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Alexandria makes eye contact before riding in front of a "driver" using a cell phone at the bike safety rodeo at Huff School on Feb. 4.

Saddle up for safety

STUDENTS LEARN RULES OF THE ROAD IN 'TRAFFIC SAFETY RODEO'

By Nick Veronin

On a chilly and overcast Monday morning, a class of Huff Elementary School students clambered onto bicycles, strapped on helmets and peddled their way through an obstacle course

simulating the potential hazards they might encounter while riding to school.

"What do we do at a stop sign?" Winona Hubbard, a Safe Moves educator, asks the children, who eagerly await permission to pass the small, red hexagon.

"Stop!" they reply in unison.

"And...?" Hubbard nudges them.

"Look and listen," a few of the children chime in, recalling the rest of the answer.

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Friends rallying around drowned woman's children

Nick Veronin

Friends are rallying around the surviving children of a former Mountain View resident who drowned last month.

Karen Anderson, 46, known for her "tremendous amount of energy," her involvement in founding and maintaining the

Foothill College Art Club and her passion for raising chickens, died along with her 5-year-old daughter, Amelia Noelle Arago, of an apparently accidental drowning in a frozen-over pond near her Pine Grove, Calif., home on Jan. 27.

Friends, colleagues and acquaintances of Anderson say she is survived by her five chil-

dren, Marc Anderson, Michael Anderson, Christina Johns, Christopher Johns and Amelia Anderson. Most of her children still live in Mountain View and Palo Alto, and are struggling to scrape together funds for funeral expenses and other estate-related costs in the wake

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Art museum effort may be last chance for Pearson House

By Daniel DeBolt

While it appears that everyone else has given up, resident Chris Parkinson is on a mission to save the Pearson House and turn it into the art museum.

Parkinson announced that he wanted to raise funds to relocate it and turn it into an art museum, something he says the city lacks. Shortly after the City Council voted on Jan. 29

not to repurpose the 1880s home as affordable housing or a city employee dorm, at a cost of \$65,000 to move it and \$857,000 to restore it. That leaves the fate of the home of early

Mountain View businessman Charles Pearson in the hands of developer Roger Burnell. Burnell is set to build a four-story office on the property at 902 Villa Street and wants the home moved or demolished soon.

Parkinson, who works in real estate and is the chair of the city's visual arts committee, has enlisted the support of Mountain View artist Alexander Dzigurski II.

"As a lifetime Mountain View resident, I think the city is sorely lacking for the visual arts," Dzigurski told the *Voice*, adding that the city "definitely needs" an art museum.

Burnell told the Council on Jan. 29 that any delays to his project could come with significant costs, but said in an email Tuesday that he is exploring the idea of relocating the 1,100 square foot home for an art museum.

"We have been working since late last evening, and again since 5 a.m. today to see how it could

be done," Burnell said. "There are many technical, timing, and political/legal hoops that would have to be navigated, but at the same time I have art in both my background and patronage, so we are doing whatever we can to see if this plan can gain realistic traction."

Parkinson is hoping that art collectors will want to pitch in to raise nearly \$1 million to move and restore the home. Dzigurski's

oil paintings of the Big Sur coastline and Yosemite Valley have fetched as much as \$12,000 a piece, and he's planning to donate three of them to be auctioned in a fund-raising effort for the museum.

Parkinson notes that the sort of folks who have bought Dzigurski's paintings include a Saudi prince and "wealthy people up and down the Peninsula."

Parkinson said the Pearson House could be moved to one of two city-owned lots on Shoreline Boulevard near Eagle Park. That is where council members expressed a preference for relocating the tiny "Immigrant House" that also sits on the property Burnell is trying to redevelop.

The immediate challenge will be quickly getting City Council support for the move to a piece of city land and then coming up with money to move the home.

"There is an opportunity to save a historic piece of Mountain View and convert it to a lasting legacy for the visual arts," Dzigurski said. "It's a win-win situation."

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Dominic Fracassa

What's a good romantic spot for Valentine's Day?



"I highly recommend Valentine's Day at Shoreline Park at sunset. It's a very serene, peaceful and romantic spot."

Joy Rewick, Mountain View



"My thought for Valentine's day is go out for a Mexican fiesta."

Jim Rinaldo, San Jose



"I would recommend downtown Mountain View. It's a nice, romantic place for Valentine's Day night."

Wei Dai, San Jose



"I would recommend the Monterrey Bistro for Valentine's Day."

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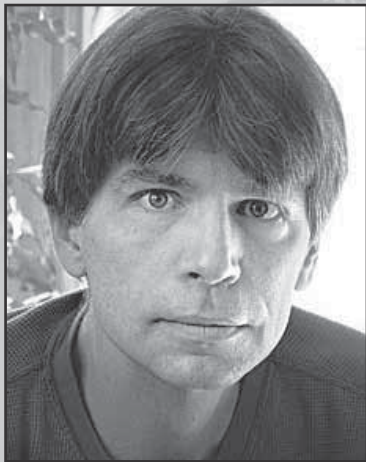
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CRIME BRIEFS

SUSPECTED BURGLARS NABBED

Two men have been arrested for allegedly burglarizing a storage space at a Mountain View apartment complex on Monday evening, according to Mountain View police.

Shortly before 6 p.m., Feb. 4, police responded to a call from a resident who claimed to have seen two men breaking into a storage unit at the Americana Apartments at 707 Continental Circle, said Sgt. Sean Thompson, police public information officer.

Following a tip that the burglars had fled the scene in a dark truck, officers quickly came upon a vehicle matching that description parked at the Goodwill store at 855 E. El Camino Real, just around the corner from where the burglary took place, Thompson said.

A man standing outside the truck apparently saw police pulling into the Goodwill parking lot and fled on foot, while officers detained another man, who they found sitting inside the truck, Thompson said. Officers caught up with the man who fled at the neighboring Lucky supermarket.

The man officers found in the truck was identified as 33-year-old Los Altos resident Lawrence Ovadia, the other man was identified as 28-year-old Mountain View resident Sterling Winterhalter, according to Thompson.

A variety of stolen property was found in the truck. Detectives are currently working to match stolen property to victims, Thompson said.

BICYCLIST ATTACKED

A man was pushed from his bicycle, kicked and robbed of his cell phone, watch and cash on Feb. 1 by two assailants working together, according to police.

The man, who was riding his bike eastbound in the 1700 block of Latham Street sometime between 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., said he was accosted by a man standing at the corner of Toft Street and Latham Street. According to Sgt. Sean Thompson of the Mountain View Police Department, the man tried to grab the passing cyclist, but the victim was able to maneuver away, only to be pushed to the ground by another man, who jumped out of the bushes near Chiquita Avenue.

Once on the ground, the victim, a 48-year-old Mountain View resident, said he was kicked multiple times, by at least one of the attackers, Thompson said. One or both of the men then rifled through the victim's pockets and then fled.

The victim lost a watch, a black Motorola cell phone and about \$300 in cash, Thompson said. He described his attackers as two men of unknown race wearing dark hooded sweatshirts.

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POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

200 block S. Rengstorff Ave., 1/28
500 block S. Rengstorff Ave., 1/28
Bush St. and California St., 1/28
100 block Ada Ave., 1/29
300 block Ferguson Dr., 1/29
100 block Darya Ct., 1/29
500 block Tyrella Ave.,
400 block W. El Camino Real, 2/1
600 block Mariposa Ave., 2/4

ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON

2000 block Latham St., 1/28

GRAND THEFT

400 block W. Evelyn Ave., 2/2
200 block Ada Ave., 2/2
1000 block El Monte Ave., 2/2

RESEDENTIAL BURGLARY

700 block Continental Cir., 2/2

BATTERY

900 block Jackson St., 1/30
900 block Farley St., 2/1

ROBBERY

CVS, 2/2
Chiquita Ave. and Latham St., 2/2
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LASD sees flaws in new Bullis requests

By Nick Veronin

An open letter from the president of the Los Altos School District's board of trustees to the chair of Bullis Charter School indicates that district officials are pleased with the charter's decision to temporarily accept a two-campus solution, while also making it clear the two educational organizations have yet to reach an accord.

The letter, from Doug Smith of LASD to Ken Moore of Bullis, begins by thanking Moore for announcing BCS officials' intent to accept the split campus as a temporary solution, as well as the charter's commitment to engaging in dialogue with the district and the public in the search for a permanent fix to the years-long dispute — and calling the BCS proposal a “step in the right direction.”

But then Smith shifts gears, noting that the proposal, which Moore referred to as a “big compromise,” includes some requests from the charter school that the district will at the very least have to examine in much greater detail and perhaps reject.

“Upon a preliminary read, the proposal needs some work because it again fails to pay sufficient heed to the impact of BCS's proposed configuration on the highly successful programs at Egan and Blach,” Smith wrote.

Before writing his letter to Moore, Smith told the *Voice* that some of the strings — or requests — attached to Bullis' acceptance of the two-site solution, aren't likely to be approved by the LASD board. By way of example, Smith pointed to a map of Bullis' proposed expansion on the Egan campus.

LASD officials do not want to see Bullis' footprint expand on the the Egan campus, he said. Furthermore, the proposal put forward by Bullis would cost the district at least \$1 million, but the district is looking to spend somewhere in the realm of \$300,000 in its 2013-14 facilities offer.

Smith wrote that he wished the letter had acknowledged the

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Construction is going quickly in the first phase of Merlone Geier's project at San Antonio Shopping Center.

San Antonio area: major transformation under way

1,300 NEW HOMES COULD TRIGGER NEED FOR NEW SCHOOL

By Daniel DeBolt

Clearly, the recession is over in the local housing sector. New development could bring over 1,300 new homes to the San Antonio Road and El Camino Real area, so many that a new school may be needed to accommodate the new population.

The city's housing stock may have gotten a boost on Jan. 28 when the City Council voted 5-2 to allow city planners to begin processing a proposal for many as 277 new apartments on a 4.6-acre site at 420-500 San Antonio Road, part of 14 acres which would be “up-zoned” for higher density than allowed in the new general plan. A pair of office buildings, a Firestone tire shop, a sushi restaurant and a laundromat would be razed.

Council members John McAlister and Jac Siegel were opposed, citing concerns about traffic and the loss of retail space.

No schools nearby

The project by the Pillar Group may be the fifth largest project near the intersection. Around the corner at 2650 and

2600 El Camino Real, an environmentally friendly 193-unit, four-story apartment project was approved last year to replace the San Antonio Inn.

On nearby El Camino Real, the Los Altos City Council has given the green light to 167 apartments and 38 row houses

‘I’m very concerned about moving forward with what looks like a massive project.’

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to replace the Marie Calendar restaurant and a garden supply center. At San Antonio Shopping Center, 330 apartments are under construction, while a 306-unit, five-story apartment project has been proposed to replace the Safeway on California Street. In total, that's 1,311 homes in the works for the area.

All the development has officials concerned about

infrastructure needs — everything from bike and pedestrian improvements to park space and even new schools. While it's within Mountain View city limits, the area is entirely served by the Los Altos School District, which educates about 1,200 Mountain View residents, said Los Altos School board member Doug Smith.

“There are no schools they can easily walk to,” LASD board vice president Tamara Logan told the City Council on January 22. “We have not opened new facilities in the last 10 years.”

The city's planning process for the area — which included “visioning” workshops for the public last year — “provides a welcome opportunity to increase park space residents are asking for and provide a local choice for our students,” she said.

“We're open to many different possible configurations for how we might do this,” added Smith at the Jan. 29 council meeting. “With land being at a premium, we're open to many alternatives. We ask that you take no action until we've

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Ideafarm breaks his silence

By Nick Veronin

A controversial Mountain View man has broken his long silence and is once again speaking out against the city and the county for what he claims is a violation of his First Amendment rights.

Wo'O Ideafarm, the legal name of the man many may remember for his provocative one-liner signs, which have taken on everything from the Mountain View Police Department to gay marriage, had kept mostly silent since his January 2011 arrest. Ideafarm says he made a lawful citizens arrest, but the police viewed as an assault and arrested him.

After that arrest, he told the *Voice* he would not be holding up signs on the street anymore, because he had been forbidden to do so by a judge.

On Jan. 21, he decided that it was time to resume his unique brand of free speech, and stood near the corner of El Camino Real and Castro Street holding a sign reading: “One for all and all for one.”

It took three days for him to get arrested again.

It didn't take long for police to approach Ideafarm. He said he was told he could not stand where he was and hold the sign — an assertion he challenged.

On Jan. 22, he stood on the other end of Castro Street, near Central Expressway, and held a new sign that said “Mtn. View vs. free speech.” Police were again quick to respond, he said.

After arguing with the officers, explaining that he believed it was his civil right to stand where he was and hold his sign, he was cited for standing in the street. Ideafarm admits he was not on the sidewalk.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, Ideafarm was arrested and told he was being cuffed for being a nuisance.

Since then, Ideafarm said he has bailed out of jail, been arrested and bailed out again — each time with the help of a bail bonds company. For him, the arrests have only served to solidify the notion that the city of Mountain

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SAFETY RODEO

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The “traffic safety rodeo” was put on by an organization called Safe Moves, a nationwide, non-profit organization dedicated to educating children about traffic safety as well as working to improve traffic safety legislation.

At the Feb. 4 rodeo, the kids wind through a zigzag pathway of sharp turns marked by traffic cones before coming around to another stop sign and a wooden sandwich-board car, complete with a disgruntled-looking man behind the wheel — a cellphone pinned between his shoulder and ear.

“Here is a car coming out of an alleyway,” Hubbard says, picking up the sandwich board vehicle and moving it across the young cyclists’ path. “Is he being a good driver?”

“No!” they yell all at once. “He’s on his cell phone,” a few children explain.

“Yes,” Hubbard responds. “That’s called ‘distracted driving.’”

She names some other potential behind-the-wheel distractions, like a driver arguing with a passenger, or rummaging around in the car and not looking at the road. Hubbard asks



Bill Howard, a Safe Moves instructor, leads students in an exercise.

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the kids what they ought to do in a situation like this. A few children reply that they ought to stop until they can make eye contact with the driver in question — the correct answer, again. Then, and only then, should they continue riding, she says.

Safe Moves founder, Pat Hines, started the organization in 1983, after her friend, Sue Latham, was killed while the two were riding their bikes together.

Neither of the two were wearing helmets, Hines recalls, “because I don’t like helmets and I had asked her not to wear

one either.”

Hines blew through a stop sign and Latham followed her. And while Hines made it in time, Latham didn’t — she was struck by a passing car, which never stopped.

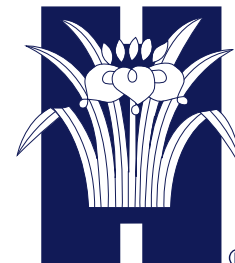
At first, Hines focused all her energy on tracking down

the driver. But after it became apparent that she would not be able to catch the culprit, her mother gave her the idea of devoting her life to promoting public safety. Soon after, Safe Moves was born.

To date, the organization has put on traffic safety rodeos at schools all over the United States, they’ve helped push through traffic safety legislation, and Hines has authored many books on the subject of child safety. She was officially recognized by President Bill Clinton for her efforts in the field.

Craig Goldman, superintendent for the Mountain View Whisman School District, says he is happy that Safe Moves has been able to bring their courses to his district. Before the traffic safety rodeo, Hubbard and the rest of the Safe Moves crew give a presentation to familiarize the children with the signs and obstacles they will encounter. Both the course and the rodeo are provided to all grades for free, thanks to a grant money provided to the city of Mountain View by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

“What’s not to like?” Goldman asked, rhetorically. “They’re a



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Winona Hubbard guides students through a bike safety rodeo exercise.

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great organization providing an essential and free service for our district.”

Almost 30 years later, Hines still doesn't like wearing a helmet, though she would never ride without one these days. While she loves the feeling of

wind whipping through her hair, she says Latham would have had an 85 percent likelihood of surviving that crash if she had been wearing a helmet.

Hines is open with her students. She tells them that she would prefer not to wear a hel-

met. However, she explains that she wears one precisely because of how effective helmets have been proven to be in preventing serious injuries. She is open about her opinion of helmets for the same reason she has developed the traffic safety rodeo

training program.

“Kids need to understand why they should obey the rules, not just because mom or dad says, ‘I told you so.’ You can only change behavior when kids can internalize the reasons behind the behavior and understand the consequences of the choices they make,” Hines says.

It would seem that Huff fourth-grader Stephan Bannikov was beginning to do just that. After completing his run through the safety course, he said he knows why he needs to look over his left shoulder before entering an intersection — because drivers often don't look to their right before making a right hand turn. He also knows that he needs to make eye contact with drivers, so he will know that they've seen him.

And it doesn't hurt that the traffic safety rodeo is also fun. “I liked it,” Stephan says. ▣

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Above: A crane hoists workers outside apartments under construction at San Antonio Shopping Center on Feb. 5. **Below:** A building exterior is sprayed at Merlone Geier's project on Jan. 22.

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SAN ANTONIO

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had a chance (to come up with a plan).”

Without a plan

Council members were hesitant to approve the gatekeeper request for 420-500 San Antonio Road without finishing a new “precise plan” for the area which provides detailed requirements of development, including the community benefits such development could pay for.

“I’m very concerned about moving forward with what looks like a massive project,” without a precise plan, said council member Ronit Bryant. “San Antonio Road needs to be improved. We need bicycle routes. We need medians, we need an easy way to get to Caltrain. If we let big development come in before we have this figured out, it’s not going to happen.”

“It is the burden of the developer to fit into what the city wants,” Bryant said.

“When we did phase one, frankly there was a lot of things the city needed that we didn’t get” from the San Antonio Shopping Center — such as bicycle connections and improvements to San Antonio Road, said Bryant.

All the new development is

likely to bring a class of residents able to pay high rents, shop at boutique stores and eat at restaurants. At its new "Carmel at the Village" luxury complex at the San Antonio Shopping Center, Merlone Geier is charging rents ranging from \$2,195 for a 540-square-foot studio and \$4,090 for a 1,459-square-foot, two-bedroom unit. The 330 new apartments count a pool and a dog park among its amenities, said spokesman Ron Heckmann in an email. The apartments may be occupied by early spring and a new Safeway and retail shops at the site are also nearly finished.

No clear vision

Merlone Geier has come up with a new proposal for the second phase of its project on San Antonio Road and California Street, where people were shocked by plans for an 11-story hotel.

"We've revised it dramatically," Mike Grehl of Merlone Geier told the council, which has yet to vote on the plans. "It is less than half the height of our prior proposal. A theater is included. There's a hotel. It is a dramatic departure from what was presented previously."

Merlone Geier's controversial 11-story hotel proposal spurred the council to initiate a "visioning process" so residents could help create goals for a precise plan for San Antonio shopping center and the surrounding area. But a report on the public input disappointed council members on Jan. 22 because it couldn't conclude whether residents want a dense urban development in the area.

"I was disappointed in it," said council member Jac Siegel. "I thought there would be more there."

"It didn't give us very much information because it didn't give us much consensus," council member Mike Kasperzak said.

Consultant Chris Banen, who ran the public workshops, said there was consensus that "people want to have a sense of place here." For example, he pointed to a photo of people doing tai chi in a courtyard and said, "Everybody liked this photo."

"This could be a destination," said resident Wendee Crofoot. "I encourage us to build the density so we can get the businesses we want. In my neighborhood, everything is two to three stories, nothing is shocking."

Siegel said it was clear that people want the area to be bike friendly and pedestrian friendly but "everybody is worried about the traffic, no question about it."

Banen added that people want to "encourage more of the existing businesses in the area."

"I got kind of roasted at the workshop" for admitting that he'd never visited the Milk Pail Market on San Antonio Road, which Merlone Geier has offered to buy and tear down, said Banen. People said, "We don't want to be like other places, we want to preserve that unique character."

Kasperzak wasn't pleased that some apparently wanted to reduce the densities allowed

for the area in the city's recently approved 2030 general plan.

"It's a little frustrating in that we're retrenching what we've spent the last five years developing," Kasperzak said.

He added that the San Antonio precise plan could be blocked by 3-3 votes on the council. Mayor John Inks must abstain because he owns property just a little too close to the north eastern edge of the shopping center, even though that portion of the shopping center isn't set for development anytime soon.

"The mayor is sort of out of the running from the next four years because his property touches the edge" of the allowed distance, Kasperzak said. "It doesn't seem fair. It's going to be very contentious. We could end up with a lot of 3-3 stuff here, which doesn't serve the community well." ▀

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9:00-9:30 Main Hall: Introduction by Elna Tymes, Senior Advisory Committee member
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Conference Schedule:

9:45-10:30 BLOCK ONE (two choices)

Clutter: Respectful Intervention (A)
Michelle Rogers, Home Instead Senior Care

Advances in Technology for Seniors (B)
Greg Hartwell, Homecare California

1:00-1:45 BLOCK THREE (two choices)

Obamacare and the New Medicare Options (A)
Connie Corrales, Sarah Triano, Council on Aging
Silicon Valley

Eat Healthy, Eat Smart, Innovative Nutrition (B)
Vanessa Merlano, SCC Public Health Dept.

12:00-12:45 BLOCK TWO (two choices)

Stroke Prevention (A)
Caroline L. Baron, Stroke Awareness Foundation

Safety, Warmth and Independence at Home (B)
Stewart Hyland, Lily Abt, Rebuilding Together
Peninsula

2:00-2:45 BLOCK FOUR (two choices)

linkAges: Creating a Community Network to
Support Aging in Place (A)
Dr. Paul Tang, DrukerCenter for Innovation

Posture and Fitness for a Pain-free Back (B)
Maya White

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Valley job growth biggest since 'dotcom' boom

By Chris Kenrick

Last year's rebound in technology added the highest number of jobs to the Bay Area since the dotcom boom of the late 1990s, according to a report released Tuesday.

Silicon Valley employment grew by 3.6 percent in 2012, more than double the rate of job growth in the United States and outpacing the rest of the Bay Area, according to the 2013 Silicon Valley Index, a summary of economic and social indicators produced by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the nonprofit Joint Venture Silicon Valley.

The Bay Area added 92,000 jobs in 2012, 42,000 of them in Silicon Valley, defined as Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, plus Fremont, Newark, Union

City and Scotts Valley. San Francisco added 18,000 jobs in the same period.

"Silicon Valley is the first to emerge from the recession nationally, and we're leading some pretty prodigious growth for the nation," said Joint Venture CEO Russell Hancock in the group's 16th annual index.

However the local numbers continue to reflect a shrinking middle class, Hancock said. For the third year in a row, per capita income rose while median income fell.

"There are a lot of millionaires and billionaires and that raises our averages (reflected in per capita income)," he said.

"For decades, the Valley's most striking feature was a robust middle class and now

we've become the classic hour-glass economy."

While households earning more than \$100,000 grew by 1 percent to account for 43 percent of the total, those earning less than \$35,000 rose by 2 percent, comprising 20 percent, according to the index.

Food Stamp participation climbed to 5 percent in Silicon Valley — but remained far below the more than 10 percent participation in California and 15 percent nationwide.

Driving Silicon Valley's growth in the last year were jobs in software, cloud computing, social media, Internet and information services and mobile device applications, Hancock said.

Hardware was flat. Research and development grew by 14.5

percent and the overall prosperity boosted jobs in law, accounting and even nonprofits, which were up by 3.3 percent, the index said.

Productivity in the Valley — at \$157,100 per employee — also led the nation, and has grown every year since 2008.

Total Silicon Valley patent registrations ticked up, though represented a smaller portion of total statewide patents because of the rise of patents in other areas such as San Diego.

In a reversal from the previous year, the number of new firms opening spiked to 46,000, while 12,000 closed, Hancock said. There also was a 10 percent growth in sole proprietorships — firms with no employees, just a single principal.

Silicon Valley venture capital

investment declined, while San Francisco investment expanded, Hancock said.

That and other factors led Hancock and Silicon Valley Community Foundation CEO Emmett Carson to conclude that Silicon Valley should be redefined to include San Francisco.

"Today the case is that we're seeing a regional economy that's being created," said Carson, adding that regional — not just local — solutions are urgently needed if the Bay Area's 101 cities and towns are to effectively address pressing issues of traffic, housing and preparation for climate change. ▀

Chris Kenrick writes for the Voice's sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly.

IDEAFARM

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View, its police department and Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen are dedicated to silencing him.

Ideafarm said he is confident he will have the last laugh, however. For the past two years, he said, he has been compiling a matrix of every encounter he has had with a police officer. Many of these encounters are documented with audio recordings, Ideafarm said. And when he finally goes to trial — no matter which count he is facing — he said he will be able to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt not only that he is innocent, but that he has been repeatedly and illegally silenced in his quest to affect change through his quirky brand of "spontaneous direct civic speech." ▀

BULLIS

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ongoing legal dispute between the two educational organizations. He said that if the charter school would like the district's undivided attention in negotiations, it would be better if litigation could be ended.

He said that the court has ruled multiple times in favor of the district, but still litigation continues. Smith called for Bullis to end the legal stand-off, saying, "No thoughtful dialogue is likely to occur if BCS simultaneously is launching grenades at the district."

In an informal response to the letter, Moore told the *Voice* that while it seems the two organizations are still at an impasse, the reality is officials from both sides are talking to each other trying to reach a new compromise that will satisfy both Bullis and LASD. ▀



Mountain View Whisman School District



WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON THE FUTURE OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

MVWSD invites parents and community members to share desires, priorities, and concerns regarding the use of Measure G funds to modernize and enhance Crittenden and Graham Middle Schools.

Participants can provide input and share suggestions during meetings and online on the prioritization of facilities at Crittenden and Graham.

For more information on Measure G, visit www.mvwsd.org/Measure-G. For more information on the District's Master Plan (Student Facilities Improvement Plan), visit www.mvwsd.org/sfip.

Opportunities for Input

PTA Meetings:

February 12, 7– 8:30 p.m.,
at Crittenden Middle School,
1701 Rock Street

Or

February 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m.,
at Graham Middle School,
1175 Castro Street

Additional Community Meetings:

February 19, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro Street

Or

February 20, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Crittenden Middle School, 1701 Rock Street

Board of Trustees Study Session

February 28, 7 p.m.,
at MVWSD Board Room,
750-A San Pierre Way

The Board will share its priorities, hear additional comments from community members and review the findings based on the community meetings and survey.

Spanish interpretation will be provided at all meetings.

Online

We encourage you to share your comments and suggestions online at www.mvwsd.org/Measure-G/survey

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*Sources: *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*; also stated on the website of the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care.

DROWN

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of their mother's death, they said.

"Karen left a mountain of debt and no assets to speak of because she was a struggling single mom," Susan Daniel told the *Voice*. "This family is part of our community and they desperately need our help."

Joe Ragey, an instructor in the fine arts and communications department at Foothill, said Karen Anderson was "instrumental" in the formation of the college's art club. Serving as president one year and then treasurer another, Ragey said Anderson's "tremendous energy and passion convinced others to participate in activities that went far beyond what we normally expect of students."

"One of those tasks ... was to convince the (art club) to sand down and refinish the tables in our lab, a huge job that would not have been accomplished otherwise," he recalled.

Robin Kramer, a band teacher at Mountain View High School, said she was familiar with Anderson, because she taught her son, Michael. "She was a very sweet lady," she said.

According to Kramer, Michael, 19, has found himself strapped with responsibility not commonly handled by people his age. "She was the only real family he had," Kramer said.

While Anderson had several other children, the younger ones are being taken care of by their father, Kramer said, while Michael has few adults he can lean on.

Kramer said she has been working with Michael to help him set up a donation fund to help him pay for his mother's funeral and to help him deal with any of his mother's creditors who may come calling him. Kramer said she insisted on helping set up a scholarship fund for Michael. He is a young man with great promise, she said — "Whatever he does, he does it brilliantly, and with no fanfare."

She said it would be tragic if his mother's untimely death were to prevent him from living up to his potential.

Anyone interested in helping the family may email Kramer at robin.kramer@mvla.net. ▣

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District seeks input on middle school projects

By Nick Veronin

Mountain View Whisman School District officials are looking for public input as they get ready to renovate two middle schools. District officials are holding a series of public meetings this month to collect feedback from the community on the upcoming voter-funded projects.

The district recently announced the issuance of \$50 million bond, the first in a series of bonds to be paid for through the \$198 million Measure G school bond. The first \$50 million is to be split between the district's two middle schools — Crittenden and Graham. But before everything is finalized and workers break ground, meetings are to be held at each school, so that the school board members and administrators might listen to concerns and suggestions.

The community meetings are scheduled for Feb. 12, Feb. 19, Feb. 20 and Feb. 28. Spanish interpreters will be available at all the meetings.

Steve Nelson, a newly elected board member who ran for the office on a promise to increase transparency and community involvement, has said he does

not believe the meetings are sufficient. He has said that not enough has been done to bring in community input and would have liked to see more community meetings and would have preferred that such meetings be scheduled further in advance of the start of Measure G projects.

The first two meetings are technically PTA events, but the public is welcome to attend, according to a flier advertising the events. They will be held at roughly the same date and time — Tuesday evening, Feb. 12 — with one held at Crittenden Middle School from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the other at Graham Middle School from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Two community meetings will be held on Feb. 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Graham; and on Feb. 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Crittenden.

Finally, an MVWDS board of trustees study session will be held on Feb. 28, beginning at 7 p.m. At this meeting, the board will share its priorities and to take public comments. The board will also review findings from previous community meetings and surveys.

Students will be given a brief survey at school on things they

would like to see done with Measure G funds.

Superintendent Craig Goldman said he believes that there has been a great deal of community outreach. The superintendent said he is hopeful that the meetings will serve to “engage parents and community members in helping us to assess priorities. ... We can’t always anticipate concerns and desires that parents and community members might have.”

Goldman said it is important to get community input — even from those who don’t have children in the schools. Anyone who owns property in the district will be paying a portion of taxes each year toward supporting the construction projects that will be paid for with Measure G funds.

Even if a resident doesn’t own property in the district, he said, there is a good chance that person uses school facilities, or, at the very least, will be impacted in some way by one of the upcoming projects.

Those who cannot attend one of the scheduled meetings can still make their opinions known by going to the district’s website, at MVWSD.org/Measure-G/Survey. ■

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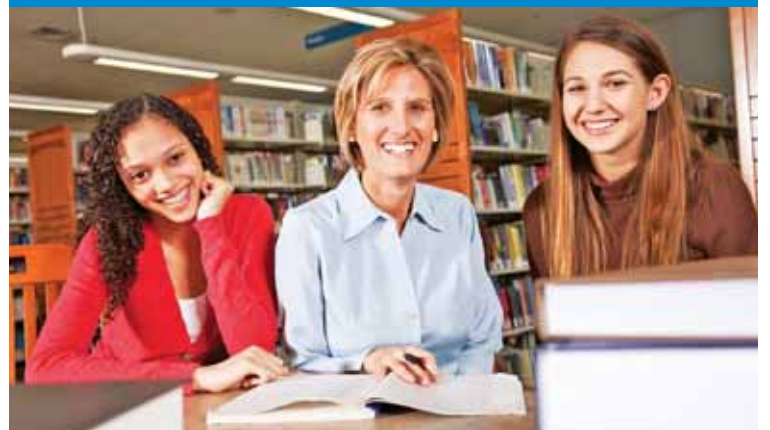
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Public Notice

Vacancy on Board of Directors of Public Facilities Financing Corporation



Topic: Santa Clara Valley Water District Notice of Intention to Fill Vacancy on Board of Directors of Public Facilities Financing Corporation.

Who: The Santa Clara Valley Water District is the primary water resources agency for Santa Clara County, California. It acts not only as the county’s water wholesaler, but also as its flood protection agency and steward for its streams and creeks, underground aquifers and district-built reservoirs.

What: The Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District intends to fill a vacant director position on the Public Facilities Financing Corporation (PFFC).

The PFFC is a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose primary purpose is to provide assistance to the Santa Clara Valley Water District in financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of public buildings, works and equipment for the Santa Clara Valley Water District, together with site development, landscaping, utilities, furnishings and appurtenant and related facilities. The PFFC directors serve as volunteers.

Duties of the PFFC director will be to perform any and all duties imposed by law, by the Corporation’s Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, or by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. PFFC directors meet at such times and places as required to conduct Corporation business, usually from one to three times annually.

In order to be eligible for appointment, an interested party must reside within the County of Santa Clara and must continue to reside therein while serving on the PFFC. The Board is seeking interested candidates with experience and understanding of the financial market and the issuance of bonds.

When: Interested parties should notify the Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in writing no later than **2:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, 95118**. Please submit a letter of interest which includes your name, contact numbers, residential address, occupation, summary of interest in the position, and qualifications and experience.

Information packets can be obtained online at www.valleywater.org or in person at **District Headquarters, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.**

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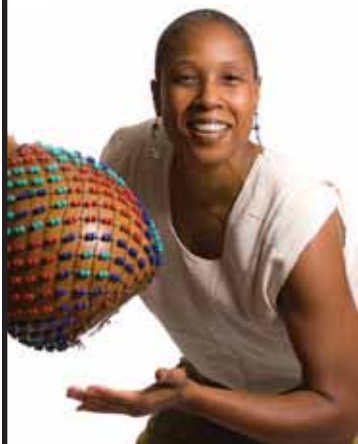
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OBITUARY

MARGARET I. WHITE

Margaret I. White, a Mountain View resident, died Jan. 29. She was 94.

Born Dec. 7, 1918, she was born in Utah and came to California as a teenager. In 1937, she married Melton White. She worked for NASA in Mountain View and for the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977. She is survived by her children, Julie Sidebottom, James and John; Her grandchildren, Jeff Sidebottom, Jill Olsen and Jodie White; and her great-grandchildren, Chris and Jason Olsen, Liam and Ronan Sidebottom, and Julia White.

Her family members said they are grateful for the care she received from Sunrise of Sunnyvale and Cupertino Health and Wellness. Funeral arrangements were by Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CALTRAIN DISCOUNTS CLIPPER TICKETS

In an effort to move customers away from using paper tickets, Caltrain is giving its riders an incentive to switch to reusable Clipper smart cards.

Compared to riders who purchase tickets at Caltrain vending machines, customers using Clipper cards can save 25 cents per zone on fares for one-way rides, and 50 cents for day passes, valid for unlimited rides in specified zones.

Caltrain officials will be closely monitoring how many of its patrons take to using the regional cards this month. The rail agency has set a goal of having at least half of its riders use Clipper by March. If Caltrain fails to meet that goal, officials plan to further increase the cost of paper tickets for one-way rides by an additional 25 cents per zone.

"Clipper is a regional fare card, and the more people that use Clipper, the more efficient and cost-effective it is for the entire system," said Christine Dunn, a Caltrain spokeswoman.

In addition to the cost savings for riders, Dunn also said that Clipper cards help Caltrain conductors validate ticket information more quickly, giving them more time for their other duties.

—Dominic Fracassa

TWO MORE FLU DEATHS

Authorities confirmed Feb. 1 that two Santa Clara County men died from influenza in January, county public health officials said.

The deaths were both of homeless men under the age of 65, according to the county's Public Health Department.

Health officials previously said that a 98-year-old woman in the county also died in January from the flu and pneumonia.

County health officials planned to hold a news conference in San Jose this afternoon to discuss the deaths and ways to ward off the influenza virus.

—Bay City News Service

VTA TO STUDY CUTTING FARES

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has awarded the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority with \$1.3 million for a two-year study on reduced fares for low-income customers.

The two-year study will begin in July through Santa Clara County's Social Services Agency.

Local organization People Acting in Community Together raised the issue to multiple city and county officials during a community meeting in September.

Officials from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Board of Directors who attended were Santa Clara County Supervisors Dave Cortese and Ken Yeager, San Jose City Councilman Sam Liccardo and Mountain View City Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga. Cortese and Liccardo are also commissioners for the MTC.

Currently, a monthly pass on the VTA system costs \$70. A single ride costs \$2.

"Low-income people in Santa Clara County pay the largest percentage of their income on transportation compared to any other county in the Bay Area — over 33 percent," said PACT member Sandy Hietala in a report released last year titled "Moving Silicon Valley Forward: Housing, Transit, & Traffic at a Crossroad."

The study will be funded through the MTC's Transit Incentive Program.

—Bay City News Service

CRIME BRIEFS

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ACQUAINTANCE ROBBERY

A man was arrested Saturday on charges of robbing a man at a bus stop, according to Mountain View police.

The victim, a local 61-year-old transient, was sitting at a bus stop in the 2600 block of W. El Camino Real sometime after midnight on Feb. 2 when he reportedly was blindsided — hit in the face by a man he said he knew and later positively identified as Lewis Sanchez, a

transient, Sgt. Sean Thompson of the MVPD said.

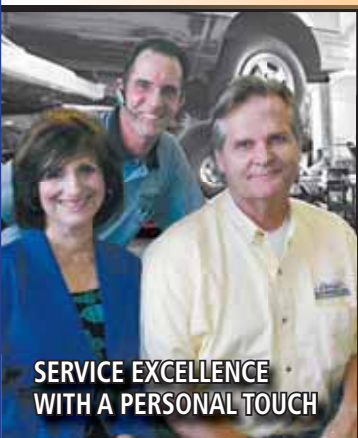
The robber then made off with a bag belonging to the victim, according to Thompson. Passersby reported seeing a fight and called to emergency dispatchers at 12:23 a.m. Police interviewed the victim, who gave a description of his attacker.

Sanchez was located shortly thereafter near the intersection of Miller Avenue and Miller Court, Thompson said. The victim identified him and he was arrested and booked into the main jail.

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Contests, counting clicks and getting hired



Hey Tech!
By Angela Hey

It's getting easier for businesses to understand consumer behavior online. Take Cloudmeter, located just off Castro Street. Its Pion software lets a website owner replay your clicks and see pages you've visited. A sales agent can tell what products you've been looking at by following the pages, pictures and ads you've seen on a shopping site. A customer service rep can see which help files you've looked at. A security expert can see where a fraudulent buyer has clicked.

Michael Dickey founded Atomic Labs in 2007. In April 2012, when the company received \$5 million in Series A funding led by Meakem Becker Venture Capital, Atomic Labs became Cloudmeter. Ronit Belson, Cloudmeter's vice president of marketing and business development, showed me how Pion Replay shows a user's mouse movements on multiple web pages. Pion creates reports that can show where users come from, what they search for and demographic information by integrating with Google Analytics or Adobe Analytics. Knowing where users click helps web designers lay out web pages with an optimum number of pictures and ads. The software works with traditional data warehouses as well as with newer big data storage solutions like Hadoop. It also works with Chicago-based OpinionLab's Voice of Customer (VoC) software that can capture web, mobile and in-store user feedback.

It's also getting easier for businesses to screen potential employees. Job candidates need more than a resume and references. They need to demonstrate skills that solve real problems. Concern for unemployed graduates from good schools led Keaton Swett, Trent Hazy and Rohan Puranik to form MindSumo. MindSumo is funded by angel investors and seed money from Google Ventures. Google provides design, user experience and engineering support to startup teams.

MindSumo enables students and recent graduates to prove their worth by solving challenges offered by hiring companies. Kayak, Box and the Smithsonian Magazine are using the

service. About 80 percent of the challenges are for computer scientists, engineers or scientists.

Recology, a San Francisco garbage collection and recycling company, came to MindSumo seeking ideas for recycling waste glass. Selling it for glassphalt (asphalt that uses crushed glass) and shipping it to artists were just two of the many suggestions resulting from MindSumo's contest. Total prize value was \$500. Recology showcases an Artist in Residence program that provides Bay Area talents with studio space and discarded materials for their creations. Facebook offered \$200 each to of five winners to come up with a way to display mobile ads. Winners came from Stanford, UC Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon and MIT.

MindSumo wants to control the quality of challenges and build relationships with companies. Prize websites have been criticized for exploiting labor by not paying all entrants. They've also been lauded by students for giving them a chance to prove their worth and by employers for introducing them to productive candidates, affordably and quickly. MindSumo usually gives five to 10 prizes for each challenge, at two levels: Winners and Honors. Merely entering a contest can improve a student's chances of getting hired, for the employer can see his contributions, even if they are not prize-winning.

InnoCentive offers prizes, typically in the thousands of dollars. Google is celebrating its 10th year of Google Code Jam (registration starts March 12th), which started with a \$10,000 prize that has now been raised to \$15,000. Kaggle offers great challenges for data scientists. As MindSumo grows, I suspect its prize money will increase. Being able to perform well in a contest is becoming a pre-requisite for getting hired. ▀



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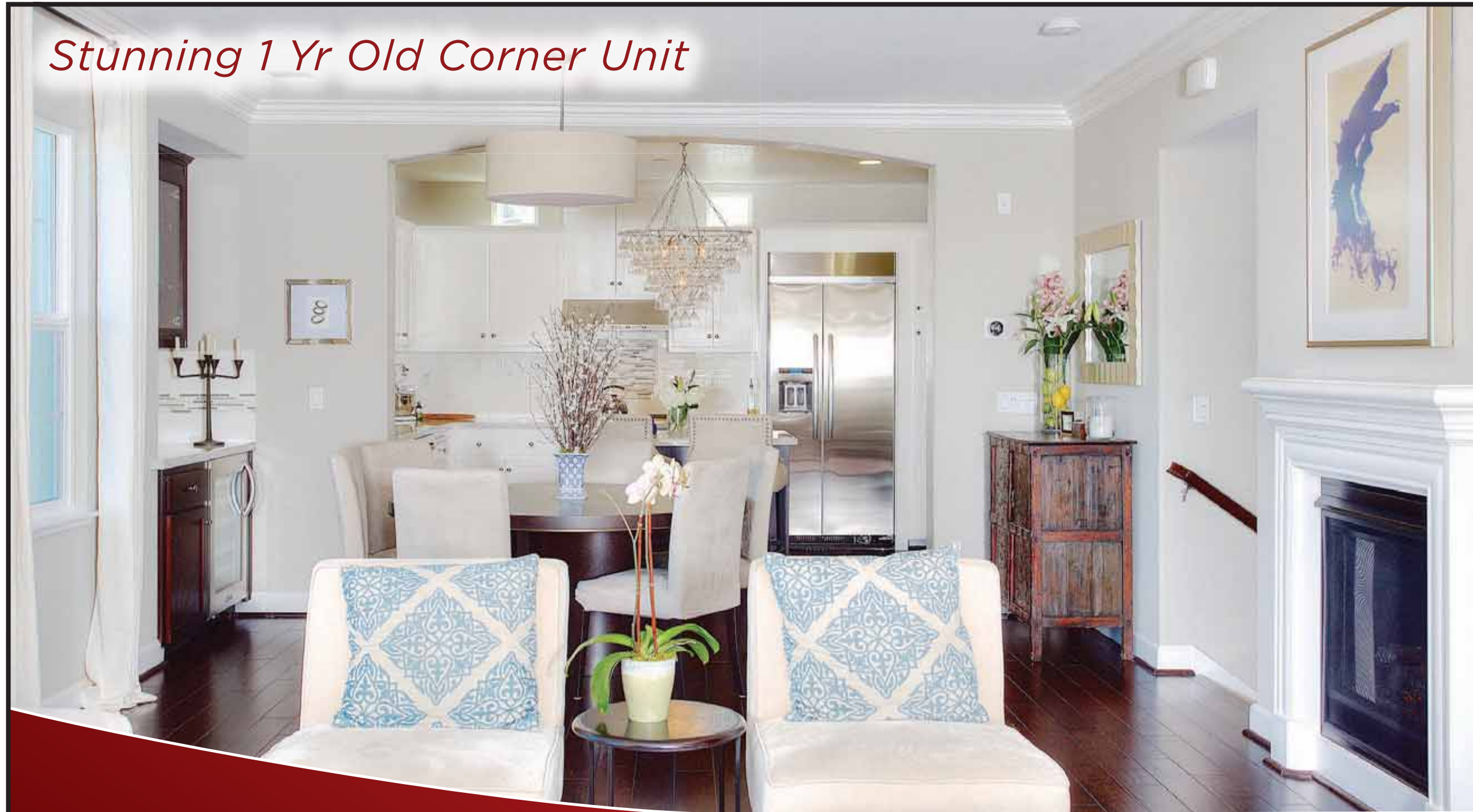
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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Google has work to do on free WiFi

After hearing more and more complaints about the poor quality of its WiFi system in Mountain View, it appears that Google finally is ready to redesign and upgrade its free service that is beginning to frustrate many residents who have depended on it in recent years.

The company's six-year-old WiFi, designed long before Netflix and Hulu were gobbling up bandwidth, has apparently been overwhelmed by a flood of traffic, and in many locations, simply shuts down.

But despite their frustrations, the company says residents should hold on while Google completes work on making things better.

Communications consultant Jenna Wandres told the *Voice*: "...We are working on a plan to add more bandwidth and make connections easier. We're committed to it. We're working on all sorts of upgrades. We want our users to be able to enjoy all the rich content that's available online."

This is a promise that we hope the company can keep. Free WiFi downtown and in other residential areas has been a gift from Google that many residents can experience while saving a small, but significant amount of money every month. For those not lucky enough to land a good-paying job at Google, free WiFi has been a wonderful way to connect with the company, which is by far the city's largest employer.

And although free WiFi can be a wonderful thing, when service is cut off or not available at all after working fine for five or six years, it hurts the company's image. Those who depend on the WiFi to connect to the web have been critical of the service.

R. Michael said in a letter to the *Voice* that access to Google WiFi has not been available for a month. The service was still not working even after several calls were made to Google about the issue.

Google maintains a stellar reputation worldwide for its speedy search engine and many other products and services. But it appears that Mountain View WiFi got away from them and now needs a lot of work to restore confidence and reliability in the system.

When the company announced in August of 2006 that it was moving ahead on building a WiFi network it cited the "overwhelming positive" feedback from over a thousand testers as a good reason to go forward. Its \$1 million investment was enough to purchase nearly 400 nodes that each broadcast the WiFi signal about 500 feet. The company rents space on the city's utility poles for \$36 apiece or \$13,680 a year. It was a good system, with users saying it compared with DSL connection, the most common alternative at the time. Outside, reception near the *Voice* office, then at the corner of Hope Street and Evelyn Avenue, worked well as long as a wall or tree canopy was not in the way. Inside was more difficult, where connecting became spotty at best, although devices that attached to outside windows were available at the time to boost reception.

But with Internet traffic so much heavier these days, Google is facing a big job to restore the reputation of its free WiFi in Mountain View. It's offered in Chelsea, N.Y. With the explosive growth of smart phones, iPads and video streaming services, demand for bandwidth is going to skyrocket here in the years ahead. We just hope Google is ready, because the need is already here. Free WiFi is a wonderful gift to the city, but once the promise is made, the company needs to stand behind its offer.

■ GUEST OPINION VOICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

A word about Google WiFi and Steven Nelson

By Sam Player

I spotted an interesting confluence of printed words appearing in the February 1 issue of the *Voice*.

First, a front-page story about future improvements to Google's (free!) WiFi network in Mountain View. While the headline seemed to indicate praise for the actions to be taken by Google to enhance its

(free!) service, the bulk of the article was dedicated to giving "voice" to the complaints of three Mountain View residents about the quality of the (free!) service and the effect on their lives when the (free!) service is not up to their satisfaction.

Are complaints over a free service actually newsworthy? Does the *Voice* really want to

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■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

EXPLAINING 'WE' VS. 'THOSE PEOPLE' IN LETTERS

In a letter last week Miguel Sanchez criticized me for my letter the previous week because I used simple words like "we" and "our" to refer to legal residents in our country.

Those simple pronouns are much simpler to use rather than "citizens" or "legal residents," and they make the text easier to read. I also used "they" and "those people" when referring to "undocumented immigrants" who are not legal residents and who have broken our immigration laws.

The majority of undocumented people are Hispanic, so Sanchez accuses me of being a racist who has no respect for Hispanics. I

respect all legal residents, but believe that we should enforce our immigration laws because the illegal aliens are very costly to us legal residents.

Sanchez claims that he is an immigrant to our country, but does not claim to be a legal resident. His name seems to be Hispanic, so he should make clear if he is one of "us" or one of "those people."

Charlie Larson
Sylvan Avenue

NO RESPONSE ON DROPPING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Last year, on Nov. 30, I sent a letter to the board of trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos

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encourage this type of dissent toward one of our city's vitally important employers?

I, for one, am very appreciative of Google, the (free!) internet it provides our city, the increase in the value of my home due to its presence here, the recent \$1 million donation it made to our school district and the millions more in local tax revenue it adds to our city's coffers.

Did I neglect to mention this service is provided free? For those who are disappointed in the quality of the free lunch they're being served at Google's expense, operators at Comcast, DirecTV, AT&T and many others are standing by to relieve you of your cash.

Later in the issue, I read a letter to the editor from recently elected MV-Whisman School

District Board member Steven Nelson, airing his grievances with the district superintendent to the *Voice* in an attempt, I can only assume, to gain public favor for his position.

The citizens of Mountain View elected Mr. Nelson to the school board to engage the superintendent on the issues important to him, his constituency and the schools he represents. It is disappointing to me that airing his views to the *Voice* is his chosen method of negotiation with the officials with which he was elected to work.

The convergence I see in these two issues is this: Mr. Nelson was victorious in his bid for school board over *Voice*-endorsed candidate Jim Pollart.

It was Pollart who was the tireless volunteer leader of the successful "Save Shoreline" campaign to divert millions of dollars in revenues from the Shoreline Community prop-

erty tax district into our city's schools last year. An overwhelming share of those revenues are paid by Google.

Meanwhile, the chosen approach to problem-solving by the candidate who beat him out for that school board seat is arrow-slinging in the local newspaper.

I encourage all Mountain View residents to remember this issue of the *Voice* the next time they consider complaining over the next gift they receive, and also when considering their ballot choices in future elections to determine our city's key leaders. We can do better.

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Union High School District which you ran as a guest column titled "It may be time to drop high school football" on Dec. 7. I raised the issue of football injuries — including concussions, as a reason to do so.

It has been encouraging that, in recent weeks, the 49ers' head trainer, former NFL players, sports media members and even President Obama have also expressed concerns. But locally, I am still awaiting a response from the board of trustees.

*Gary Wesley
Continental Circle*

NELSON IS PLAYING POLITICS

In last week's letter to the editor, newly elected Mountain View Whisman School Board Trustee Steven Nelson asks if his fellow trustees intend to seek public input on new property needed

to house our district office. This seems a question that Mr. Nelson should have more appropriately posed directly to his fellow trustees in a board meeting rather than voiced in our community newspaper. I serve on not-for-profit boards and when I have questions or concerns, I share them with my fellow board members, bring information to support useful discussion and open my mind to their insights.

Mr. Nelson's letter reveals his frustration at losing his argument and now seems more interested in leveling vague accusations than collaborating on workable solutions. This undermines the efficacy of our school board, which has served our students and community well for many years.

Unfortunately, Mr. Nelson's letter reflects political posturing rather than trustworthy leadership. This is disappointing to see because so much more can be achieved with calm, reason and cooperation.

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The Milk Pail Market in Mountain View

Milk Pail Market survives by offering specialty items that big-box groceries can't

The conventional wisdom is that in this current economic climate of harsh, bottom-line realities, the independent operator can't compete against a deep-pocketed store with a national distribution system, economies of scale and volume. We live in a big-box world, and the little guy doesn't stand much of a chance.

So how then do you explain the endurance of Mountain View's The Milk Pail Market?

Located right across the street from Safeway, the 38-year-old market has carved out a deep niche—one filled with rarefied cheese, eclectically flavored ravioli and great deals on produce.

Rasmussen calls that "certain part" of the population "thrill-seekers" who are looking for something else in their shopping cart than the latest product from Kraft or Nestle.

Owner Steve Rasmussen bought what was a bankrupt milk-processing facility in 1974 and renamed it the Milk Pail Market. The store was originally a drive-through milk shop that pasteurized its own milk and sold it in glass bottles.

As more grocery stores began to open in the area, Rasmussen figured he had to stay ahead of the competition, and so the Milk Pail became "a little alternative food business sort of thing" that sold food in bulk to value-conscious shoppers and those looking for out-of-the-ordinary ingredients way before Whole Foods Market started doing the same thing.

In time, Rasmussen added produce, vast quantities of which are now piled up around the edges of the open-air store.

In spite of the prepackaged sameness that defines the retail world today, Rasmussen has stayed in business by going the opposite route and offering specialty items one is not likely to find elsewhere and deals on produce by buying directly from producers.

Because the market caters to an international clientele, the produce goes way beyond iceberg lettuce and Red Delicious apples. I spotted a green cauliflower for 39 cents a pound and beautiful-looking Indian eggplant the size of cue balls.

So when Trader Joe's opened nearby a dozen years ago, it didn't hurt Rasmussen's business. It helped. Trader Joe's shoppers came from near and far, and many also made their way to Rasmussen's store on the corner of California Avenue and San Antonio Road. Same thing when Whole Foods opened on El Camino Real. Shoppers looking for the organic and specialty products at Whole Foods ended up at the Milk Pail, too.

"I think the atmosphere of the business is a very engaging for a certain part of the population," Rasmussen says. "It's very experiential."

Rasmussen calls that "certain part" of the population "thrill-seekers" who are looking for something else in their shopping cart than the latest product from Kraft or Nestle.

Cheese has been a big part of the Milk Pail's success, too. When he first opened, Rasmussen began selling sharp cheddar cheese from Wisconsin in 10-pound blocks, and he sold a lot of it. Then he had the bright idea of selling that cheese in smaller pieces. There were no digital scales or wrapping machines then, so he bought a baby scale, several boxes of Saran wrap and rubber bands, and hand wrote the labels.

Now, he sells more than 300 kinds of foreign and domestic cheese. And because of his contacts in the dairy world (his family used to own an East Bay dairy), he was able to get his hands on some really good cheese.

A walk through the store offers a tour of the world via cheese. I found one of my favorite cheeses, a smoky sheep-milk cheese from Spain called idiazabal, for just \$9.29 a pound. I also spotted the first Filipino cheese I've ever seen, a semisoft cow's-milk cheese called kesong puti.

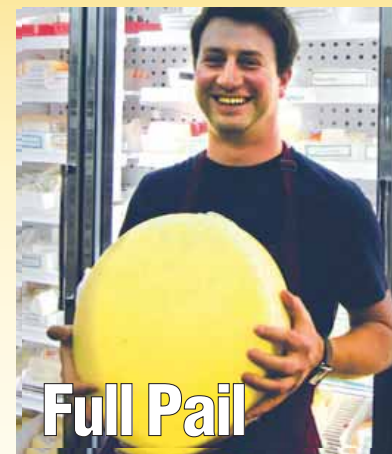
Rasmussen is something of a cheese evangelist and hosts cheese-tasting and cheese-making events.

"I really want to get them excited about what's possible," he says.

He was even invited to do a cheese class at nearby Google when the Milk Pail sold more "Google Offers" coupons in a shorter period of time than any other business.

If you like cheese, seek out the store's own label of fromage blanc. It comes from a herd of cows Rasmussen owns in Northern California. The cheese is the base for their line of ravioli, too. The store creates unlikely flavors like Thai curry cheddar and horseradish harvarti.

Safeway shopper or thrill-seeker? I'd rather be a thrill-seeker.



Full Pail



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Roberto Luna Jr. rings up a customer at his family's corner store, the California Street Market, on Feb. 5.

them on-site at a larger store in San Jose, which is also owned by his family. Besides the tamales, each day the store sells between 400 and 500 pieces of pan dulce, a common kind of Hispanic pastry, as well as fresh produce and meats. He said these are rarities in stores his size.

The draw of savory and sweet comfort food seems to fit the store's image. It's small, quirky and has a distinct community character.

"People are used to coming in," he said. "It's nice, neighborly and convenient. We even get potential renters in the neighborhood come in and ask how it is here."

Luna's father, also named Roberto, considered buying into a 7-11 franchise, but he didn't like the idea of someone else control-

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Clockwise, from top left: Guatemalan sweet bread, or pan dulce; Mexican pan dulce; four types of tamales are sold at the store.



■ FOOD FEATURE

Quick-stop tamale shop

CONVENIENCE STORE FINDS ITS NICHE WITH SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER TREATS

By Eric Van Susteren

Roberto Luna affectionately calls the convenience store he manages on California Street and Mariposa Avenue "the little store."

The name fits, but the cramped 400-square-foot store is chock-full of items that may be difficult to find at the local liquor store: Mexican chorizo, pan dulce and freshly made tamales, which are advertised on the otherwise unassuming building by a sign that reads "Tamales all day" in large, red-painted letters.

The sign — and the tamales — serve as a major draw for customers, many of whom are locals who use the little store for "I-forgot" shopping, Luna said.

"The tamales are something

a little unique for a little store," he said. "They're a draw because they're a little more novel."

The store offers the masa-wrapped delicacies in four varieties: pork in red salsa, chicken in green salsa, cheese and peppers, and sweet corn — a traditional cornbread-like treat from El Salvador. Luna said he doesn't have a favorite.

"It depends on your mood," he said, opening the case and letting the corn-scented steam waft out. "Try the sweet corn tamales with cream and tomatillo salsa on them, even though they're slightly sweet. That's the way to go."

Originally, the Lunas bought their tamales from a vendor, but the quality began to decline and they decided to begin making





The tiny market boasts it has "everything you need." When customers would ask his late father for something it didn't have, he'd say, "If we don't have it, then you don't need it," said Roberto Luna Jr.

MICHELLE LE

ling what the store carried while taking a cut off the top. Instead, he bought the cramped store to run himself.

When it opened, the store was a place people in the neighborhood came to speak Spanish, under his father's hawkish eye, Luna said. His father wouldn't allow kids

to loiter around it, and he would admonish anyone who used swear words in the store.

Now he said the neighborhood's makeup is changing. He estimated that 85 percent of the customers were Latino when his father bought the store. Now he thinks it's probably closer to 50

percent.

Both Luna and his youngest sister met their spouses while working at the little store. At one point or another, he and all eight of his siblings have worked there. He said the family-owned-and-operated feel is a boon to a store

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that draws its clientele by being a community fixture.

"After working at the San Jose store for 12 or 15 years, I came back, and I'd see the same folks — they'd come in with a big old smile on their faces — and I'd recognize them as children I knew when I was working there before," he said.

A framed newspaper clipping from the '80s hangs above the counter. It shows Luna's father, who died five years ago, leaning into the small counter, grinning into the camera, exactly where

his son stands.

"Sometimes I'll look up into the video camera, see myself there and say, 'My gosh! That's my father,'" Luna said, beaming at the yellowed clipping. ▣

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- The 39 Steps (1935) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Stanford Theatre:** Fri.-Sun. at 5:55 & 9:15 p.m.
- A Good Day to Die Hard (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** Wed. at 10 p.m.; Thu. at 11 a.m.; 1:30, 4:05, 7 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** Thu. at 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8:05 & 10:40 p.m.
- Amour (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Aquarius Theatre:** 1:45, 4:45 & 7:45 p.m.
- Argo (R) ★★☆☆1/2 Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** 1:10, 4:10 & 7:10 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:55 p.m.
- Bullet to the Head (R) ★1/2 Century 16:** 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:25, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50 & 10:15 p.m.
- Die Hard Marathon (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 20:** Wed. at 12:15 p.m.
- Django Unchained (R) ★★☆☆ Century 16:** 11:50 a.m.; 3:50 & 8 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 2:50, 6:25 & 10 p.m.
- Gangster Squad (R) ★1/2 Century 20:** 5 & 10:30 p.m.
- Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11 a.m.; 4 & 9:40 p.m.; In 3D at 1:30 & 7 p.m. **Century 20:** 1 & 5:45 p.m.; In 3D at 3:20, 8:15 & 10:35 p.m.
- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 16:** 11:40 a.m.; In 3D at 3:30 & 7:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.; In 3D at 2:40 & 9:50 p.m.
- Identity Thief (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11 a.m.; noon, 1:50, 3, 4:40, 6:10, 7:40, 9:10 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 12:50, 2:25, 3:40, 5:05, 6:20, 7:45, 9:10 & 10:25 p.m.
- The Impossible (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 20:** 11:45 a.m.; 2:25 & 7:50 p.m.
- The Lady Vanishes (1938) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Stanford Theatre:** Fri.-Sun. at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 4:10 p.m.
- Les Miserables (2012) (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 16:** 12:20, 4:10 & 7:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m.; 3:10, 6:35 & 10:05 p.m.
- Life of Pi (PG) ★★☆☆1/2 Century 20:** 1:25 p.m.; In 3D at 4:20 & 10:20 p.m.; Fri. & Sun. also at 7:15 p.m. (standard 2D) **Palo Alto Square:** 4 p.m.; In 3D at 1 & 7 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10 p.m. (standard 2D)
- Lincoln (PG-13) ★★☆☆1/2 Century 16:** 11:20 a.m.; 2:40, 6:05 & 9:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:20, 3:35, 7 & 10:15 p.m.
- Mama (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11:20 a.m.; 4:30 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 4:55 & 10:30 p.m.
- Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Animated (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Aquarius Theatre:** 12:30, 2:30 & 7 p.m.
- Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Live Action (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Aquarius Theatre:** 4:30 & 9 p.m.
- Parker (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 1:45 & 7:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 2:10 & 7:40 p.m.
- Quartet (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 20:** Noon, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25 & 9:50 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.
- Side Effects (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11 a.m.; noon, 1:40, 2:30, 4:20, 5, 7:20, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:25 a.m.; 12:30, 1:55, 3, 4:35, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45 & 10:45 p.m.
- Silver Linings Playbook (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 12:10, 3:10, 6:20 & 9:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:50, 7:35 & 10:25 p.m.
- Stand Up Guys (R) ★★☆☆ Century 16:** 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30, 7:10 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:55 a.m.; 2:15, 4:40, 7:05 & 9:30 p.m.
- Warm Bodies (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11:10 a.m.; 12:10, 1:35, 2:35, 4, 5, 7:10, 8:20 & 10:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 12:40, 1:50, 3:05, 4:25, 5:30, 6:55, 8, 9:25 & 10:40 p.m.
- Zero Dark Thirty (R) ★★☆☆1/2 Century 16:** 11:50 a.m.; 3:40 & 7:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 2:45, 6:40 & 10:10 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

BULLET TO THE HEAD ★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis seem eager to prove they can spearhead gratuitous action flicks with the same gusto they mustered in the 1980s and '90s. They're literally sticking to their guns regardless of Father Time's inconvenient intrusion. The title itself should deter viewers who favor smart cinema over mindless mayhem. Set in New Orleans, the story (as it were) revolves around hired killer James Bonomo (Stallone) and his unlikely alliance with Washington, D.C., cop Taylor Kwon (Sung Kang of "Fast Five") to unearth a conspiracy. Although Stallone lumbers his way through the film and appears half-asleep half the time, the man still has charisma and is occasionally sharp despite dull material. Kang struggles, his weak character made more so by an amateur performance. And while the odd-couple dynamic has its moments, they are few and far between. Director Walter Hill's novice filmmaking techniques such as use of voiceover, flashbacks and erratic transitions become distracting. Bad '80s action movies belong in the '80s. It's 2013, and the movie-going public deserves better than a "Bullet to the Head." *Rated R for violence, bloody images, language, nudity and drug use. 1 hour, 31 minutes.*—T.H.

STAND UP GUYS ★★☆☆

(Century 16, Century 20) It's tempting to give this "Grumpy Old Gangsters" comedy-drama a pass. Noah Haidle's screenplay seems chronically incapable of making smart choices. But that's why you hire Second City veteran and Oscar winner Alan Arkin: to spin gold from straw. It's also why you hire Oscar winners Al Pacino and Christopher Walken, the former an Actors Studio vet and the latter famed for his refusal to respect punctuation. These guys are so good as to almost make the slight script they're given irrelevant ... almost. Pacino and Walken play BFFs Val and Doc, who reunite when Val walks out of prison after 28 years. Though he owes Val for being a "stand-up guy," Doc finds himself in the position of having to kill his only friend. The characters wander the streets, busting their old wheel man Hirsch (Arkin) out of a nursing home, and getting their drink and prostitutes on. The movie's best bits are surprisingly tender moments between friends. Those moments, sadly, are outnumbered by crass but dumb episodes designed to allow the old men to bond with younger women. The awfulness of the narrative is plain to see, and yet acting junkies probably won't be able to resist the cast. No one can say "Stand Up Guys" lacks personality. *Rated R for language, sexual content, violence and brief drug use. One hour, 35 minutes.*—P.C.

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There will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Peninsula Open Space Trust's lecture series as we welcome Will Allen. Son of a sharecropper and former pro-basketball player, Allen is now CEO of Growing Power, a farm and community food center in Milwaukee, Wis. Feb. 11, 8-10 p.m. \$22. Mnt. View Center, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-854-7696. openspacetrust.org

AUDITIONS

Theatre Auditions for 'Nickel and Dimed' The Foothill College Theatre Arts Department announces auditions for 'Nickel & Dimed' Feb. 10, from 7-10 p.m. in Appreciation Hall (Room 1501) or Feb. 12, from 7-10 p.m. in the Smithwick Theatre. All roles are open. Bring a headshot and resume. This is a non-equity performance and offers no pay. 7-10 p.m. Admission is free; parking is \$3. Foothill College Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7268. www.foothill.edu/theatre/nickel/auditions.php

BENEFITS

Friends of Mtn View Library Book Sale Friends of Mtn View Public Library will have a book sale in the Library Bookmobile Garage on Feb. 9, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Feb. 10, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Bag Sale Feb 10th from 2-4 p.m. New bag sale price \$5 each. Friends of Mtn View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7031. www.mvlibraryfriends.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Learn to Square Dance' Classes are held by the "Bows & Beaus Square-Dance Club" on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. First class free; \$5 per class thereafter. Loyola School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos.

Foothill College Gospel Choir Foothill College Gospel Choir/AKA PCGC Begins their annual Gospel Festival workshop rehearsals. For Gospel Choir musical. Dates are Jan. 20, 27, and Feb. 3, 10, and 17. Concert Feb. 23, 2013. 4:30-6:45 p.m. \$10 general and \$5 students and seniors. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 408-644-9995.

T'ai-Chi A Tai-Chi class that promotes balance, flexibility and mental acuity. Led by Dona Marriot, Foothill College instructor. Mondays, Jan. 7-March 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-948-1827.

Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra A friendly and sociable monthly gathering for musicians of all instruments and all levels of skill to play symphony orchestra music together for fun, no performance and no pressure. Music provided,

members bring instrument, stand, appetizers to share, and good humor. Register through website. Sundays, Jan. 27-June 30 2-5 p.m. \$10/session or \$25/three sessions. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. Call 650-793-2218. www.tacosv.com

CLUBS/MEETINGS

SPAUG General Meeting The topic will be "The Search for Life in the Universe and Our Future," with speaker Simon "Pete" Worden, Ph.D., Center Director, Ames Research Center. Feb. 13, 7:15-9 p.m. first meeting free, \$30/yr membership. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-325-1359. www.pa-spaug.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Input Meeting, Measure G Parents and community members are invited to provide input on desires, priorities, and concerns regarding the use of Measure G bond funds to modernize and enhance Graham Middle Schools in the Mountain View Whisman School District. Feb. 12, 6:30-8 p.m. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-3552. www.mvwsd.org

Middle School Movie Night The Los Altos Hills Youth Commission is hosting a Free Middle School Movie Night viewing party for "Get Smart!" Attendees can bring a friend, blanket, bean bag and pillow and enjoy light refreshments. This event is open to any middle school student for a safe and fun Friday night. Feb. 8, 7-9 p.m. Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-947-2518.

One Billion Rising The first ever school-wide dance to kick off the 2013 V-Day season at Sofia! One Billion Rising is a worldwide movement with the goal to gather one billion people across the globe on Valentine's Day to demonstrate solidarity and commitment to ending violence against women and girls. Feb. 14, 5-8 p.m. Sliding donation fee: \$5-\$20 Sofia University, 1069 E. Meadow Circle, Palo Alto. Call 650-493-4430.

Used Book Sale There will be 30,000+ used books, a huge quantity of children's books, 20+ languages represented in the foreign language section, CDs, DVDs, talking books and puzzles.

Sunday (12 to 3 p.m.) is \$5/bag sale day. Cash Only. Feb. 9-10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. losaltoslibraryfriends.org

CONCERTS

'A Multicultural Peter and the Wolf' The Oshman Family JCC is producing a narrated performance of the classic children's symphony "Peter and the Wolf" in four languages. Feb. 10, 12:30-6 p.m. \$18 in advance, \$20 door. (\$15 members, students, children.) Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org/peter

China National Orchestra: Chinese New Year's Eve Concert Attendees can experience the renowned China National Orchestra, a 90-person ensemble of musicians who perform on Chinese instruments, on Chinese New Year's Eve in the new stunning Bing Concert Hall, celebrating the Year of the Snake. Part of the annual Pan-Asian Music Festival. Feb. 9, 8-10 p.m. \$30 general/\$20 students/\$10 Stanford students. Bing Concert Hall, Stanford. panasianmusicfestival.stanford.edu

DANCE

Smuin Ballet Smuin Ballet's 2013 winter program includes Adam Houglund's "Cold Virtues" and a Trey McIntyre work with music from The Shins: "Oh, Inverted World." The program will also contain three works by Michael Smuin; "Starshadows," "Homeless" and "No Vivire." Feb. 20-24, 8 p.m. \$52-\$68. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. www.smuinballet.org

ENVIRONMENT

Local Energy Generation Craig Lewis, Executive Director of Clean Coalition, will discuss why local energy generation is more reliable, more affordable and how to accelerate the transition to local energy systems. This is the first of four "Beyond Fossil Fuels" talks offered by Acterra this spring. Feb. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. Fenwick & West LLP, 801 California St., Mountain View. Call 650-962-9876x346. www.acterra.org/lectures

Turning the Tide: How ordinary people can save the baylands CGF and Save the Bay are partnering to bring an educational program followed by a birding session that will showcase the Baylands, one of the best-known birding sites on the West Coast. Attendees can learn more about local environmental efforts and how they can lend a much needed hand and voice. Feb. 9, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-968-7243 x 340. www.greenfoothills.org/

FAMILY AND KIDS

Weekend Preschoolers on the Farm On a series of three fun tours designed just for wee ones, preschoolers can bury their hands in sheep wool, toss corn to the chickens, and discover heaps of new information and ways to use their senses. Ages 3-5 + 1 Adult. Class meets Saturdays, Feb. 2-16, 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$65 Adult and First Child. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9704. www.hiddenvilla.org

LIVE MUSIC

Andrew Myerson (percussion) and Travis Andrews (electric guitar), a Stanford Live Informance. Andrew Myerson (percussion) and Travis Andrews (electric guitar) in a Stanford Live Informance. The concert will be held in CSMA's Tateuchi Hall on Feb. 8, 6 p.m. CSMA Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Road, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 x 305. www.arts4all.org

Happy hours & Live Music with Bobby Love & Sugar Sweet at Morocco's Restaurant Mountain View Bobby Love and Sugar Sweet will come at 8 p.m. for a night of rock, jazz and blues covers. Feb. 15, Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Merit Scholarship recital: Titan and Jove Yuan Twin brothers and merit scholars, Titan Yuan (piano and violin) and Jove Yuan (piano and cello) will perform selections for two pianos, including the Paganini Variations by Lutoslawski and Mozart's overture to the opera The Magic Flute. In addition, each student will accompany the other on cello and violin. Feb. 9, 7 p.m. CSMA Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Road, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 x 305. www.arts4all.org

ON STAGE

'On Golden Pond' Ernest Thompson's play is about revisiting the past and forging new bonds across generations. Jan. 24-Feb. 17, Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 or 7 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. \$18-\$32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.busbarn.org

'Princess Ida' In this show, Ida and Hilarion are sworn to marry when they come of age. The time has come but Ida refuses and has gone off to start a women's university where she teaches that man -- not woman, just man -- is descended from apes. Hilarion and two friends disguise themselves as women to enroll. Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. \$18-52. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6800. lamp-lighters.org

Happy hours Friday and Live Rythme & Blues with the Dan Goghs! Morocco's welcomes the versatile Dan Goghs for an evening of American Roots Rock, rhythm & blues! Performance starts at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

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Herbs Everywhere Attendees join Anya Tyunuk, a specialist in Oriental Medicine focusing on internal medicine and women's health, for a walk through Hidden Villa in search of wild herbs. They will learn their unique characteristics, smells, and attributes for self-care and cooking. Ages 13+ please. Please preregister on website. Feb. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$10. Hidden

Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9704. www.hiddenvilla.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

A Very Special Valentine's Dinner Grace Temple Church invites people to celebrate with Superintendent Leo Smith. Reservations required for the dinner on Feb. 9, 6-10 p.m. \$40. Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-384-6081 / 650-630-6047.

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, Dec. 11-Feb. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

SENIORS

Aging in Place Conference Seniors, families of seniors, baby-boomers can come to the second annual Aging in Place event at the Mountain View Senior Center sponsored by the City of Mountain View's Senior Advisory Committee and partner, Druker Center for Innovation. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Cash lunch provided. Feb. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

Eat the Rainbow Most people know to include a variety of food in their diet, but what does the color of the food have to do with it? Attendees find out and earn the chance to win prizes. Feb. 12, 10-11 a.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Learn About Aging in Place The tentative program includes speakers on "Obamacare" and the new Medicare options, senior-proofing a home, the Gokhale posture method, stroke prevention, memory improvement, and other topics. Feb. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-969-6650.

Ready, Set, Meditate! Everyone, regardless of experience or physical ability, is encouraged to come to this two-part meditation workshop. Wear loose clothing. Space is limited, so please call to sign up. Feb. 11, 10:15-11:30 a.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

TALKS/AUTHORS

Building Trust in 2013 According to Edelman's Trust Barometer research, trust in business is slowly gaining ground. Come hear the latest trends and insights on this topic. Feb. 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Churchill Club Members \$50 | Nonmembers \$75. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 408-265-0130. transition.churchillclub.org/eventDetail.jsp?EVT_ID=972

Gloria Wilcox - East West Gloria Wilcox, author of "Soothing Angels: A Guide to Divine Connection," presents a free book signing and talk. Feb. 13, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Gloria Wilcox Booksigning/Talk, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-479-4673. www.eastwest.com

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Bruce Liedstrand, former city manager of Mountain View and founder of Common Sense Community Design leads attendees in a roundtable discussion on the premise that the community infrastructure platform that supports Silicon Valley businesses is out of date and needs a substantial upgrade. Feb. 12, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangan Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

Telecom Council: Entrepreneur Forum: Opportunities in Whitespace Attendees can learn about white spaces, progress, the future, and opportunities. Register at www.telecomcouncil.cvent.com/whitespace Members Free \$50 Non-Members. Feb. 14, 12-2 p.m. Quixley, 278 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-834-7933. www.telecomcouncil.com

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This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MV HOSPITALITY, LLC
64 W. El Camino Real
Mountain View, CA 94040
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 January 9, 2013.
(MVV Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 2013)

JARUCA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 573311
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Jaruca, located at 407 Barcelona Ct., Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: Joint Venture.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
CATHLEEN BRIONES
407 Barcelona Ct.
Mtn. View, CA 94040
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BAY AREA PERFORMANCE CYCLES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 573949
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: A Corporation.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 6/8/2002.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 22, 2013.
(MVV Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013)

CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 573950
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: A Corporation.
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 11/5/07.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 573995
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: A General Partnership.
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625 Ellis St., Ste. 101
Mtn. View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on May 15, 1984.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 23, 2013.
(MVV Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013)

SILICON VALLEY LEDGER & LENDING SUPPORT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 574222
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Silicon Valley Ledger & Lending Support, located at 4970 El Camino Real, Suite 230, Los Altos, CA 94022, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MICHAEL STEPANOV
360 Ferne Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94306
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 January 29, 2013.
(MVV Feb. 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1, 2013)

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040
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 January 24, 2013.
(MVV Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013)

VEGAS 888 CASINO PARTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 574163
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Vegas 888 Casino Parties, located at 2290 West El Camino Real, Suite 5A, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
DENNIS K. TSUKAGAWA
454 Marich Way
Los Altos, CA 94022
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 5-14-2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 28, 2013.
(MVV Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013)

SILICON VALLEY LEDGER & LENDING SUPPORT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 574222
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This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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360 Ferne Ave.
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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 January 29, 2013.
(MVV Feb. 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1, 2013)

997 All Other Legals

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Date of Filing Application: January 8, 2013
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are: WALGREEN CO
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Mountain View, CA 94040-2701
Type of license(s) applied for:
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Escrow No. 1311990AL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: SERENDE CORPORATION, 341 CASTRO ST, #A & B, MT VIEW, CA 94041
Doing business as: BAKLAVA RESTAURANT AKA CAFE BAKLAVA
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
Date of Filing Application: February 4, 2013
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: BAJIS CAFE INC
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
2423 Old Middlefield Way Ste. A
Mountain View, CA 94043
Type of license(s) applied for:
41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE EATING PLACE
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The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: RANGOON RUBY INVESTMENT, LLC, 445 EMERSON ST, PALO ALTO, CA 94301-1605
The assets being sold are generally described as: FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS ASSETS and is located at: 6070 LAUREL ST, SAN CARLOS, CA 94070
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Date: 1/29/13
RANGOON RUBY INVESTMENT, LLC., Buyer(s)
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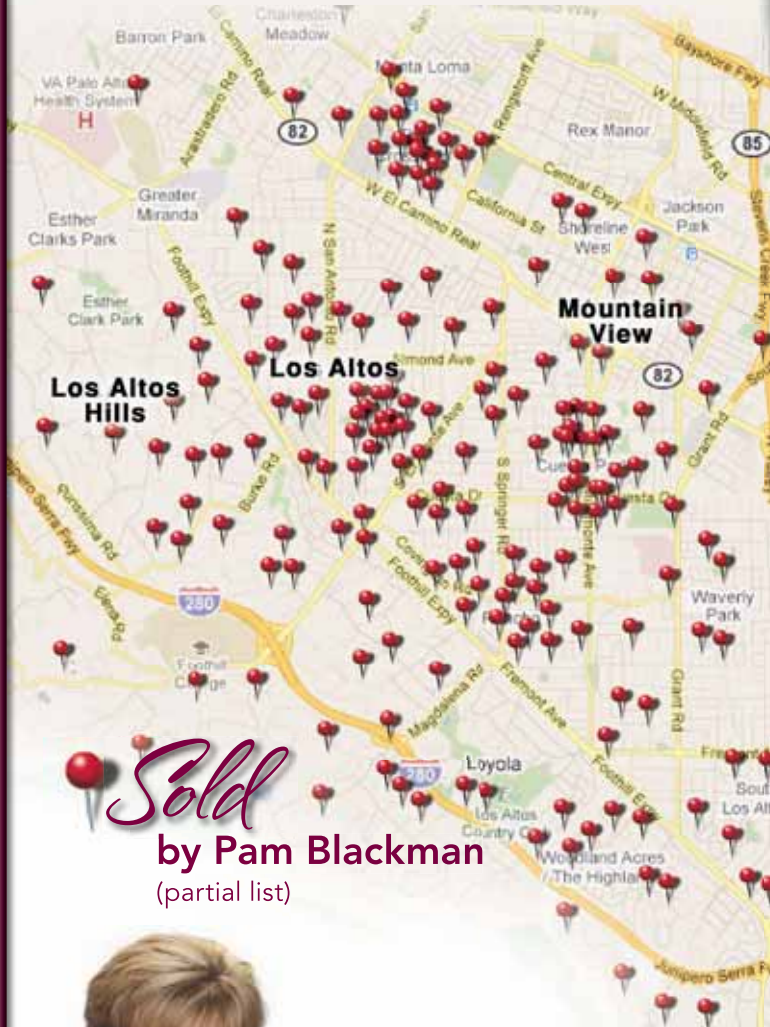
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2012	363	\$1,825,000	\$1,975,220	103%
2011	303	\$1,650,000	\$1,771,320	99%

LOS ALTOS HILLS	# Sales	Med. \$	Avg. \$	Sale \$ vs. List \$
2012	110	\$2,602,500	\$2,946,160	98%
2011	100	\$2,294,250	\$2,693,670	95%

MOUNTAIN VIEW	# Sales	Med. \$	Avg. \$	Sale \$ vs. List \$
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2 BR 1 BA Cozy White Oaks cottage! Hardwood flr. Updated kitchen & bath. Lrg level backyard w/patio.
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PALO ALTO Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$6,500,000**
1935 Webster St 4 BR 3.5 BA Prestigious location! 16,610SF lot. Possible subdivision, buyer to verify w/City of PA.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$998,000**
241 Heartwood Ln 3 BR 2.5 BA Fabulous SFH close to Mtn.View downtown. ~1800 sf, LR w/hi ceilings, open kitchen.
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LOS ALTOS HILLS Sun 1 - 4 **\$1,900,000**
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BELMONT Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$869,000**
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