, and himself, more clearly. The robot is a gift from son (James Marsden) to father (Frank Langella), a gift intended to troubleshoot the creeping dementia of retired "second-story man" Frank. Frank's initial reaction — "You're going to leave me with this death machine?" — turns to opportunism when he realizes that the

robot isn't programmed to be law-abiding or moralistic: Its only concern is Frank's mental and physical health. And so Frank makes the reasonable case that the best way to keep his mind active isn't the gardening the robot proposes, but planning burglaries. "Robot & Frank" operates on a humble scale, with small gestures of futurism and an uncluttered visual and narrative style. There's a deftly handled subplot involving the local librarian (Susan Sarandon), who takes an interest in Frank, her only real patron. And there's some good humor in the robot/Frank relationship to counterbalance the poignancy of his fading days. Though the audience may be tempted to humanize the robot (Peter Sarsgaard), the film excels most as a showcase for the still-crafty, supremely human Langella. Whether being grumpy or sly or existentially fretful, Langella makes a great case for the power of the screen to be a looking glass. *Rated PG-13 for some language. One hour, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

RUBY SPARKS ★★1/2

(Palo Alto Square) "Ruby Sparks" is the brainchild of Zoe Kazan, who wrote the screenplay and plays the title role ... of a brainchild. Ruby is the perfect woman for young, frustrated novelist Calvin Weir-Fields (Paul Dano). He knows this because he wrote her on his typewriter to break through his writer's block. Ruby literally comes to life and once Calvin takes the magical-realist leap and accepts that Ruby isn't going anywhere, he starts enjoying life with the girl of his dreams. "Ruby Sparks" makes an entertaining admonishment for anyone navigating the tricky terrain between initial attraction and a lasting relationship, a lesson in seeing the real person behind the exterior that attracts us. There's plenty of quirky humor. Dayton and Faris also get serious comic mileage from Calvin's life-loving mother (Annette Bening) and stepfather (Antonio Banderas), joyous contrasts to Calvin's fretfulness. But "Ruby Sparks" proves it's something special by being unafraid to follow its premise to a dark place, the dream turning into a nightmare. In a time of mind-numbing rom coms, "Ruby Sparks" uses fantasy to get real about modern romance. *Rated R for language including sexual references, and for some drug use. One hour, 44 minutes.* — P.C.

TO ROME WITH LOVE ★★

(Century 20, Century 16) There are three million stories in the Eternal City; Woody Allen tells four of them. To follow the enjoyable but overpraised "Midnight in Paris," Allen goes "To Rome with Love" and promptly loses his way. Allen long ago made his reputation as a filmmaker and no one can take that away from him, not even Woody himself. But that doesn't stop him from trying. The most pleasurable aspect of the film — apart from the location photography of Darius Khondji — is the onscreen appearance of Allen. None of the storylines is without problems. The tales tend to be predictable and, in terms of humor and thematic import, weak tea. More distressing is Allen's regressive treatment of women and an off-putting solipsism. Repeatedly, sexy women confess their attraction to Woody-esque men with power, celebrity, neuroses and a tendency for "reminiscing" about the past. Allen's privileged-male, American-in-Rome condescension takes most of the fun out of the film. *Rated R for sexual references. One hour, 42 minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

S.T.- Susan Taverneti, P.C. Peter Canavese, T.H.-Tyler Hanley

LABOR DAY AT SHORELINE LAKE

Three days of outdoor activities in a waterfront environment. Attendees can take in brunch with a lovely lakeside view, customized picnic basket/watercraft combos, as well as a plethora of other goings on. Sept. 1-3, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Shoreline Lake Aquatic Center & Lakeside Cafe, 3160 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-965-7474. www.enevnewsarchive.com/59849

ART GALLERIES

'Water' A Group Exhibit Thirty Bay Area artists display water-themed artwork during the "Water" exhibit at Gallery 9. Artists explore the theme through a variety of media. Meet the artists on Sept. 7, 5-8 p.m. Exhibit runs through Sept. 29. Gallery 9 hours: 11-5 p.m.; Sun., 12-4 p.m. Gallery 9-Los Altos, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Hot Days: Cool Art The artists of Viewpoints Gallery celebrate 35 years of art in Los Altos with an all-gallery group show exhibiting individual interpretations of art in oils, watercolors, pastels, mixed medium and ceramics. Gallery closes at 3 p.m. on Sundays. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

Memorial Church Tour Located in the Main Quad, a few minutes' walk from the center, the Stanford Memorial Church is the physical heart of the campus, replete with stained glass windows, mosaics, and stone carvings. Fridays at 2 p.m., rain or shine. Cantor Arts Center, Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/visit/public_tours.html

Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden Tour Created on-site at Stanford by artists from Papua New Guinea, the garden contains wood and stone carvings of people, animals, and magical beings that illustrate clan stories and creation myths. Third Sundays of the Month, 2 p.m., rain or shine. Meet on the corner of Santa Teresa and Lomita Drive. Cantor Arts Center, Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/visit/public_tours.html

AUDITIONS

Aurora Singers no-stress audition Singers interested in joining Aurora Singers are invited to attend a "meet the director" evening for information and a no-stress audition. No prepared audition piece is needed. The 60-voice chorale, which sings in a variety of genres, particularly seeks men and first sopranos. Sept. 4, 7:15 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. www.aurorasingers.net

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Esther's Pledge' Workshops Adolescent Counseling Services offers substance abuse-prevention workshops covering warning signs, education, how to talk to kids, and steps for getting help. Parents welcome. Youth (ages 10-14): third Thursday of the month. Must RSVP to info@acs-teens.org. Young adults (ages 15-21): first Thursday of the month. Through December, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Adolescent Counseling Services, 1717 Embarcadero Road, suite 4000, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0852 ext 200. www.acs-teens.org/

Foothill College Registration Registration for fall quarter is ongoing through Sept. 23 for all students at Foothill College. Fall classes begin the week of Sept. 24 and continue through Dec. 14, unless otherwise listed in the class schedule that's posted online at www.foothill.edu. California residents pay \$31 per unit plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.edu/admissions.php

Learn to Meditate A meditation class is held Thursdays from Sept. 6-Sept. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. \$45. Ananda Church, 2171 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-323-3363. www.anandapaloalto.org

Safety Training All Care Plus offers CPR and first-aid classes at a for \$75, or \$60 for a renewal before expiration date. Sept. 2, 2-5 p.m. \$75 new/\$60 renew. All Care Plus Inc., 862 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0204. www.allcareplus.org

The spiritual warrior: living an authentic life A class for those interested

GUARDIANS AT CANTOR

A museum guard is flanked by sculptures in Andy Freeberg's 2008 photo "Michelangelo's Moses and the Dying Slave, Puskin Museum of Fine Arts." The photograph is part of an exhibit at Stanford's Cantor Arts Center, Museum Way and Lomita Drive. Admission is free. Information: museum.stanford.edu; 650-723-4177.



in personal and spiritual growth. It is easy to think of one's self as kind & compassionate, until there is conflict with others. Tuesdays, Sept. 4-Sept. 25, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15 per class. Ananda Church, 2171 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-323-3363. www.anandapaloalto.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Balanced View Open Meeting Education in the Nature of the Mind Every Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. University Church, 1611 Stanford Avenue at Bowdoin, Palo Alto. www.balancedview.org

CONCERTS

Piano Duo Fantastsy A CSMA Faculty concert featuring husband-and-wife musicians Klara Frei and Temirzhan Yerzhanov. Sept. 6, Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend

DANCE

Dancing on the Square - Country Western The 30-minute demonstration of country western dancing instructed by Arthur Murray continues on with public participation. Sept. 4, 6-8 p.m. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.redwood-city.org/events/Dancing.html

Scottish Country Dance Classes Everyone welcome, from complete beginners to experienced dancers. Exercise for the mind as well as the body. Sept. 5, 7:45-10 p.m. First night free, then \$9 per class. Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mountain View. mtview-rscds.org

Social Ballroom Dancing Lessons at 8 p.m. are waltz for beginning and intermediate levels, followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. No experience or partner necessary. Aug. 31, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$9 includes refreshments. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. www.FridayatthePav.com

Social ballroom dancing Lessons at 8 p.m. are Rumba for beginning and intermediate levels, followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. No experience or partner necessary; dressy casual attire is preferred. A \$9 cover

includes refreshments. Sept. 7, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$9. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. www.FridayatthePav.com

EXHIBITS

Explorations in Colored Pencil District Chapter 210 of the Colored Pencil Society of America presents "Explorations in Colored Pencil," an exhibit of northern California artists working with colored pencil. Original art and prints will be for sale. The public may vote for first-, second-, and third-place People's Choice awards, announced Sept. 22. The exhibit shows Sept. 2-Sept. 28, Free Main Street Cafe and Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-787-9953. www.cpsa210.org

Sculpture from the Fisher Collection This exhibit features pieces by John Chamberlain, Sol LeWitt Claes Oldenburg and Martin Puryear, together with Carl Andre's Copper-Zinc Plain, a floor piece composed of 36 tiles; and John Chamberlain's Bijou, a large early work made of crushed automobiles and paint. Wed.-Sun.; Feb. 29-Oct. 13, 2013; open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Thursday until 8 p.m.). Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

LIVE MUSIC

Live acoustic guitar Live acoustic guitar on Thursdays at Morocco's Restaurant with Jack Cutter on Sept. 6, Shane on Sept. 13 and 28 and Paul on Sept. 20. 7-9 p.m. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. moroccosrestaurant.com

Live ambient music with Lenny Lenny Wayne takes attendees on a musical journey beginning with '50s rockability to the present with renditions of classics from Hubby Holly to John Mayer and Ray Lamontagne. Sept. 7, 7-11 p.m. None Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. moroccosrestaurant.com

Live jazz music with Johnny Williams Johnny Williams will play for a night of lively jazz and blues. Johnny plays music for all ages, and all songs performed are original work. Performance starts at 7 p.m. Sept. 4, 5-9 p.m. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. moroccosrestaurant.com

Open jam session Open Jam at the

Sports Page in Mountain View, hosted by The Duvets. Any instrument welcome. Sept. 4, 6-9 p.m. Sports Page Bar & Grill, 1431 Plymouth St., Mountain View. Call 267-507-4867. duvetsrock.com

ON STAGE

The 25th annual Putnam county spelling bee Winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Book of a Musical, features a cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time. Sept. 6, 8-10 p.m. \$18 - \$38 Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.busbarn.org

TheatreWorks presents 'Time Stands Still' By Pulitzer Prize winner Donald Margulies, this Tony Award nominee follows a thrill-seeking photojournalist and her foreign correspondent lover after they return from a harrowing stint covering the war. "Time Stands Still" is a portrait of a relationship at an impasse. Aug. 15, \$23-\$73. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

RELIGION/ SPIRITUALITY

Bible Club Leaders Needed Volunteers are needed to help lead or co-lead Bible Clubs groups for East of Bayshore youth. Minimal time commitment required. Training is provided. Sept. 1-April 31, 2-7:30 p.m. Bayshore Christian Ministries, 1001 Beech St., East Palo Alto. Call 650-543-2129. www.bayshore.org

Kirtan: An Evening of Devotional Chanting Participants will sing chants in English and some Indian accompanied by harmonium and guitar. Most chants are simple to learn, and words are provided. Aug. 31, 7:30-9 p.m. Ananda Church, 2171 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-323-3363. www.anandapaloalto.org

Lifetree Cafe Palo Alto Lifetree Cafe offers weekly topics that focus on life issues. September 2: What's Right With You? Sept. 9: The President's Faith. Sept. 16: Passing Judgment. Sept. 23: Living After Suicide. Sept. 30: Spiritual But Not Religious. Snacks/beverages available. Sundays, Sept. 2-Sept. 30, 7-8 p.m. 3373 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call

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SENIORS

Introduction to the CPUC Attendees learn about how to save on their utility bills, how to participate in the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP), how to avoid phone scams and more. Sept. 6, 1-2 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

TALKS/AUTHORS

An evening with John Rothmann This author, consultant and radio talk show host discusses the current situation in the Middle East and the upcoming U.S. presidential election. Rothmann has spoken at more than 150 campuses throughout the United States, Canada and Israel, and is co-author of the book *Ilcon of Evil*. Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. \$13-\$25. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8664. paloaltojcc.org/arts

Humanist community forum "Public Education, Its Rise and Fall" (Haram Hirajan). In the information age, public education itself is slow to adapt to the fast-changing rules in transmission of information from one generation to another, and this is the principal challenge public education faces today. Sept. 2, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The Student Center at Palo Alto High School (in the middle of campus), 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-964-7576. www.humanists.org/blog/home/

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BAKE SALE
Friends and neighbors, we are having our Back to School bake sale! Please join us at Protection of Holy Virgin Orthodox Church on 09/08/12 from 10:00am to 4:00 pm and 09/09/12 from 12:00pm-4:00pm. 3475 Ross Rd.Palo Alto, CA 94303

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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STATEMENT
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WorkoutInbox, located at 257 Castro Street, Ste #104, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Corporation.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MailFin, Inc.
257 Castro Street, Ste #104
Mountain View, CA 94041
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 July 27, 2012.
(MVV Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2012)

POPPIES AND PEONIES EVENTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 567839
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Poppies and Peonies Events, located at 589 Burgoyne St., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A General Partnership.
The name and residence address of the

owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
KELLEY PAULICK
589 Burgoyne St.
Mountain View, CA 94043
PRINCESS SARIAH ALCARAZ
685 Leong Dr.
Mountain View, CA 94043
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(MVV Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sep. 7, 2012)

BLOSSOM VALLEY DENTAL
BLOSSOM VALLEY DENTAL CARE
BLOSSOM VALLEY DENTISTRY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 567779
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Blossom Valley Dental, 2.) Blossom Valley Dental Care, 3.) Blossom Valley Dentistry, located at 1704 Miramonte Avenue, Suite 1, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Corporation.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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1704 Miramonte Ave., Suite 1
Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
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County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 26, 2012.
(MVV Aug. 24, 31, Sep. 7, 14, 2012)

MANY ROADS STUDIOS, USA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 567995
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Many Roads Studios, USA, located at 1600 Villa St., Apt. 253, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SUSAN SIM
1600 Villa St., Apt. 253
Mountain View, CA 94041
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 1, 2012.
(MVV Aug. 31, Sep. 7, 14, 21, 2012)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RUDOLF VARRO
Case No.: 1-12-PR 171049
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RUDOLF VARRO. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ANNE MARIA VARRO in the Superior

Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: ANNE MARIA VARRO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 3 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from

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You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Lawrence A. Klein
285 Hamilton Ave., Suite 300,
Palo Alto, CA 94301
(650)327-4200
(MVV Aug. 17, 24, 31, 2012)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

VERNA E WOMACK
Case No.: 1-12-PR171060
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VERNA ELAYNE WOMACK.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DAVID J. WOMACK in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: DAVID J. WOMACK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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Petitioner:
/s/
802 Farley St.
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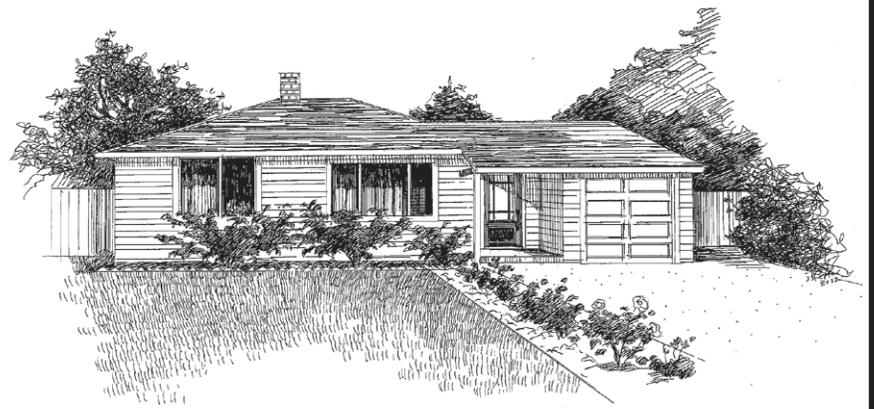
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