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Shelby Sumner shows off her newborn to employees at Moffett Field's commissary where she buys groceries. MICHELLE LE

Council members praise Intuit project

OFFICE SPACE WOULD TRIPLE,
MAKE ROOM FOR 1,300 MORE WORKERS

By Daniel DeBolt

In a study session Tuesday, City Council members praised the first major North Bayshore office development proposal under the city's new 2030 general plan.

In a project intended to "make Mountain View a better place," Intuit proposes a pair of four-story buildings at 2600 Marine Way with living roofs, solar panels and architecture that wowed some council members. The project aims to have only 45 percent of employees driving alone to a pair of parking garages, one that's three levels and the other six levels (though only slightly higher than the four-story offices because of solar panels on the top level). Half of the project's power would be generated on site and it would eventually produce zero waste, according to Intuit officials.

"This isn't boring, it's a very unique design that stands out," said council member Chris Clark of a rendering of the two buildings. "I think people will say, 'Wow,' when they see it."

The proposed buildings are nearly equal in size and total 369,000 square feet, replacing eight buildings that total 108,000 square feet and making room for 1,300 new employees to add to the 1,900 employees the tax accounting software company has now in Mountain View. An adjacent Intuit campus will remain.

"I really appreciate the fact you guys listened to what we said about what we're trying to preserve," said council member Ronit Bryant, praising the relatively low building heights, meant to preserve views of the mountains and the Bay. "Towers and

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Toxic vapors found in NASA buildings

MUSEUM AND COMMISSARY AMONG THOSE AFFECTED BY TCE, PCE

By Daniel DeBolt

The Department of Defense has found toxic vapors in several buildings at Moffett Federal Airfield, buildings that are in use by the public, the military and NASA employees.

According to a report released this month, the air of 23 buildings was tested on a portion of Moffett Field where the United States Navy is responsible for the pollution cleanup. Two occupied buildings had toxic vapor levels above EPA limits in areas where people work: the Moffett Field history museum and Moffett's Building 10, which houses a crew of building maintenance workers.

Several other buildings also had elevated levels of toxic vapors in single locations not occupied by workers. Those buildings include the NASA Ames convention center and cafeteria, the Moffett Field Commissary — where members of the military buy discount groceries and other items, and two large research lab buildings, N239A and N210.

A maintenance worker in Building 10 — where trichloroethylene vapor levels were 10 times the EPA limit — said employees there were told little about the situation when it was found. About 20 employees spend "an hour a day" in the building five days a week, he

said. It also houses boilers to steam-heat Moffett's buildings.

"They just come here to grab their tools and eat their lunch," he said, adding, "They didn't tell us anything" about whether it was safe.

The report comes as the Navy proposes the use of new technologies to clean up the groundwater plume it left at Moffett where thousands of pounds of various solvents were dumped or leaked into the ground over several decades. The primary chemical, trichloroethylene (TCE), is known to cause cancer from years of

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MV Whisman looking forward

DISTRICT AIMS TO EMBRACE
HIGH-TECH EDUCATIONAL TOOLS

By Nick Veronin

The superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District wants students to put down their textbooks, pick up tablet computers and start spending much more time on hands-on projects of their own design. In a few years time, if Craig Goldman's

vision is realized, elementary- and middle-schoolers will be less preoccupied with "rote" learning, and more involved with what he called a "21st century education."

On April 18, in a presentation to the board, Superintendent Craig Goldman and top district administrators

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Samson So

Since the Boston Marathon bombings, are you worried about going to public events?



"No, I will still go to events because by not going it makes such acts tolerable and more efficient."

Buzz Bonneau, San Francisco



"The probability of these bombings are pretty low. I used to live in Israel where stuff like this happened all the time. In my opinion, it's more dangerous to drive a car these days!"

David Gal, San Francisco



"No one can predict event acts of terrorism. The terrorists' actions are supposed to make us do things out of the ordinary. If I let them prevent me from carrying out things I'd like to do, that means they win."

Keehwan Her, San Francisco



"I refuse to live life afraid. You can be prepared but it shouldn't stop you from living life."

Brandon Moore, Mountain View



"It's a very small risk that we take. I also think it's important to push that to the back of your mind and still enjoy going to events."

Grant Rozeboom, Palo Alto

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CRIME BRIEFS

BACK-TO-BACK BURGLARIES

Thousands of dollars of electronics, jewelry and other items were stolen from two apartments in the same Mountain View complex — possibly on the same day — according to local police.

Police can't say if the two burglaries are connected. "It could be, and it may not be," said Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department. "There is no evidence linking them."

The two burglaries were reported on April 16 and April 17 respectively, according to Thompson. Both victims lived in The Americana Apartments — a large complex located just off El Camino Real on the border of Sunnyvale at 707 Continental Circle.

The first burglary occurred sometime between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., Thompson said. The victim, a 28-year-old man, came home to find his door slightly ajar and clothes strewn about the apartment. Several iPads, an iMac desktop computer, a Macbook Air, an HP laptop, an IBM computer, a Motorola cell phone, a Samsonite suitcase, a black Swiss brand backpack and gold jewelry were reported missing.

An investigation showed the locks to his front door had been tampered with — an indication of forced entry, Thompson said.

The second burglarized apartment did not show any signs of forced entry, according to Thompson. Although the victim, a

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SPRING FAMILY PARADE

The Mountain View Recreation Division is presenting the 35th Annual Spring Family Parade on Saturday, April 27. It will start on Castro Street at Villa Street and continue down Castro Street into Pioneer Park, located directly behind Mountain View City Hall.

The parade will begin at noon and run till 3 p.m., featuring over 50 of Mountain View's local groups. At Pioneer Park, attendees will find food, live entertainment, crafts, and games. The El Camino YMCA will also be hosting free children's activities to celebrate Healthy Kids Day.

For information contact Lauren Merriman, recreation supervisor, at 903-6618 or by E-mail at lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov.

Samson So

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1000 Block N Shoreline Bl., 4/16

BATTERY

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1900 Block Latham St., 4/17

E Evelyn Av & Moorpark Wy, 4/17

1100 Block Villa St., 4/18

800 Block San Luppe Dr., 4/21

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

900 Block W El Camino Real., 4/16

500 Block N Rengstorff Av., 4/18

2000 Block Garcia Av., 4/18

GRAND THEFT

700 Block W El Camino Real., 4/16

600 Block Showers Dr., 4/16

100 Block Bryant St., 4/18

1900 Block W El Camino Real., 4/19

1000 Block Grant Rd., 4/19

300 Block Castro St., 4/22

Castro St & Villa St., 4/22

600 Block Rainbow Dr., 4/22

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Drew Taylor, a student at Mountain View High School, is "arrested" by CHP at an assembly to show students the perils of drunken driving.

'Every 15 Minutes'

STUDENTS FAKE DUI DEATHS TO DRIVE HOME DANGERS OF DRINKING AND DRIVING

By Nick Veronin

Wielding a scythe, the dark, hooded figure loomed large over the scene — dragging the rusty metal blade across the roof of one of the two mangled cars, producing an awful nails-on-chalkboard screech. The specter was surrounded by limp,

pale bodies, shattered glass and empty beer bottles.

Not to mention a film crew, police and fire officials, and two very concerned members of Mountain View High School's Associated Student Body. Sophomores Kelly Vroom and Sofia Biros gave directions and reminded their peers not to laugh. In order for the scene

to have the proper impact, they would all need to play it straight.

The group of about 30 students, teachers and emergency response professionals — including firefighters, police and paramedics — were all just half an hour away from the

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Council OKs mixed-use project on Castro

By Daniel DeBolt

After an intense discussion about downtown architecture, the City Council on Tuesday approved a redevelopment of the corner of Church and Castro streets.

The developer, the Malek family's MPM corporation, was given the green light to build a four-story 28,000 square foot building at 605 Castro Street, with space for offices on the upper levels and ground-floor

retail or office. Eight, three-story condos are placed behind the building, half with stoops along Hope Street.

A two-level underground garage has 87 spaces, 16 percent less than normally required. An exception was made because there is expected to be less overflow street parking than from existing uses.

Council member Ronit Bryant persuaded other members to require significant changes to a

ground floor wall along Church Street at Hope Street.

"A downtown is only successful if it's interesting to walk there," Bryant said. "A blank wall will not be a pleasure to walk by."

With assurances from architect William Maston that the corner could be redesigned, the council eventually approved the project on a 5-1 vote. John McAlister opposed the project

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Google offers to fund city's bike projects

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View city officials are in talks with Google about using some of the internet giant's billions to help make its hometown more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.

According to an April 19 memo from City Manager Dan Rich to the City Council, talks are underway with Google about the company funding "several" bike and pedestrian projects from a list of over a dozen proposals the City Council has discussed recently. The proposals include a study of possible improvements to California Street and Escuela Avenue, lights for the Stevens Creek Trail bridge over Central Expressway, a Permanent Creek trail crossing near Google under Charleston Road and the narrowing of Castro Street in front of Graham Middle school to slow traffic and, make room for protected bike lanes and decrease the street crossing distance where several students were hit by cars last year.

Amid an unprecedented effort to increase street safety in Mountain View, Google's offer would "free up a substantial amount of city funds" for other uses, Rich reports. Details have yet to be worked out, however.

Google is "very interested in working with the city ... in regard to this very, very high priority program which we believe will provide a greater sense of safety for both the bike traffic as well as the pedestrians," Google's John Igoe told the City Council on April 2.

"We want to clearly offer our resources to the city" on a number of the 16 bike and pedestrian projects presented to the council on April 2, Igoe said. The projects were proposed to be funded over two years. By partnering with the city, he said Google hopes to be able to move some projects up in the priority list, possibly bumping some of the second year projects up to the first year.

Google officials apparently hope to entice more residents to walk and bike, as it has been able

to do for Google employees who can be seen riding multi-colored bikes around North Bayshore on any given weekday.

"I know Google has a very high rate of employees who bike to work," said Wendee Crofoot, a bike advocate who is pushing for safer streets in the Rengstorff Park area. Calling it the move of a "good neighbor," she welcomed the funds as it would free up city funds for other bike and pedestrian improvements, library improvements or affordable housing to help counter the ongoing "gentrification" of the city by employees of Google and other tech companies.

The offer comes as Google is expected to propose plans soon for a new headquarters on a large open lot at Shoreline Boulevard and Charleston Road, continuing the rapid expansion of office space in Mountain View proposed by tech companies in the North Whisman and North Bayshore areas. The City Council has been requiring "community benefits"

from such office and residential projects, and may still require a slew of transportation-related benefits from Google to alleviate traffic impacts on Shoreline Boulevard and Rengstorff Avenue.

Crofoot said she recently attended a meeting at Google headquarters where Google officials discussed various bike infrastructure needs with a group of bike advocates.

"They were definitely interested in a bike boulevard in Mountain View," Crofoot said of Google officials, referring to the practice of installing cul-de-sacs on streets to allow only bike traffic through, as pioneered by Palo Alto. A bike boulevard of that sort would be a first for the city and is not yet officially proposed, but bike advocates pointed to Latham Street as a good candidate for one in Mountain View, Crofoot said.

Other projects Google may be interested in funding include a "cycle track" or protected bike lane between the downtown train station and Google head-

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'We want to clearly offer our resources to the city.'

JOHN IGOE OF GOOGLE

WHISMAN FUTURE

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Cathy Baur and Phyllis Rodgers discussed expanding the use of tablet computers and online educational tools; increasing the number of hands-on, project-based lessons; and preparing to make the switch from the California Standardized Test to the Common Core State Standards exam.

In an interview with the *Voice* after the meeting, Goldman explained what he means when he talks about a “21st century education” and many of the steps his district can take to get there.

“We’re talking about building on the best of what we’re already doing,” Goldman said. The district is already moving to embrace high-tech educational tools. Many schools have tablet computers, and others have begun using Khan Academy and a program called ST Math to augment lesson plans.

In his presentation to the board, Goldman called for more technology in the classroom, but said that more tablets and education apps are only one piece of the puzzle. Another

key component will be what is known as project-based learning — a mode of instruction that has scarcely been explored in Mountain View Whisman schools, he said.

For the better part of the 20th century, Goldman said, different education methods have come in and out of vogue. But, he said, if there is a common thread to be followed over the past 100 years, it’s been that “rote learning and procedural skills” have dominated American public schools. This kind of learning — where a teacher or textbook lays out a problem and students are expected to follow a predetermined set of steps to arrive at an answer — doesn’t teach critical thinking, he said.

Goldman wants students in MVWSD schools to start learning by emulating the surrounding community of start-up companies and high-tech giants. “We want them to be able to see problems as opportunities,” he said. “We want them to be in an environment where they can work collaboratively and think creatively and critically to solve those problems.”

If a student can learn those lessons in elementary and middle school, Goldman said, by the

time the graduate high school, they won’t just be college ready, they’ll be workplace ready.

To teach those lessons, Goldman wants teachers to begin thinking of ways they can get their kids to ask the questions, rather than the instructor. He would like to see students, under teacher supervision, come up with problems they would like to solve, and then apply grade-appropriate skills in the pursuit of coming up with a solution.

‘We want (students) to be able to see problems as opportunities.’

SUPERINTENDENT CRAIG GOLDMAN

Examples of project-based learning include building robots, making a smart-phone app or creating an advertising campaign.

By combining cutting-edge educational technology with project-based learning, and adding that to the Explicit Direct Instruction teaching model the district began last

year, Goldman said his district will be implementing an approach that is known as “blended,” or “personalized” learning — where each individual student learns in their own idiosyncratic way.

Technology, like Khan Academy, allows students to work at their own pace; project-based learning allows kids to learn through pursuing hands-on activities that are interesting to them; and EDI is a method of teaching that helps teachers figure out what works for each of their students and what doesn’t.

These new methods of instruction will help put the district on track with the new national Common Core curriculum standards. Initiated by President Barack Obama during his first term, 45 states have adopted the Common Core, with California signing on in 2010.

Updates to the California curriculum include reading requirements, which emphasize nonfiction, science and technical texts — intended to prepare kids for careers in science and technology. Additionally, a “staircase” approach to teaching is meant to ensure that students master lower-level concepts in greater depth

before moving on to more advanced concepts.

The blended learning approach to education is ideal for preparing students for the Common Core, Goldman said.

Though the superintendent isn’t entirely sure which pieces of the puzzle will go where, he is confident that he has the correct pieces to complete the big picture.

District trustees Christopher Chiang, Bill Lambert and Ellen Wheeler seemed to agree with Goldman at the April 18 meeting (trustees Steven Nelson and Phil Palmer were absent). Chiang and Lambert did press Goldman on how the district planned to accomplish all these goals.

A non-action item, the presentation was more of a loose plan, Goldman told the *Voice* after the meeting. However, he seemed confident that district officials would pursue his vision of a 21st century education.

“We’re in a new frontier here,” Goldman said. “What this really looks like, particularly on the project-based learning side, I don’t think it’s really clear. But we’re going to pilot it.” ▀

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MVHS launches first-ever 'STEM Day'

By Nick Veronin

Taking cues from Los Altos High School, which annually holds a Science and Technology Week, Mountain View High School has announced its first ever STEM Day, scheduled for April 30.

STEM stands for "science, technology, engineering and math" — all crucial subjects of study in the modern economy and especially in Silicon Valley, according to Barry Groves, superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District.

"STEM is one of our focus areas over the next six years," Groves said, referring to the entire district.

MVLA schools are focusing on STEM education for a number of reasons he said. Not only are there a growing number of

career opportunities for scientists, engineers and mathematicians, he explained, but jobs in STEM fields are exciting and potentially world-changing.

In October, Los Altos High School marked its seventh annual Science and Technology Week — held each year to both educate and inspire students by bringing speakers and real-world applications of technology to the school with which the teens can interact. Groves said that many parents and teachers from his district attended the Los Altos event and were inspired to launch something similar at their school.

Even though MVHS is only having a STEM day, the spirit of the event is the same as LAHS' week (which also began as a single-day event).

Science and technology pro-

professionals — from the SETI Institute, Stanford and Google will be giving lectures on topics such as "Looking for ET," "Mathematics gives you wings," and "Engineering luck."

"It really creates a link between what they're doing in a classroom and what they would do as a career or in the real world," Groves said, adding he is "ecstatic" to see the launch of Mountain View's STEM Day.

It's a smaller version of LAHS' week-long science- and tech-oriented event. And that is purposeful, Groves said. Those spearheading the effort at Mountain View said they wanted to start slow, but that they may very well grow the event down the road. ■

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COURTESY WILLIAM MASTON

This corner of the project at Church and Hope streets. will be changed at the council's request.

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while member Margaret Abe-Koga abstained because she lives nearby.

Council members appeared to be weighing what the project meant for the Community Health Awareness Council — the non-profit mental health counseling service currently housed on the site, which the city helps to fund. The developer has purchased a significantly larger building for CHAC on El Camino Real, but CHAC would only be able to move into it if the project is approved.

"This project has already been through five DRC (design review committee) reviews," said Mayor John Inks. The council should "appreciate the contributions of the Malek family," he said, add-

ing that he had concerns about "making design changes that cascade throughout the building."

Making some cosmetic changes wasn't enough for Bryant.

"We all love CHAC, the property owners are great people, but this is not the correct look," Bryant said. "I will not be able to support this — we're talking about half a block on Church Street taken out of the neighborhood. It becomes a dead block, as far as I'm concerned."

Among the council's suggested fixes was a "water feature" or a garden planted on the wall to make a "living wall." With the right artistic addition to the walls "this could actually become an iconic corner in Mountain View because of the discussion we've had tonight," Inks said.

An electrical room, garbage

bins and bike parking were behind the walls and would have to be moved for significant changes.

"This is a very challenging site to design," said zoning administrator Peter Gilli, adding that "being downtown, expectations are generally higher."

The council ended up leaving the issue for city staff to work out with the understanding that significant changes had to be made.

"Understanding the issues are about the pedestrian experience at ground level, there are a number of things we can do," Maston said, such as taking the corner condo unit and "bringing it all the way down to the street." ■

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CRIME BRIEFS

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45-year-old man, said he had locked up before leaving on April 16. When he returned on April 17, he found that his Bose speaker system, a Kindle Fire, an HTC Android phone and an LG brand phone were all gone.

There was no security footage of the burglaries and police have no suspects at this time, Thompson said.

ROAD RAGE ENDS IN ARREST

A fit of road rage ended in police arresting a Redwood City man for allegedly smashing a car window and sending glass flying into a Mountain View man's face last Wednesday.

According to Sgt. Sean Thompson of the Mountain View Police Department, emergency dispatchers were called around 3:20 p.m. on April 17 by a man claiming that he was tailing an enraged driver, who only moments earlier had broken his window and then fled in his own car.

The incident began on Highway 85, according to both the 22-year-old victim and his alleged attacker, Thompson said. The Mountain View man said that after exiting the freeway at Evelyn Avenue, he was waiting at a stoplight when the man got out of his car and slapped the driver's-side window multiple times. The driver then turned left onto Evelyn Avenue drove a short distance and stopped again at a red light at Evelyn Avenue and Calderon Avenue.

Once again the man appeared at the driver's-side door, and this time, according to the victim, the man shattered the window. The man then ran back to his own car and drove away.

The victim followed his attacker, who was heading in the opposite direction, east on Evelyn Avenue, Thompson said. Either the victim or his passenger called 911 to report the incident, relaying information about his pursuit to dispatchers.

The police caught up with the victim and the alleged attacker shortly after the victim's car collided with the Redwood City man's car while he was attempting to make a U-turn at Evelyn Avenue and Moorpark Way, according to Thompson.

Police arrested the 21-year-old Redwood City man, Dylan Harper, on suspicion of vandalism and battery; though Harper was not accused of hitting the victim directly, the shattered glass injured the victim's nose, causing a small cut, according to Thompson.

For his part, the alleged attacker said he had been provoked by the victim. He told police that the victim had been slowing down and speeding up intentionally and dangerously, according to Thompson. Harper was treated by emergency responders for cuts to his knuckles and hand before being booked.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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MVHS PRINCIPAL SEARCH

Mountain View High School is enlisting parents and community members in its hunt for a new principal to replace the outgoing Keith Moody, who has been promoted to head the high school district's adult education program.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the process is asked to come and share their thoughts during the first 45 minutes of the MVHS Parent Teacher and Student Association meeting on April 29 at 7 p.m., according to Barry Groves, superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District

"We would like to invite you to give us your input to ensure that the person selected for the job of the principal brings experiences, trainings and personal and professional characteristics that are consistent with our community's expectations for this role," Groves wrote in a MVLA press release. Those who are unable to attend, can email suggestions and comments to Groves at barry.groves@mvla.net.

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GOOGLE BIKE

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quarters, up Stierlin Road and Shoreline Boulevard. The idea has been discussed in various City Council study sessions and will likely be studied with other transit improvements proposed for North Bayshore. But Google is also “interested in building better connections east-west,” to serve residents of the city, Crofoot said.

Google could also fund 150 new bike racks for downtown, which Crofoot and members of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee have been pushing for as more and more bikes are

locked to things not designed to be used as bike racks. The council asked city staff members to examine the idea on April 2.

Crofoot says the cost of a simple u-shaped rack for two bikes is \$200, or \$30,000 total for 150 racks. Crofoot says the cost is cheap compared to vehicle parking, which is lacking downtown, according to a recent study calling for a new garage. The 405-space parking garage at Bryant and California streets cost \$18 million in 2007 — that is \$44,444 per parking space. ■

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TCE

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exposure, birth defects from just weeks of exposure and a slew of other health problems, according to the EPA.

The danger at Moffett comes when the vapors from the ground rise through floors and collect inside buildings. The EPA says the area’s water supply is not affected.

It’s unclear how long workers were exposed to TCE at building 10, where a steam tunnel opening in the floor allowed vapors collected from the plume into the building, probably for years. Tests found extremely high levels of TCE and perchloroethene (PCE) in the steam tunnel, 960 micrograms per cubic meter of TCE and 770 for PCE.

The EPA’s toxic vapor limits for a workplace are 5 micrograms per cubic meter for TCE and 2 for PCE, levels designed



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A shopper at Moffett Field’s commissary pushes her cart out of the parking lot.

to protect against cancer from decades of exposure when workers are exposed during a full work week.

At Building 10, installing a temporary ventilation system

and sealing off of the steam tunnel reduced the vapor levels below EPA limits a month after they were found in May of 2012, the report says.

At the museum, air tests in

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Citizens Watchdog Committee on 2000 Measure A Program Expenditures

Results of Independent Compliance Audit on FY 2012 2000 Measure A Program Expenditures

PUBLIC HEARING: The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) for the 2000 Measure A Transit Sales Tax Program (“Measure A”) is holding a ballot-required public hearing on FY 2012 Measure A expenditures to receive input from the community:

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
VTA Conference Room B-104
3331 N. First Street
San Jose, CA 95134

(This location is served by VTA Light Rail and Bus Line 58.)

The public is encouraged to attend but for those unable, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 8 by email to: board.secretary@vta.org or by mail to: Office of the Board Secretary, 3331 N. First Street, Building B-1, San José, CA 95134-1927. Sign language services will be provided. If additional interpreter services are required, please contact VTA Customer Service at least five days prior to the meeting at (408) 321-2300, TTY (408) 321-2330.

Copies of Measure A Program documents and reports are available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) offices at 3331 N. First Street, San Jose, CA in the Building B lobby. They are also available for viewing at local public libraries and at VTA’s website: www.vta.org (which includes accessible versions). Questions on the public hearing should be directed to: Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, at (408) 321-5720 or to stephen.flynn@vta.org.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT: Fulfilling its ballot-defined responsibilities, the CWC commissioned an audit of the Measure A Program financial records and schedule for Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012). Macias Gini & O’Connell, LLP, independent certified public accountants, conducted the compliance audit in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. They issued an unqualified (“clean”) opinion on Measure A Program compliance with the ballot. Copies of the audit results and other related reports are available at the locations stated above and at www.vta.org.



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Building 10 houses a locker room for building maintenance workers.

work areas found TCE below the limit (as high as 3.1 micrograms per cubic meter) but did find PCE above the limit (as high as 4.4 micrograms per cubic meter) in four of five air sampling locations. PCE — commonly used as a dry-cleaning solvent — can cause kidney and liver damage as well as cancer, according to the EPA.

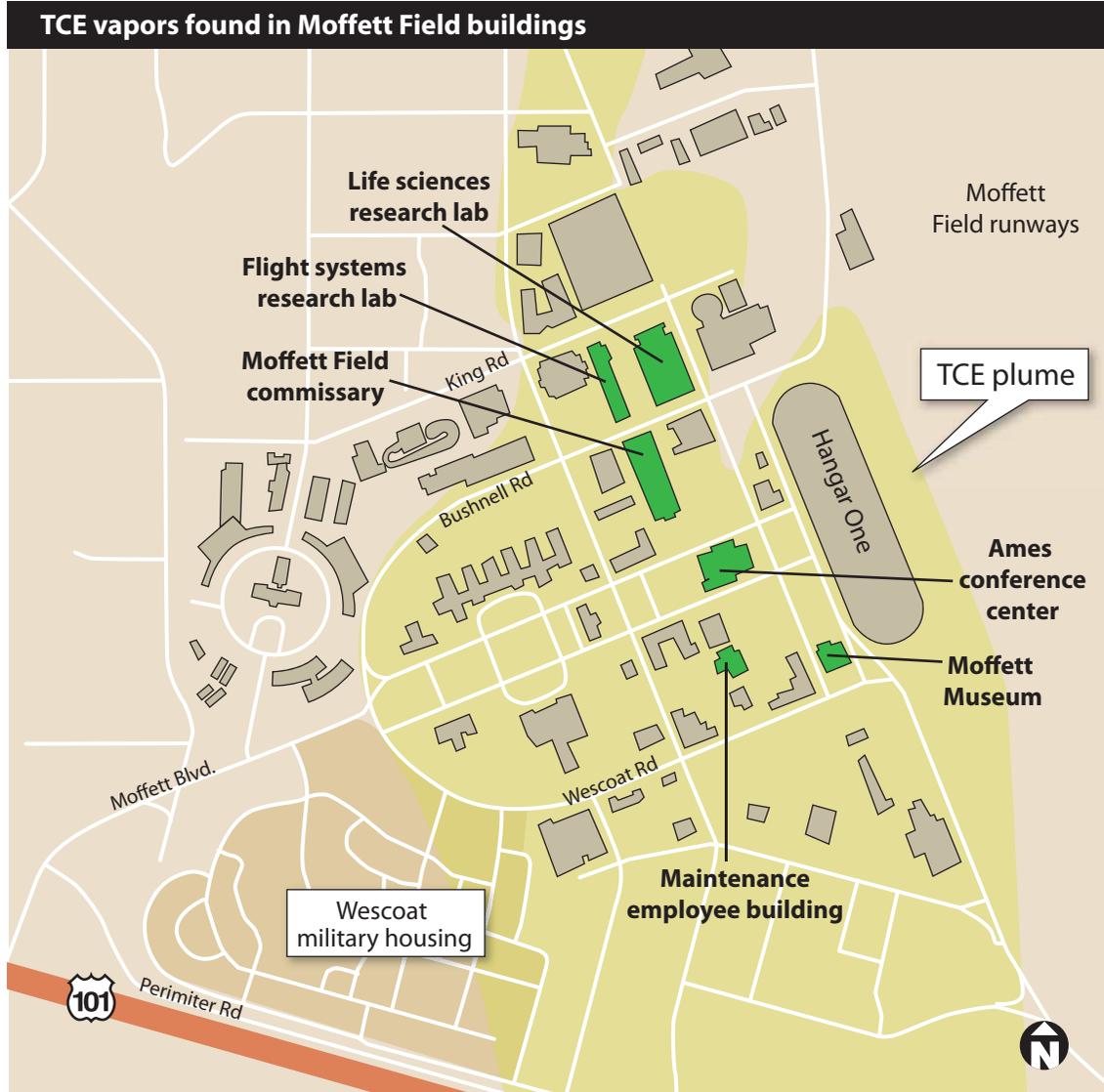
In building N210, NASA's Flight Systems Research Lab, tests found one location with toxic vapors above the limit, 17 micrograms per cubic meter of TCE under a raised floor of two office cubicles in room 145, after a separate ventilation system used to draw the vapors from under the raised floor had been shut off for a weekend. At building 239A, the Life Sciences Research Lab where animals are and plants are subjected to tests in centrifuges, only a hallway had elevated toxic vapors, 6.8 micrograms per cubic meter of TCE in hallway C102 — but

only with the building's ventilation system off.

At the NASA Ames conference center, toxic vapors were found above the limit in one location, a "utility conduit" to a crawl space under the floor of room 105A, with 7.9 micrograms per cubic meter of TCE. TCE vapor levels in work areas were below EPA limits, but were as high as 3.9 micrograms per cubic meter.

At the commissary, 13 air samples were taken throughout the building. TCE was found in work areas at the same levels as outdoor air, while levels were slightly above outdoor air levels for PCE. The highest level, 6.1 micrograms per cubic meter of TCE, was found in the crawl space under room 110. The report notes there is a crawlspace under the entire building.

Strangely, TCE was below cleanup levels in both the commissary and the conference center with heating and ventilation systems off, indicating a prob-



NASA Ames buildings with elevated levels of toxic vapors from TCE, as well as some with PCE, are shown in bright green on this map of Moffett Field.

lem with the HVAC systems in each building. Neither building has systems to keep toxic vapors out of the buildings.

The outdoor air at Moffett was also tested. In 29 air samples, TCE was found as high

as .24 micrograms per cubic meter and PCE as high as .21 micrograms per cubic meter.

The report says all six of the buildings will require a long-term program for regular air sampling and "engineered rem-

edies" to keep toxic vapors at bay. ■

Michelle Le contributed to this report.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

PERMANENTE CREEK TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

You are invited to the following City of Mountain View Council meeting where the Council will consider Permanente Creek Trail Feasibility Study alternatives to improve the accessibility of the Permanente Creek Trail at the Amphitheatre Parkway and Charleston Road crossings, and extend the trail from Rock Street to Middlefield Road. Additional details will be provided at the meeting on:

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The report providing information on this item to the City Council will be published on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov on or about May 3, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Rose, Principal Civil Engineer (Acting), at (650) 903-6311. Comments may also be e-mailed to public.works@mountainview.gov.

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EVERY 15 MINUTES

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beginning of an assembly aimed at driving home the grave the consequences of drinking and driving.

The production, held at 11:30 a.m. on April 17, on the high school football field, was put together in partnership with Every 15 Minutes, a California Highway Patrol-run program that works with high schools around the state. According to the CHP website, the program focuses on juniors and seniors, challenging them to “think about drinking, driving ... and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, and many others.”

Students were positioned in cars to appear as if they had died in a drunken wreck. One girl lay face-down on the field — a beer bottle in her hand, as a makeup artists meticulously applied fake brains to

her head. Soon, the entire MVHS student body would be in the bleachers watching as the potential consequences of drinking and driving were spelled out in gory detail on Carl Anderson Field.

Some students cracked jokes and laughed with one another as they took their positions, and Biros even smiled from time to time. But while Biros found occasion to grin, she said she finds nothing funny about the scene.

“I really hope the students realize how serious drinking and driving can be,” the sophomore said. Though her life has never been directly impacted by such a tragedy, she said the subject is important to her. “I know a lot of people who think it’s OK to drive under the influence, and I really want to show them that this is what happens and we want those kids to be able to have a future.”

The Every 15 Minutes program, along

Clockwise from top of page: From left, Nicole Korpontinos, Sylvia Gitin, and Margaret Moor walk to the football field to participate in “Every 15 Minutes;” Joseph Flores watches as the car crash scene is unveiled; Principal Keith Moody talks to students.

with changing societal mores, have an impact, according to Arturo Montiel, public information officer for the Redwood City CHP office. In 1995, statistics showed that every 15 minutes someone would die in the U.S. as the result of a drunken driving accident. That number has come down, with current statistical breakdowns showing that every 53 minutes someone is killed.

Virginia Jones, an administrative officer with American Medical Response of Napa County, has worked on Every 15 Minutes

events for 10 years. She acknowledged that the number of DUI-related events has dropped, but said there is much work to be done. “We’re getting better, but it’s not good enough,” she said.

Jones believes that the program contributes to the reduction in teens getting behind the wheel impaired. Another factor, she noted, is that it is not as socially acceptable to drink and drive as it was in the 1990s.

The planning period leading up to the April 17 event was initiated by Vroom,



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Above: Nicole Korpontinos, playing a crash victim, has fake blood poured on her arm. **Top:** Firefighters respond to the crash scene at the assembly.

secretary of the MVHS Associated Student Body. Vroom told the *Voice* that the event was very personal to her. When she was a young girl, a friend and fellow basketball teammate was killed in a drinking-related accident.

Though the details of the memory are sparse, she remembers thinking that it simply “wasn’t fair.”

Last year, when Vroom found out about the program, she pushed her teachers and school administrators to bring Every 15 Minutes to MVHS.

The day after the mock crash, April 18, students were shown video of what might happen in the aftermath of such a tragic event. During this mock funeral and memorial service students were shown footage taken by the Every 15 Minutes camera crews, who followed officers as they went to the homes of students, knocked on the door and told the teens’ parents that their children had been “killed.”

Biros called the second day of the program “a very powerful and solemn experience.”

Indeed, though Montiel and Jones acknowledged that some teens laugh during the mock accident portion of the program, Montiel said that when it comes to watching the parents’ reactions — even

though the parents know their children really aren’t dead — things change. “When the kids see the parents’ reactions,” he said, “you can hear a pin drop.”

Barry Groves, superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District said he thought the Every 15 Minutes production was very well done.

“I thought it was an intense and important thing to do for the district,” Groves said. “The message that we give to not drink and drive is something that we can’t say enough of.”

Groves was also pleased that the event was initiated by Vroom and Biros — which he said might just give the presentation an added feeling of legitimacy for the students. “Having an adult stand up in front of a class and say, ‘Don’t drink and drive,’ is not as effective as a program like this,” he said.

Jones said she was also pleased with the result. The program takes about eight months to produce, she said. And according to Biros more than 20 donors donated a “tremendous amount of time and money to our cause.”

“It doesn’t change everybody,” Jones said. “But if we can save one life we’ve done our jobs.”

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Betsy Collard (left) of Mountain View and **KC Cannon** of Menlo Park visited the Children Concern Foundation, an orphanage in Tanzania, in October.

Benefit for African orphans

“Passport to Tanzania,” a benefit for children whose home is an orphanage in Tanzania, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Auto Vino, 205 Constitution Ave. in Menlo Park.

The fundraiser will offer wine tasting, appetizers, sweets, silent and live auctions, African music, and the opportunity to learn about the nonprofit Friends of Children Concern Foundation.

“Passport to Tanzania” is organized by KC Cannon of Menlo Park and Betsy Collard of Mountain View.

Collard first visited the

orphanage in 2011 when she traveled to Tanzania to celebrate a clinic opening for Maasai women and children. The party stopped at an orphanage where 36 children lived in a small rented house. There was no electricity and children slept two or three to a bed.

“I fell in love with the children and when I returned to the U.S. vowed to do what I could to help,” says Collard.

Collard approached long-time friend KC Cannon and the two women established Friends of Children Concern Foundation (CCF). The orphanage receives no government assistance and

currently depends entirely on donations from tourists who stop on their way to a safari.

The two women have made several trips back to Tanzania to see the children and help the staff at the orphanage plan for the future. CCF has already raised funds for operational costs and has purchased a few acres of land for a future permanent home.

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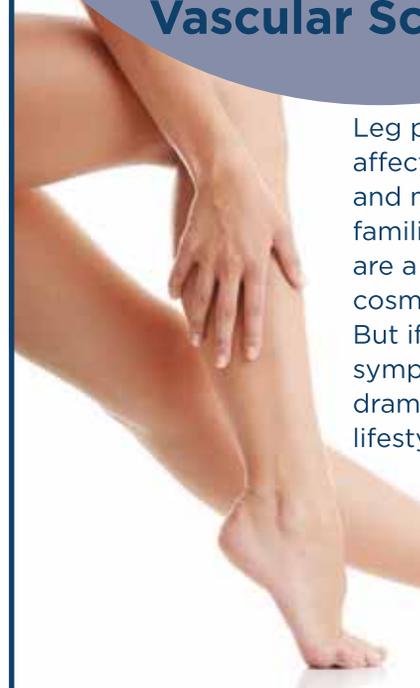
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COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Intuit's project is topped by solar panels and a living roof.

INTUIT PROJECT

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parking lots isn't what we want. Environmental restoration and green roofs is very welcome."

Council member John McAlister credited Intuit's real estate manager Michael Gulasch, saying, "He really did listen. He spent months, years, going to every one of these (general plan) events, listening, making notes" and conveying the city's wishes to Intuit administrators and architects.

With a 1.0 floor area ratio, the proposal is at the maximum density allowed under the new 2030 general plan, a blueprint for land use in the city. The density is allowed only for projects that meet certain requirements for reducing car trips and have a high degree of environmental friendliness. The buildings meet the highest standard for green design, LEED platinum, which appears to have become the norm for large new office projects in the city.

Intuit would use shuttles to cut car traffic, joining a transit management agency (TMA) that is being started by Whisman area developer TMG Partners.

"If all companies in North Bayshore that have shuttles join the TMA, they may consolidate all the shuttles that stop at our (downtown) transit station and possibly the ones that run outside the city" to San Francisco, said zoning administrator Peter Gilli.

The company touted a list of features, including an on-site bicycle mechanic in a "public bike maintenance program," car sharing, eight public electric vehicle chargers and incubator space for start-up companies. It also would include new space for free tax help for the public that had previously been housed in the city library, new trail access, and "bird-friendly" design.

Shani Kleinhaus, a wildlife advocate for the Audubon Society who has been advocating for bird habitat amidst all the redevelopment in the works near

Shoreline Park, said she had been in contact with Intuit for "quite a while now."

"We wanted to see more habitat on the roofs" of the buildings, Kleinhaus complained, but added that, despite that, "We feel they have been very responsive."

Council member Mike Kasperzak called the architecture "exciting" while council member Margaret Abe-Koga said that with the use of glass walls, the design "feels very open — you don't feel the massing." The ground floor "looks like an open area."

Council members Bryant and Jac Siegel had architectural concerns.

"I have concerns about very long buildings," Bryant said, suggesting something be used to break up their length. "I don't want to define North Bayshore as a long area you drive along."

Siegel agreed. "I think it is kind of stark looking myself."

To Intuit's credit, the company understood "the concept of what we are trying to do in North Bayshore, unlike other companies I've met with in North Bayshore who will go unnamed," Siegel said.

The buildings would generate 3,200 new car trips everyday, 300 of them during rush hours, said the traffic engineer hired by the developer.

"I'm concerned every project is going to go to 1.0 FAR and we're going to have a million people in North Bayshore," Siegel said.

Mayor John Inks noted that the smaller companies looking to redevelop in North Bayshore probably won't be able to afford to build a similar project.

"If you are going to propose 1.0 in North Bayshore, the way you approached it is the way I'd hope others will approach it," Clark said.

At a future meeting the council will vote on the project and a list of yet-to-be-determined off-site community benefits it is expected to include. ▽

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■ EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Scare tactic for a worthy cause

Most adults are at least aware of the dangers of drinking and driving. But teenagers, specifically students who may just have received their drivers licenses, are complete novices when it comes to the dangers of mixing alcohol and driving, and consequently stand a good chance of becoming the victim of a DUI accident.

This painful prospect has not escaped the attention of school officials and the California Highway Patrol, whose officers often are the first responders who witness the trauma caused when a drunken teenager loses control of a vehicle and becomes seriously injured or worse. It is a horrible sight for anyone to behold, but that is exactly what the CHP intended when it put together a graphic program called Every 15 Minutes that works with schools all over the state.

Juniors and seniors at Mountain View High School saw just how horrible a DUI accident can be during an assembly last week on the football field. The CHP officers were assisted by members of the local police and fire departments, and most importantly by students, who played the role of accident victims arranged in frightful poses in or around wrecked cars that were brought to the site. Special effects included fake blood and internal organs designed to shock the students and get their attention about what could, and often does, happen when a DUI accident occurs.

"I know a lot of people think it's OK to drive under the influence, and I really want to show them that this is what happens. We want those kids to have a future," said Sofia

Biros, who along with fellow student Kelly Vroom, helped arrange to bring the CHP's Every 15 Minutes program to MVHS.

CHP spokesman Art Montiel said that in 1995 statistics showed that every 15 minutes someone would die in the U.S. as the result of a drunken driving accident. That number has come down, Montiel said. Now the statistical breakdown shows that every 53 minutes someone is killed as a result of drinking and driving. But while she acknowledges that statistics are looking better, Virginia Jones, administrative officer with the ambulance service American Medical Response, said there is still work to do. "We're getting better, but it's not good enough" she said. Other factors that help lower the accident rate are fewer teens driving while drunk, perhaps a reflection that young people are beginning to believe that it is no longer socially acceptable to drive after drinking.

Vroom said that she has a personal reason for working on the event. When she was a young girl, a friend and fellow basketball teammate was killed in a drinking-related accident, an incident that she remembers thinking simply was "not fair."

Vroom and Biros — both sophomores — should be commended for spearheading a program that all involved hope will lead to fewer unnecessary deaths or injuries of high school students who drink and drive. We hope the message lasts through the coming prom and graduation season, with its end-of-school parties where teens are more likely than ever to celebrate with alcoholic beverages.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS THE CITY COUNCIL THINKING?

In regard to the 200 apartments proposed for Castro and El Camino Real, I have to ask the City Council: "What are you thinking?"

It feels like we're already living like rats in a maze in beautiful downtown Mountain View. The condos and apartments on Evelyn aren't even at full capacity and we're struggling to handle the influx of people — parking is a disaster, side streets are jammed with the cars of commuters who drive in to take the train, and crime is on the rise.

The police department let me know after a recent auto burglary next door that downtown is being used as a "thoroughfare" as people head home from their night out on the town.

The actions of the City Council appear to signal to developers that our town is "for sale" to the highest bidders, with no regard for the quality of life of current residents or diversity of businesses that make this town unique.

Neighboring cities like Palo Alto and Los Altos have put far more thought into their urban

planning, prioritizing character and intelligent development over expansion at all costs. Our council members should take note.

In the interim, all I can do is shake my head sadly as I watch them cram more people, cars and exhaust into an already overcrowded city and demolish all the small businesses that have made this city what it is today. And ask the City Council: "What are you thinking?"

*Muriel Sivyver-Lee
Velarde Street*

NO LIMITS AT SYLVAN AVENUE CROSSWALK

In reference to your editorial last week, I too have had problems with motorists not stopping for pedestrians at the posted crosswalk at Sylvan Park. I have called City Hall and the non-emergency number of the police department, and was told that Sylvan Avenue was not a "high priority," and that the council requested that police effort to be concentrated on Castro Street.

I understand the policy of politics, but when it come to citizens being run over, or motorists not

caring about the pedestrians in a crosswalk, I take exception to their policies. The Sylvan Avenue "runway" to Hwy 237 has been a problem for a many years, and has gone without speed limit or cross walk enforcement. I have personally noticed on several occasions that motorists do not stop for pedestrians in that crosswalk; in fact, they do not even

look up from texting as they speed through the crosswalk.

If nothing is done soon, it will not be long before Sylvan Avenue is on the "Top Ten Hit Parade." We need the police to monitor this crosswalk for all of us, but especially for our children's safety.

*Richard Michael
Sylvan Avenue*





MICHELLE LE

Above: Umami Burger in Palo Alto has the look of a campus library. **Below:** The truffle burger is topped with house-made truffle cheese.



■ FOOD FEATURE

Umami Burger comes to Palo Alto

THE L.A.-BASED BURGER CHAIN TAKES ON SILICON VALLEY

By Elena Kadvanly

Hardbound books with titles like “Dreamers of the American Dream,” “Inside Asia,” “The Periccone Prescription” and “Harvard Classics: English Poetry, Chaucer to Gray” fill wooden bookcases.

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You’re not in a college library, nor a burgeoning Silicon Valley startup. You’re in Umami Burger.

Once a Los Angeles grassroots burger spot and now a multi-million-dollar restaurant group, Umami is all about creating, expanding — and localizing. Every Umami Burger’s physical space is designed with its location in mind, as well as the menu, with a signature burger and tailored drink menu.

Owner and founder Adam Fleischman explained the Palo Alto design.

“As Palo Alto is a very forward-thinking community, we thought the look of a library or study would work perfectly,” he said. “The decor reflects all of the thought and innovation that’s part of Palo Alto, from the tech community to Stanford University.”



The "smushed potatoes" are smashed, creamed and double-fried.

MICHELLE LE

The newest Northern California outpost of Umami Burger opened on March 15 on University Avenue, serving up unusual, higher-end burgers that revolve around the concept of Umami, or the Japanese word for the sought-after fifth taste.

"Umami is a Japanese concept

that refers to the savory taste of foods, based on how glutamates in certain foods react with your tastebuds," Fleischman said. "Our burgers are built around foods with high amounts of umami in them, like mushrooms, parmesan cheese and roasted tomato, all of which are included in our Original

Umami Burger."

The fifth taste manifests in many forms on the Palo Alto menu, from the "Original" (\$11) to the "Truffle Royale" (\$15), a beef patty topped with braised short rib and Umami's own truffle cheese; and starters such as truffle fries (\$5.50) and the "smushed potatoes"



MICHELLE LE

The "Earth Burger" has a mushroom and edamame patty topped with white soy aioli, truffled ricotta and slow-roasted tomatoes.

(\$4.50), double-fried, creamed and smashed into small crispy bites.

Any burger can be served "poutine style" — bunless with Umami gravy or just bunless/meatless — but Palo Alto general manager Patrick Smith said the restaurant frowns upon substitutions.

"Our motto is 'Trust us,'" Smith explained, pointing to a binary code, a string of ones and zeros written in white text on the back of servers' red T-shirts, with the same meaning.

"So trust us and believe in us

that we know what we're doing here, the scientific process behind our Umami flavors, that you're going to really enjoy what we've created for whichever community that we're in."

San Francisco's Union Street location, Umami's first Northern California outpost, for example, gets a bacon-wrapped scallop burger just right for the city by the Bay.

The Palo Alto kitchen, headed by kitchen manager Cody Shields, serves up an "exclusive" burger that, much like the restaurant decor, is a shout-out

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to local students and techies. Order the “All-Nighter” and you’ll get Umami’s signature beef patty, a freshly ground-to-order blend of three steaks, seasoned with patented Umami Sauce and Umami Dust; topped with maple-glazed slab bacon, cheesy tot hash brown and smothered in a coffee-infused red-eye gravy.

“It’s an homage to diner food — like what you would eat in college at 2 a.m. while up all night cramming,” Fleischman said.

Though beef is Umami’s specialty, the buck doesn’t stop there. Under an “Un-Beef” menu section, a few red meat-free options hide in plain sight: an ahi tuna burger with hand-chopped ahi tuna, sprouts, crushed avocado, gingered carrots, wasabi flakes and wasabi tartar (\$13); “The Greenbird,” made with turkey, crushed avocado, green cheese, butter lettuce, sprouts and a special “green goddess” sauce (\$12); and a tricked-out “Earth Burger” (\$12), a mushroom and edamame patty with truffled ricotta, cipollini onions, but-

ter lettuce, roasted tomato and white soy aioli.

Every burger, regardless of what’s inside, comes sandwiched between two compact buns, the top one neatly stamped with an upper-case “U.”

Sides include thin, standard-style fries that customers can enhance (“truffle ‘em,” “make ‘em manly” or “smother ‘em”), tempura onion rings, sweet-potato fries and fried pickles.

Salads are also umami-fied. A truffled beet salad comes with truffled ricotta, smoked almonds, wild baby arugula and truffle dressing (\$7); and a Caesar salad, made of kale and butter lettuce, is drizzled in Umami’s Caesar dressing and topped with fresh parmesan. (Fleischman said in a 2012 interview with Los Angeles Magazine that parmesan has the second-highest umami levels of any ingredient, and the most of any cheese.)

Smith called Umami’s beer and wine menus, wine in particular, Fleischman’s “baby.”

Fleischman, who formerly worked for several L.A. wine retailers and founded and ran some of the city’s first wine bars, said that his company has a few standard beer and wine options at every location, but that he prefers to bring in local spirits whenever possible.

Palo Alto’s whites range from a California chardonnay to an African chenin blanc, and reds from an Argentine malbec to a honora vera garnacha from Calatayud, a wine region in Spain. A French brut called Le Grand Courtaud (\$12) that Fleischman “loves” is the only bubbly on the menu.

The small but eclectic beer menu offers two bottles with somewhat local ties: the Full Boar Scotch Ale from Devil’s Canyon Brewing Company in Belmont (\$12) and Drake’s Denogginizer IPA from Drake’s

Brewing Co. in San Leandro (\$8).

For alcohol-free options, Umami also serves Abita root beer, Mexican Sprite and Coke, Orange Fanta and Bundaberg ginger beer, among others.

So far, Palo Altans seem to like what the Umami concept has to offer. Smith said that five weeks after opening, Palo Alto came in as the third-highest-grossing Umami Burger location, out of its 14 other restaurants.

“It’s far exceeded our expectations,” he said. ■

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- The Big Wedding (R)** Century 16: 11:15 a.m. & 12:35, 1:55, 3:15, 4:25, 5:35, 7:05, 8, 9:20 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m. & 12:55, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:25, 9:45 & 10:45 p.m.
- Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958)** Stanford Theatre: Fri 7:30 p.m.
- The Company You Keep (R)** Century 20: 1, 4, 7:35 & 10:35 p.m. Guild Theatre: noon & 2:45, 5:30 & 8:15 p.m.
- The Croods (PG) ★★1/2** Century 16: 11:10 a.m. & 1:30, 3:55 & 6:20 p.m. In 3D 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m. & 4:10 & 9:30 p.m. In 3D 1:35 & 7 p.m.
- Disconnect (R)** Century 16: 11 a.m. & 1:40, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m. & 2:15, 5, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.
- Filly Brown (R)** Century 16: 11:20 a.m. & 1:45, 4:15, 7:25 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m. & 2:25, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.
- G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13)** Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 4:35 p.m. In 3D 1:55, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.
- The Graduate (1967)** Century 16: Wed 2 & 7 p.m. Century 20: Wed 2 & 7 p.m.
- Jurassic Park (2013) (PG-13)** Century 16: 11:40 a.m. In 3D 3:30 & 6:40 p.m. (Sat-Sun also 9:40 p.m.) Century 20: 11 a.m. & 4:45 p.m. In 3D 1:50, 7:45 & 10:40 p.m.
- The Long, Hot Summer (1958)** Stanford Theatre: Fri 5:20 & 9:30 p.m.
- The Lords of Salem (R)** Century 20: 10:25 p.m.
- Met Opera: Giulio Cesare** Century 20: Sat 9 a.m.
- Mud (PG-13)** Century 16: 12:20, 3:45, 7:20 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 1:15, 4:15, 7:25 & 10:25 p.m.
- Oblivion (PG-13)** Century 16: 11 & 11:50 a.m. & 12:40, 1:50, 2:50, 3:50, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: noon & 1, 2:55, 3:55, 5:50, 6:50, 8:45 & 9:45 p.m. In XD 11 a.m. & 1:55, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:40 p.m.
- Olympus Has Fallen (R)** Century 16: 9:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m. & 2:15, 5:05, 7:55 & 10:45 p.m.
- Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) ★★1/2** Century 20: 3:45 & 9:50 p.m. In 3D 12:30 & 6:50 p.m.
- Pain & Gain (R)** Century 16: 11:05 a.m. & 12:45, 2:30, 4, 5:40, 7:15, 9 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m. & 12:30, 2, 3:30, 5, 7, 8 & 10 p.m.
- The Place Beyond the Pines (R) ★★★1/2** Century 20: 12:30, 3:45, 7 & 10:10 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 4:15 & 7:15 p.m. Fri also 1 & 10:15 p.m. Sun also 1 p.m.
- Renoir (R)** Palo Alto Square: Fri-Sat 2, 4:45, 7:25 & 10:05 p.m. No 10:05 p.m. Sun.
- The Sapphires (PG-13)** Aquarius Theatre: 6 & 8:30 p.m. Sat-Sun also 1 & 3:30 p.m.
- Scary Movie 5 (PG-13)** Century 16: 11:30 a.m. & 2:15, 5:05, 7:40 & 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 11:05 a.m. & 5:55, 8:05 & 10:20 p.m. Fri and Sun also at 1:20 & 3:35 p.m.
- Silver Linings Playbook (R)** Century 16: 9:40 p.m.
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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE CROODS ★★1/2

Monty Python alum John Cleese once co-wrote a book called "Families and How to Survive Them." Given that, I suppose my jaw shouldn't have dropped, then, to see his co-story credit on the animated adventure "The Croods," in which a bickering modern Stone Age family daily enthuses, "Still alive!" Nevertheless, Cleese's name comes as a surprise after an hour and a half, given the degree to which "The Croods" — though set in a world of mortal danger — plays it safe. Writer-directors Kirk DeMico and Chris Sanders (the latter best known for "How to Train Your Dragon") carry the rock over the finish line with enough slapstick action and mild gags to hold kids' attention. But discerning audience members will wish for more in the plot department and greater courage in convictions. Even as it panders to kids, "The Croods" takes care not to offend parents too badly for being behind the times, as there's also a theme of parental sacrifice and unspoken love, rewarded with hugs all around at the end. It's just disappointing that "The Croods" feels an obligation to be reassuring and noncommittal, wrapping up with the thought "Anyone can change. Well, sort of." *Rated PG for some scary action. One hour, 38 minutes.* — P.C.

OZ THE GREAT AND POWERFUL ★★1/2

The "sound-alike" has long been a practice of those looking to borrow the cachet of a piece of music. Well, Disney has a shiny new "Oz" movie that's a "look-alike" of Warner property "The Wizard of Oz." This prequel tells how the Wizard installed himself in the Emerald City. James Franco plays roguish carnival magician Oscar Diggs (aka "Oz"), whose balloon gets whipped by a tornado into the magical land of Oz. There he meets fetching witch Theodora (Mila Kunis), who informs him that he must be the wizard foretold in prophecy to inherit the Emerald City throne. Theodora takes Oz to meet her sister Evanora (Rachel Weisz), who regards him with suspicion but sends him on a mission to kill witch Glinda (Michelle Williams) and earn his position. In story terms, this sort of connect-the-dots prequel is a dead end, doomed to a foregone conclusion. The script by Mitchell Kapner and Pulitzer Prize winner David Lindsay-Abaire ("Rabbit Hole") mostly settles for revisiting every trope of the original story. "Oz" gets saved from the junk heap by Franco and especially by director Sam Raimi, who happily treats the enterprise as a sandbox. Like Ang Lee and Martin Scorsese before him, Raimi finds his first foray into 3D creatively invigorating, at least in visual terms. *Rated PG for sequences of action and scary images, and brief mild language. Two hours, 10 minutes.* — P.C.

THE PLACE BEYOND THE PINES ★★★1/2

This new drama announces with its first shot that it is a film with risk on its mind, both in front of and behind the scenes. The three-minute-plus tracking shot follows a tattooed motorcycle stunt rider through carnival fairgrounds, through a tent and into the "globe of death" that is his workplace. It helps that the director is Derek Cianfrance and the actor is Cianfrance's "Blue Valentine" star Ryan Gosling. Laden with stigmata that include a dripping-

dagger tattoo by his left eye, Gosling's Luke Glanton will prove violent and reckless but also highly sensitive, traits that could describe the actor-director team's volatile approach to cinematic narrative. Glanton's latest stint in Schenectady unexpectedly reunites him with an ex-lover (Eva Mendes' Romina), who in turn introduces him to the 1-year-old boy he didn't know he had. There's a third act, with a baton pass to another set of characters, but perhaps I've already said too much. The film offers the most satisfying cinematic experience we've had at the multiplex thus far this year, and largely through its disinterest in playing along with movie trends. Rather, it's complicated — and proudly so, big-heartedly embracing timeless themes with the bold dramatic impact of an ancient Greek tragedy writ 20 feet tall. *Rated R for language*

throughout, some violence, teen drug and alcohol use and a sexual reference. Two hours, 21 minutes. — P.C.

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A family festival with student performances, international food trucks, games, competitions, bicycle giveaways, rock climbing and a bike-safety course. April 28, Noon-4 p.m. Free. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-3570. www.graham.mvwsd.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Don't Smash That Bug! Recognizing Beneficial Insects in Your Vegetable Garden'

Gardens are home to a host of insects that prey upon or parasitize the insects that attack plants. Master Gardener Candace Simpson will teach how to recognize these beneficials and/or the signs of their presence and how to encourage them to live in a garden. April 27, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library Community Room, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Composting and the Soil Food Web

This class will cover the basic components of soil, the characteristics of clay soil, and how to create the best soil for gardens by composting, vermiculture, mulching, and use of fertilizers. April 30, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Intuit's 'Hire Smart Small Business' Summit

Intuit and LinkedIn are hosting the first "Hire Smart Small Business Event," which will focus on helping small businesses make the right decisions when hiring workers. Registrants will receive three free months of Intuit Online Payroll & a LinkedIn "First Hire" package of premium Talent Finder sourcing. April 27, 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Free. Intuit, 2750 Coast Ave., Building 6, Mountain View. hiresmartconference.intuit.com/

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Charity-of-the-Month Knit & Crochet Club

Inaugural meeting of a new club dedicated to making items for charity. Participants will make squares to be joined into afghans for homeless shelters and nursing homes. Tuesdays, April 9-Sept. 10, 3-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library program room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. scc.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Child Advocates Spring Event The Child Advocates of Silicon Valley hosts "Star Chefs and the Wines They Love," an evening with food and wine. The proceeds go to Child Advocates, which serves abused and neglected children in Santa Clara County. Lead Chef Ross Hanson along with premier Bay Area chefs to savor small plate creations paired with their favorite wines. April 28,

4:30-9 p.m. \$150. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 408-573-5615. www.bemyadvocate.org/eventitem.php?event_id=67

Foothill College Open House Foothill College's "Day on the Hill" event is a free showcase of the programs and services that the college offers. Featuring university transfer, financial aid career training program presentations, and campus tours. Free parking and lunch. May 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-6965. www.foothill.edu/dayonthehill/index.php

May Day March for Immigration Reform The May Day March for Immigration Reform will be a one-hour walk to Mountain View City Hall, where a peaceful rally will be held. May 1, 5-7:30 p.m. Free. Rengstorff Park, 201 Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-450-0511.

The Great Race for Saving Water This family-friendly 5K race raises awareness about water resources and conservation. Prizes include a Tuolumne River canoe adventure, a high-efficiency toilet, and a chance to meet Team USA member Phillip Reid. First 100 registrants receive a stainless steel water bottle. April 27, 9 a.m. \$15 General, \$10 Youth (12 and under), optional \$5 for a commemorative T-shirt. Baylands Nature Preserve, 2775 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-496-5910. events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e71670g001ef56a9&llr=jmefwcb

CONCERTS

California Bach Society: 'Schutz Symphonies Sacrae' Period brass ensemble "The Whole Noyse" and Baroque violinists Rachel Hurwitz and David Wilson join 30-voice California Bach Society for Heinrich Schutz's highly expressive "Symphonies Sacrae." April 27, 8-10 p.m. \$30 (discounts for seniors, under 30, and students). All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-485-1097. www.calbach.org

Main Stage Concert: A Night at the Opera The First Palo Alto United Methodist Church presents "A Night at the Opera," featuring Gabriela Lena Frank & Nilo Cruz: Journey of the Shadow; Barber: A Hand of Bridge; Mozart: Bastien und Bastienne. With the San Francisco Opera Adler Fellows. April 27, 8-10 p.m. Free. First

Palo Alto United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto. Call 415-692-3367. www.sfchamberorchestra.org/events/mainstage/

ENVIRONMENT

'Seldom Seen: The Secret Lives of the California Gray Fox and Burrowing Owl' This event, sponsored by Acterra, Google, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Environmental Volunteers, will discuss the behavior and conservation needs of these two elusive species, both holding onto remnant habitat in the urban environment. Join Bill Leikam and Greg Kerekes to see live footage and hear stories about local wildlife. April 28, 2-4:30 p.m. Free, donations welcome. Google's Grand Teton Tech Talk Room, 1501 Salado Drive, Mountain View. Call 650-968-7243. greenfoothills.givezooks.com/events/seldom-seen-the-california-gray-fox-and-burrowing-owl

EXHIBITS

Ry Smith Los Altos Hills-sponsored art exhibit of paintings by Ry Smith, a designer of high-tech products. Reception March 31, 2-5 p.m. Exhibit up through Aug. 28. Free. Los Altos Hills town hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-941-8073.

FAMILY AND KIDS

Open House: K-6 School Attend the open house for The Children's School of Art and Science, a small private elementary program in Palo Alto, to hear about their program, philosophy, what a typical school day involves, meet teachers and more. The school's mission is to inspire children through imagination and invention to achieve deep understanding, human connection and global awareness. April 28, 1 p.m. Free. Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-469-3656. schoolofartandscience.org/

HEALTH

'Pilates for a Healthy Planet' Center of Balance hosts a 100 percent donation class, Tom's Pilates Progression mat class, to support local environmental group, Acterra. Center of Balance will donate 100 percent of the money collected for the class. Pre-registration suggested.

April 30, 12-1 p.m. \$19. Center of Balance, 1220 Pear Ave., Suite i, Mountain View. Call 650-967-6414. www.centerofbalance.com/about/philanthropy/249-pilates-for-a-healthy-planet

Intuitive Self-Healing East West Bookstore hosts oncology nurse Marie Manuchehri to talk about energy and healing. Call to reserve a seat. April 26, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Free. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. www.EastWest.com

ON STAGE

'Being Earnest' TheatreWorks presents the world premiere of "Being Earnest" a new musical from Paul Gordon. Set in 1965 London, this adaptation moves "The Importance of Being Earnest" to a bachelor flat near Carnaby Street, where mod fashion, music and morality inspires a quartet of lovers. Tues-Sun, April 3-28. \$23-\$73. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

'The House of Blue Leaves' The Bus Barn Theater presents "The House of Blue Leaves," a comedy about America's obsession with celebrity. Winner of the 1971 Critics Award and the Obie Award for Best American Play. Playing April 11 through May 5, Wednesday through Sunday. \$18-\$30. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. busbarn.org

MVHS Presents Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' Mountain View High School will present Shakespeare's famous tragedy of star-crossed lovers for its spring play. Tickets are available at the door or in the MVHS Finance Office. April 15-27, 7-9 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 students/seniors. Spartan Theatre, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-940-7406. www.mvs.net

Pear Slices 2013 The Pear Avenue Theatre presents its 10th annual offering of new short plays by members of the Pear Playwrights Guild. Featuring eight actors in nine original works. Sunday performances are at 2:00 pm. April 5 through 28, Thursdays through Sundays, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$30 Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Avenue, Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. www.thepear.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Tricia McCannon at East West Tricia McCannon, author, historian and teacher, will speak at East West Bookstore on ancient mystery religions as part of three days of special events at East West. Call 650-988-9800 to reserve tickets. May 2-5, 7:30-9 p.m. Cost varies by day. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. www.EastWest.com

SENIORS

Senior Dance Class A special preview of a one-week dance class for seniors that may be offered in August as part of the International Dance Festival Silicon Valley. Open to all seniors, regardless of ability or experience. April 30, 3 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

'A La Carte & Art' The "Official Kick-Off to Festival Season" will feature two days of live music, arts and crafts, food and drink, a farmers' market, a classic car show and kids' amusements. May 4-5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. On Castro Street, 400 Castro St., Mountain View. www.miramarevents.com

'Pet Ready!' The Foothill College Veterinary Technology Lab hosts a half day of live presentations from actual veterinary professionals, emergency experts and even live search-and-rescue dog demonstrations to get participants ready for the next earthquake as a pet owner. April 27, 1-4 p.m. Free. Foothill College Veterinary Technology Lab, 12345 El Monte Road, Building 8500-8700, room 8507, Los Altos. midpen.com/petready

TALKS/AUTHORS

Karen Kang at Books Inc. Brand strategist and consultant Karen Kang shares her knowledge on getting a career to the next level with her book "Branding Pays: The Five-Step System to Reinvent Your Personal Brand." May 1, 6:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/2013/05/15/month/all/all/1

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File No.: 576654
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This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
RYAN ROY
1028 S. De Anza Blvd. #B211
San Jose, CA 95129
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name (s) listed herein on 01/14/13.
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This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
KENDRICK POON
217 Ada Ave., #52
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.

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SPRATTMEDIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 576506

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Sprattmedia, located at 620 Willowgate Street #7, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
RYAN SPRATT
620 Willowgate St. #7
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 7/1/2005.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 26, 2013.
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DOMINIC KWOK CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 576861

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Dominic Kwok Construction, located at 916 South Bernardo Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
DOMINIC KWOK CHENG
916 S. Bernardo Ave.
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 2-1-2013.

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(MVV Apr. 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2013)

GLASSY WINES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 576943

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Glassy Wines, located at 201 Ada Avenue, Unit 26, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
AMRITA NAIK
201 Ada Ave., Unit 26
Mountain View, CA 94043
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 April 5, 2013.
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AWAKEN BODY MIND FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 576946

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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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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959 Rich Ave., Apt. 12
Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.

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File No.: 577342

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 15, 2013.

(MVV Apr. 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2013)

LADYBUG EXCLUSIVE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 577344

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

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This business is owned by: An Individual.

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405 N. Rengstorff Ave.
Mt. View, CA 94043

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 6/23/2008.

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(MVV Apr. 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2013)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application:

April 4, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are:

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Type of license(s) Applied for:

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(MVV Apr. 19, 26, May 3, 2013)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

ERICA STILES aka ERICA KAPANY aka ERICA S. KAPANY

Case No.: 1-12-PR-171394

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ERICA STILES aka ERICA KAPANY aka ERICA S. KAPANY.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: RAJ S. KAPANY in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: RAJ S. KAPANY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 3 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

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

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Attorney for Petitioner:
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Open Saturday & Sunday 1-5pm

This beautiful 2 bedroom home is in one of the best locations in the complex. Its' nice and bright, freshly painted and has new carpet along with other upgrades. It features top Los Altos schools, is close to the park and train as well as the new San Antonio Center.

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SUNNYVALE Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$1,298,000**
1425 Floyd Avenue 4 BR 3 BA On a huge lot of 11,916sf (approx.) & rebuilt to the studs
Yvonne Gau **650.941.7040**



SANTA CLARA Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$499,500**
2033 Acacia Ct 2 BR 1.5 BA Approx. 1256 sf living space; spacious kitchen w/ample counter space & large pantry.
Francis Rolland **DRE #00896319 650.941.7040**



SANTA CLARA Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$475,000**
476 N. Winchester Blvd #108 3 BR 2.5 BA Tastefully updated 3bd/2ba townhs near Santana row. Filled w/natural lite. Spacious patio.
Afsie Mina **DRE #01241668 650.325.6161**



SAN JOSE Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,198,000**
10600 Story Ln 4 BR 2.5 BA Spanish villa w/classic Old World charm. 1.41 ac w/amazing views. Great for entertaining!
Greg Stange **DRE #01418178 650.325.6161**



SAN JOSE Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$759,950**
4291 Verdigris Cir 3 BR 2.5 BA Located in California Impressions development off 1st St. near 237 & more!
Ric Parker **DRE #00992559 650.941.7040**



MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$498,000**
500 W. Middlefield Rd #36 2 BR 2 BA Bright open flr plan. Updated Kit, new tiled baths, new double pane windows & sliding doors.
Cindy Mattison **650.941.7040**



MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$300,000**
1075 Space Park Wy #328 3 BR 2 BA Large 3bed/2bath manufactured home in prime location in Mountain View! Great opportunity!
Rod Creason **DRE #01443380 650.325.6161**



MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$449,000**
264 N. Whisman Rd #13 2 BR 1 BA Wonderful remodeled 2 BD top floor, end unit, 1087 SF! Sunny living rm. Spacious bedrooms.
Anni Chu **DRE #01189653 650.328.5211**



MENLO PARK Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **Price Upon Request**
967 Menlo Av 2 BR 1 BA Walk to downtown Menlo Park from this beautiful condo. Hardwood flooring, freshly painted.
Colleen Cooley & Kathy Nicosia, **DRE #01269455/01219308 650.325.6161**



LOS ALTOS HILLS Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$3,985,000**
11210 Hooper Ln 4 BR 4 BA Updated home on a quiet & private lane. Close to shopping & hwy 280. Shows like a model!
Alexandra von der Groeben **DRE #00857515 650.325.6161**



LOS ALTOS Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,950,000**
1238 Gronwall Ln 4 BR 2.5 BA This park-like home feels worlds away, nestled into a natural setting on a St well hidden
Pat Diaz **DRE #00943484 650.941.7040**



LOS ALTOS Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,748,000**
651 Linden Ave 4 BR 2 BA Expansive approx 19,260 sf lot allows opportunity for an addition/remodel.
Jo Ann Fishpaw **DRE #00886060 650.941.7040**



LOS ALTOS Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,098,000**
11 View St 4 BR 3.5 BA Sophisticated ranch w/granite, eat in kit. LR & FR w/fireplaces, sep DR & lrg au pair ste.
Lollie Gilbert **DRE #00467994 650.941.7040**



LOS ALTOS Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,495,000**
356 Alicia Way 3 BR 2 BA This fab hm is the perfect fit for those who wish to entertain & enjoy an active lifestyle
David Blockhus/Noemi Ruelas **DRE #01169028, 01819934 650.941.7040**



LOS ALTOS Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$499,000**
543 Tyndall St 1 BR 1 BA All original, top floor unit. Steps to downtown Los Altos. A/C, covered car port, storage.
Geraldine Asmus **DRE #01328160 650.325.6161**

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