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John Miguel, a Mountain View firefighter, led the clean-up effort on Frances Stieper's property, which the city has bought and to use as a park.

New city property a future 'food forest'?

By Daniel DeBolt

It may be hard to imagine walking into a park in the heart of Silicon Valley and being able to eat freely from an abundance of fruit trees — but that may soon become a reality with the city's purchase of a lush, one-acre property on North Rengstorff Avenue.

When the City Council recently approved the \$3 million purchase of the land at 771 North Rengstorff, it may have unwittingly set the city on a course to have one of the first "food forests" in the region.

While the city's planning process has yet to begin for the property, its numerous fruit trees may very well be saved if the City Council decides to stick to its goal this year of maintaining the city's tree canopy. Cities around the world are beginning to see the value of using park space to grow orchards, vegetable gardens and berry patches, turning parks into sources of food free for the taking. The largest example is in Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood, where residents will soon be able to forage from 7-acres

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Couple 'elated' by gay marriage rulings

By Nick Veronin

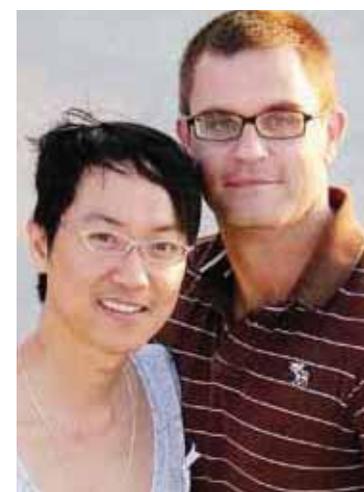
Brian Fiorino and Duke Khuu say they are elated to know that their daughter will be born into a world where her parents have the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples.

The Mountain View couple expressed excitement over two Supreme Court rulings handed down Wednesday, June 26, which reversed California's controversial Proposition 8 and overturned a key provision in the federal Defense of Marriage Act that denied certain rights to same-sex married couples.

"It's a great day for us," Khuu, who runs a dermatology practice on Castro Street, told the *Voice*. "We're very pleased. We've been waiting for a very long time."

According to Fiorino, he and Khuu have considered themselves married for many years, but they haven't been able to officially and legally tie the knot. That should change in short order.

Fiorino, a lawyer, said that he expects they may have to wait for a bit longer for the official order to come down and the marriage licenses to be made available.



FILE PHOTO

Duke Khuu and Brian Fiorino have been waiting for years to get married.

The decision comes at an especially exciting time for the couple, who after a number of tries are expecting a baby girl. Their daughter is being carried by a surrogate and is due in December. "Baby girl is going to be born into a world where her parents can be married," Fiorino said.

When it's all said and done, Fiorino said the ruling won't change much about he and Khuu's day-to-day lives. "Per-

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Union janitors to return to City Hall, but with less pay

By Daniel DeBolt

The janitors who lost their jobs cleaning the city's buildings this year may be rehired by a surprisingly cheap union contractor this summer. City Council members on Tuesday declined to require that their wages and benefits be restored.

The council was asked to weigh in on the issue of pay after janitors picketed City Hall in

November. After a fallout with the previous contractor, GCA, over the city's willingness to pay for rising healthcare costs, the city had switched temporarily to a non-union janitorial services contractor, IMS, which significantly cut pay and hours, and eliminated healthcare benefits for the five city janitors it rehired.

One city janitor told the council on Tuesday that the cuts

felt like "a slap in the face" and asked members to "correct these wrongs that have been to me and others that have kept your buildings clean for 10 years."

"I am proud of my work here," she said. "Please respect our hard work."

Voting 5-1, council members passed a motion to hire a janitorial services contractor within a year or two. Mayor John Inks was opposed and member Mike

Kasperzak was absent.

The city may hire a union-organized janitorial service even sooner, as city officials mull over seven bids for a new janitorial services contract to be awarded in July. Three of the seven bidding contractors are union and provide health benefits.

At least initially, using a union contractor doesn't cost more than a non-union contractor, city officials said. Five of the

seven bidders said costs for the city would not change to comply with a Service Employee's International Union contract for Bay Area janitors. Six of the seven bidders have higher minimum wages than the lowest rung on the SEIU's Bay Area pay scale for janitors, which pays first-year janitors \$8.50 an hour.

Council members declined a

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Voices

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

What do you do to celebrate the Fourth of July?



"Well, we always just have a cookout with family and friends and then we watch the fireworks. In Colorado, we usually watch them from my front yard because they set the fireworks off from the lake."

Jan Hair, Colorado



"I usually stay home, avoid the crowds, I don't go out and do anything. Try not to spend extra money. I stay home, eat whatever is there and enjoy the day off."

Tiffany Crow, Chicago



"What I'll probably do is get more sleep and enjoy a long hike. With my friends and family, we used to do things when I was a kid like picnics."

Daniel Apodaca, Mountain View



"I definitely try to go out and shoot off some fireworks. That's always fun. I usually go out and see my family. They don't live too far away, in Modesto."

Victor Becerra, Palo Alto



"I always like to go to Foster City and watch the fireworks shoot off from the lagoon. It's kind of been a family tradition ever since I was a kid. The past few years, I've been going with my boyfriend to watch together and celebrate our anniversary."

Kayla Tom, Foster City

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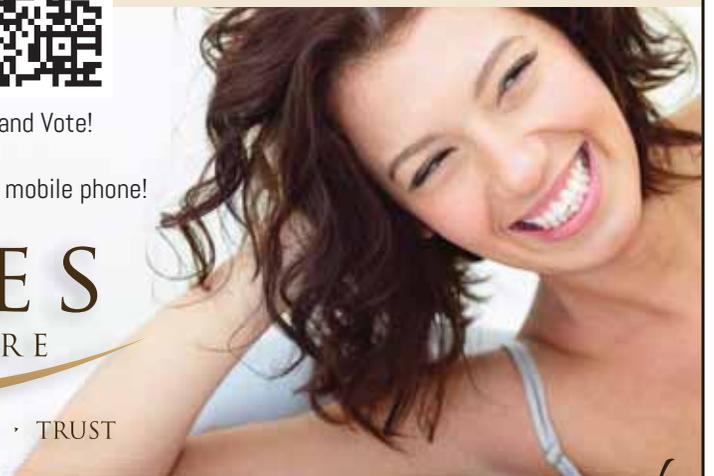
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CRIME BRIEFS

M&M ROBBERY

A man was arrested on June 22 for allegedly punching a Mountain View drugstore clerk who tried to stop him as he attempted to make off with a bag of candy.

Mountain View police arrested Robert Golden, a 70-year-old transient, who they believe punched a clerk at the CVS at 2630 W. El Camino Real.

According to the police report, Golden entered the CVS around 1:58 a.m. on June 22, grabbed a bag of M&M's candy and tried to walk out without paying. The clerk tried to stop him and Golden punched him.

Police found Golden at a nearby bus stop and arrested him for robbery, because he had used force to steal the candy. He was booked into county jail.

The clerk was not badly hurt and required no medical attention.

POT BUST

A Mountain View man was recently arrested on suspicion possessing marijuana for sale after police found more than two pounds of pot — along with several grams of a “concentrated cannabis,” \$1,000 in cash and all the necessary components needed to manufacture a substance known as “honey oil.” A .22 rifle was also found.

According to a post on the Mountain View Police Department's blog, the department's Crime Suppression Unit arrested Stuart Keith on the 700 block of San Pierre Way after getting a search warrant. Keith was arrested without incident and booked into the main county jail.

A spokeswoman with the police said many details surrounding the arrest could not be made public because the investigation is still ongoing.

The MVPD's blog post does not indicate what special components Keith allegedly had in his possession, but it did note that honey oil is made by extracting cannabis oil and THC — one of pot's active ingredients.

According to the website CannabisCulture.com, so-called honey oil is made by exposing ground marijuana to butane, which acts as a solvent to strip the oils and THC out of the plant. That oil can then be smoked.

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REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Six-year-old Yuritzia runs to get her kite aloft at the Shoreline Family Kite Day on Sunday, June 23. The first 100 people received free kites at the event, which included a miniature kite display, expert kite demonstrations and kite-making activities. For more photos from Kite Day, see page 11.

Marching band to earn P.E. credits

BAND AND COLOR GUARD STUDENTS CAN TRADE GYM SHORTS FOR UNIFORMS

By Nick Veronin

Members of the local high schools' marching bands and color guards will be able to earn physical education credit for participating — but only during their sophomore, junior and senior years.

Despite opposition from physical education teachers at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools, the district's board of trustees unanimously approved the change to district bylaws at its June 17 meeting.

At two prior meetings of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District's board, P.E. instructors spoke out against the proposal, which was brought before the board by Gaye Heck, co-president of the Los Altos High School Instrumental

Music Boosters, and Bill Heye, president of the Mountain View High School Instrumental Music Parents Association.

The policy puts marching band and color guard in line with other extra curricular physical activities.

While representatives from both schools' P.E. departments readily conceded that marching band and color guard require a high degree of physicality, they insisted the activities did not

offer the same educational component students get by taking a P.E. class.

In weeks before the vote, Barbara Kaufman, physical education department coordinator and teacher at MVHS, told the *Voice* she felt the proposal was somewhat insulting. "I get really upset when people ... think they are providing physical education, when they are just providing physical activity," Kaufman said.

Heck and Heye made it clear that they were not trying to demean P.E. teachers with their proposal. They said changing the district policy to allow marching band and color guard participants to get P.E. credit will free those students' schedules to take more electives. They could even

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County approves flood protection

SIMITIAN RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT RANCHO SAN ANTONIO BASIN

By Daniel DeBolt

Santa Clara County supervisors sealed the deal Tuesday on a massive project designed to protect 2,720 Mountain View properties in the event of a 100-year flood of Permanente Creek, but the approval didn't come without questions about the legitimacy of the project.

Engineer Richard Moll, who lives in the area and scrutinized the project, told the board on June 25, "I believe approval of the basin at San Antonio should be delayed until significant technical issues are resolved."

The board approved a 15-foot deep basin for Rancho San Antonio, which replaces a parking lot near the Hammond-Snyder trail. The trail will be closed during construction next summer as it runs through the basin site.

Joe Simitian, the north county representative on the Board of Supervisors, proposed postponing approval for six weeks to allow more study, which water district officials said could delay construction for a year.

"At the risk of stating what is perhaps fairly well known, I must say over the years I've had more than a little healthy skepticism about the water district," Simitian said. "So I'm a little frustrated to be sitting here at the end of this lengthy process with twelfth hour concerns and a front page story in the *Mountain View Voice* on the topic," he said, referring to last week's article about local civil engineer Jerry Clements' claims that the project would be unnecessary if a restriction were removed from a diversion channel behind Blach School.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District has already spent \$15 million designing the project and would spend another \$34 million building it, much of which goes toward digging two flood basins, one at Rancho San Antonio and

the other at McKelvey Park in Mountain View. The project is designed to prevent damage from a 100-year flood, a severe event that has a 1 percent chance of happening every year. Such a flood is not known to have happened since Mountain View was developed.

It would also allow hundreds of residents to go without paying for flood insurance and put \$9 million toward constructing a new neighborhood park and baseball fields at McKelvey Park.

"I think your credibility would be greater on this issue if there hadn't been other sites that were

'I've had more than a little healthy skepticism about the water district.'

SUPERVISOR JOE SIMITIAN

previously suggested or recommended or identified as being essential to the project, which were then removed, as I understand it," Simitian told water district representatives. He was referring to a previous proposal for four flood basins, including ones at Blach Middle School in Los Altos and

the Cuesta Annex in Mountain View. He asked if that was a "fair analysis."

"It's unfair, I think, because there was one time when the hydrology for the project was updated in 2010. And based on that hydrology update, the proposed project was changed," said Afshin Rouhani, the water district engineer on the project since 2002. "So that was a one-time change. Projects, during the design phase, you study them in far greater detail than during planning. So it's not unusual for there to be changes to the proposed project, you know, through the process."

"It's absolutely true that originally there was going to be four detention basins. Now we think the (project's goals) can be met with two," he said.

Moll said the proposed Rancho basin may be almost twice as big as it needs to be. He cited

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District approves plans for middle schools

CRITTENDEN, GRAHAM SLATED FOR BIG IMPROVEMENTS,
INCLUDING NEW AUDITORIUMS

By Nick Veronin

The Mountain View Whisman School District will be moving forward on major projects at both of its middle schools.

At its June 20 meeting, the board of trustees approved the schematic design plans for modernizing both Graham and Crittenden middle schools. With a total budget of \$50 million across both schools, the plans call for modernizing classrooms, constructing a new library at Graham, modernizing Crittenden's library, putting in a new track at Crittenden and erecting two new, 350-seat auditoriums at both of the campuses.

The trustees discussed the plans at length. Trustee Steve Nelson was generally supportive of the designs, but he argued that the \$6.5 million price tag for each new auditorium was too much and advocated to cut the price down to \$2.5 million.

"I think a lot of the things

they are doing are very nice," Nelson told the *Voice*. "But this is just way too big a room, in my opinion."

Nelson said that he wasn't worried just about the price tag for the buildings. He said he was also concerned that they would could create parking issues and that they would require an additional full-time employee, known as a "theater technician" just to operate them and keep them in running order.

The architects of the projects — DLM Architects and Artik Art & Architecture — were skeptical that they could build a suitable auditorium at that price, however, and in the end the plans were passed as presented.

"These are not huge auditoriums," Superintendent Craig Goldman said. The auditorium will be well used for school and community events, he said.

"Based upon the size of the auditorium, our experts tell us that this is the price tag. We've believed all along that these

were critical components of the modernization plans. We're grateful that the majority of the board has supported those projects," he said.

Additionally, Goldman noted, the district held many community meetings and consulted with parents, teachers and students about the project and that the outlined plan is "consistent with what our community wants."

Of all the projects outlined, the modernization of classrooms is expected to be finished first — in the summer of 2014. After that, the library modernization at Graham is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2014, and the new library at Crittenden is slated to wrap up in winter 2014.

The new sports center at Crittenden is on track to be finished in 2015 and the new auditoriums aren't scheduled to be completed until well into 2016. ■

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of food-bearing plants.

The 92-year-old woman who sold the property to the city, Frances Stieper, has a similar desire, according to firefighter John Miguel. Miguel, who has become close friends with Stieper. He met her eight years ago on a medical call for her late husband and realized that she needed help around the house. He's been pitching in ever since, along with other firefighters.

"I feel like she's my grand-

mother," Miguel said as he also helped with the cleanup. He said Stieper had even visited his home in Modesto and was in his family photos. He had numerous stories about his times with her. Though he's often helping her, "I've gotten way more out of it than she ever has," he said.

As for the prospect of turning the land into a park where people could enjoy the vegetable garden and fruit trees, Miguel said. "That's my vision for it and Frances' vision too. She's just a humble, sweet person."

Stieper politely declined to speak with the *Voice*, saying that

enough about her had already been printed in the paper. Stieper is still living on the site temporarily and would prefer not to be disturbed.

Miguel said Stieper was a "giving" person, and her property could keep on giving if her wishes to preserve it as a park are honored by the city. Among the 125 trees on the property are those bearing apricots, figs, avocados, peaches, apples, oranges and plums. A large collection of bee hives keep the trees pollinated.

"Those ginormous fig trees could feed half of Mountain View," said Marina Marinovich,

who grew up on one of the many orchards that once existed in Mountain View, and was helping during a clean up day at the site last Friday. Marinovich has been leading the effort to preserve the tiny historic 1880s "Immigrant House" that the City Council decided to place among the fruit trees on the land, once funds are raised to restore it. She envisions taking school kids on tours of the property and being shown how food can be grown.

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga also admired the fruit trees.

"It would be ideal to preserve these," she said pointing to the fruit trees and artichoke plants while helping to load debris into dumpsters during the cleanup day.

Volunteers from city staff and the fire department spent a day clearing things from the Stieper property on North Rengstorff Avenue.

Last Friday, a dozen firefighters were helping to clean up the site and move Stieper's things after finishing two- and three-days shifts at the firehouse that morning.

"This is the stuff we thrive on, we're here for the community," said Capt. George Mocak.

"It's going to be nice for this city to have an open space with mature trees," said firefighter Brendan Siegal. "Parks make a community." ▣

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The overgrown property is home to numerous vegetables and fruit trees.



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Bee hives nestle among the fruit trees.

Painting on the dock of the bay

ARTIST EARL JUNGHANS IS HAPPIEST OUT IN THE BAYLANDS WITH HIS WATERCOLORS

By Rebecca Wallace

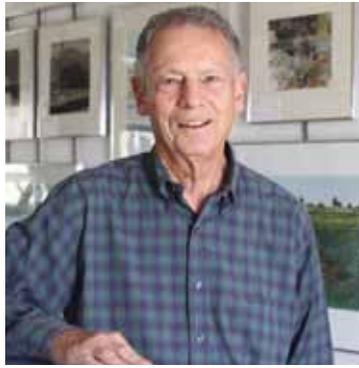
While studying to be an architect, immersed in the precision of perspective, Earl Junghans chanced to enroll in a watercolor class. He labored to replicate “that old magnificent Beaux Arts style,” he recalled, painting layer upon layer, letting each layer dry in turn. It seemed like the way an architect should approach fine art. He spent a whole semester on a single painting.

Then the teacher announced that students had to turn in their best five works. Junghans rushed back to the studio and dashed off four more paintings, using what he’d learned at breakneck speed. To his surprise, these paintings outshone the first by a mile.

“I learned a lesson,” he said, laughing. Freeing your brush to swift inspiration sometimes yields the best art.

Today, Junghans is still liberated by watercolors. Now a retired architect, he retains the science of perspective and all he learned in his career about material and texture, light and shade. But instead of using those lessons in tight, detailed blueprint drawings, he lets them out to play on soft watercolor paper. Visitors to the Palo Alto and Mountain View Baylands may see Junghans outside painting, with a folding chair and a portable table.

“What attracts me are scenes that have a lot of darks and lights, a lot of contrast. People think



Earl Junghans

watercolors are transparent and pastely, but that’s not true. It has such potential. You can get the brightness,” he said. Inspired by the confident, vivid watercolors of Winslow Homer and John Singer Sargent, he’s never even tried acrylic or oil paints.

This summer, 28 of Junghans’ paintings are so close to the Bay that they’re practically damp. He has a small solo exhibit at the Environmental Volunteers’ EcoCenter out in the Palo Alto Baylands, where panoramic views from the building showcase wind and water. Across one wall are Junghans’ own views of Byxbee Park, waves, hills, boats and sky.

A resident of Menlo Park, the artist chooses the Midpeninsula to set most of his works. (Those California-gold East Bay hills do take center stage in at least one painting.) Overall, the views are a mix of broad landscapes and up-close detail. A pair of paintings called “Fading Marsh Grasses” looks carefully at a

complex maze of blades.

“Sometimes I see something and am attracted to it because it’s so difficult to paint,” Junghans said. It helps that he does pencil work before painting, outlining his images and figuring out where the shadows are.

The same meticulous brushstrokes show up in “Interpretive Center Detail,” where the wood slats on a pier mirror the ripples in the water. In “Sea Scout Boat,” the artist has painted a small boat and a coiling rope in rich blue-grays, with sharp panels of light and shade.

While out by the Bay, Junghans has found his attention captured many times over the years by Palo Alto’s airport. “Landing Gear #2” offers a low view of a plane and its wheels, and the underside of a wing. “I sat right here on the ground and painted,” Junghans



“East Bay Mountains” by Earl Junghans.

said. This was before 9/11. When he tried to do another airplane painting more recently, a security man chased him away.

Junghans originally hails from Virginia and moved to the Bay Area a few years after finishing college. He had visited the city by the Bay on a class trip and fallen hard. “There’s nothing like San Francisco,” he said.

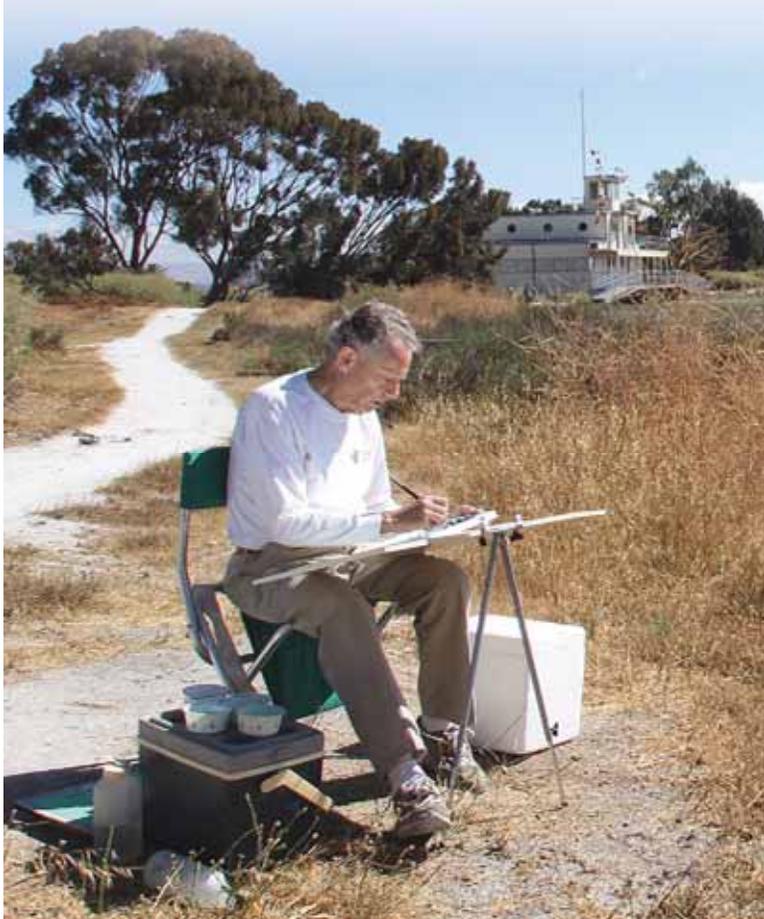
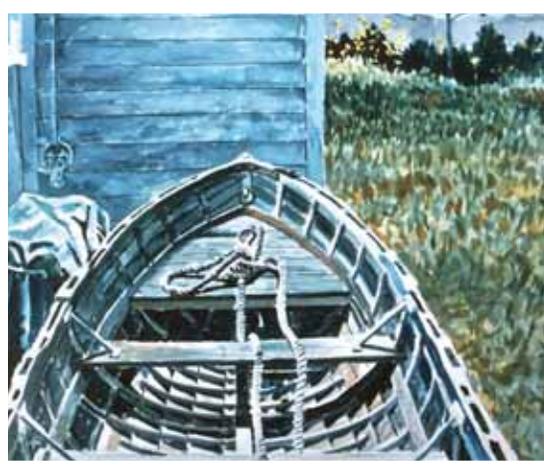
When he first moved here, he didn’t know anyone, so he spent many of his weekends outside painting. Decades later, he keeps painting and exhibiting; past solo shows have been at the Pacific Art League in Palo Alto and at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park. He describes himself as an active person, busy and athletic. Watercolor paintings fit right in.

“The quicker you do them, the better they come off,” he said. “I love art, but I don’t like to sit around.”

Information:

An exhibition of Baylands watercolors by Earl Junghans at the Environmental Volunteers’ EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Through Aug. 28, with a reception on June 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. The EcoCenter is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 3. Admission to the center is free. Go to evols.org or call 650-493-8000.

Left: “Tree Reflection.”
Inset, below: “Sea Scout Boat.”



Earl Junghans works on a painting at the Palo Alto Baylands.

Fitness center to replace Grant Road businesses

By Daniel DeBolt

City Council members struggled to keep a bagel shop in business as a shopping center owner proposed to replace it and several other businesses with a new fitness center aimed at serving “the upwardly mobile.”

The fitness center is called the City Sports Club. Said to be owned by the world’s largest fitness company, it has “upwardly mobile, affluent clientele” with “disposable income,” a representative told the council Tuesday, June 25.

Council members voted 5-0 to allow the fitness center, with several conditions. Members Chris Clark and Mike Kasperzak were absent.

The 24-hour fitness center would go in a 40,000-square-foot space that has been occupied by Rite Aide, New York Pizza and The Better Bagel.

Marshalls and several other small businesses would remain. The landlord had found a way to relocate New York Pizza, but not the 20-year-old bagel shop, which concerned council members.

The married couple that owns the the Better Bagel said they would lose their livelihood.

“We have two kids in school, that’s the only income we have,” said Ted, one of the owners. “I did not seek any legal help or anything because I thought I couldn’t afford it. All my regular customers urged me to come here to hopefully talk and work something out. This is my last hope.”

City Attorney Jannie Quinn said it was beyond the council’s authority to require relocation of the bagel shop, though most council members wanted to.

“It is our jobs to keep the fabric of Mountain View intact,” said council member Jac Siegel.

“We’re changing the fabric of the city.”

“I want to see hard work happening to try and retain that business,” said council member Ronit Bryant.

Eventually the owner of the shopping center stepped in. “We would be more than happy to accommodate Better Bagel,” he said, but that it would mean the business would have to shut down for four months as the building is remodeled and new space is made for them in the Rite Aide’s former garden center. He said he wasn’t sure the bagel shop could afford that.

Mayor Inks said the owners have been trying to find a new tenant for the Rite Aide site for years. He said it could “go dark” if the council imposed unrealistic requirements on the project. The problem has been

the building’s “throated” entryway. Customers enter through a long corridor created by the addition of the small business spaces in front of the building, an unattractive design that no major retailer wants.

The Fitness Center is not a use allowed by the site’s zoning, requiring the council vote on a provisional use permit. Without it, the owner said a grocery store could take the site, and several grocery stores are interested, despite the presence of a Nob Hill and Ranch 99 next door. No council vote would be required.

“I think you’ll hear a lot more opposition to something like that, if that includes losing all businesses on the front side, including Better Bagel” said council member Margaret Ab-Koga of the grocery store option.

Council members did require changes at the rear of the site where residents are likely to enter on Pamela Drive. City staff may end up requiring windows, new lighting, asphalt, pedestrian pathways, and a rear entrance to the building to encourage use of the rear parking lot — all were suggestions by council members.

“I can’t support anything unless we do some serious improvement to the back,” said council member Ronit Bryant. “The driveway is badly maintained and very unpleasant.”

The shopping center owner said adding windows to the building would not be possible because of the building’s cement walls. ▀

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GAY MARRIAGE

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sonally, we are going to continue being who we always were,” he said. And that means that they will continue to speak out and fight for the rights of their community.

Fiorino noted that while he and Khuu are finally getting equal recognition under the law, there are still many states where same-sex marriage is illegal. In those states, he pointed out, the DOMA ruling doesn’t mean much, since

those states don’t recognized the validity of gay marriage in the first place.

“We’ve taken a huge step today,” Fiorino said, “but we’re not done yet.”

Fiorino and Khuu planed to attend a rally in downtown Mountain View Wednesday evening. Khuu said the rally had been scheduled ahead of time and organizers had planned either to protest or celebrate the Supreme Court’s ruling. “I guess it’s going to be celebratory,” Khuu said. ▀

EDUCATION BRIEFS

SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FILM, STREAM MEETINGS

With the board of trustees’ informal blessing, officials with the Mountain View Whisman School District have begun taking steps toward establishing a system for video recording and live streaming all board meetings.

After a discussion item at the district’s June 20 board of trustees meeting, Superintendent Craig Goldman proposed moving to implement a system in which the public gatherings would be filmed and broadcast using Google Hangouts — a free product that will simultaneously stream the meeting live on YouTube and also allow anyone with access to the video sharing service to watch a meeting after the fact.

Trustee Chris Chiang, who was elected to the board in 2012 after running a campaign in which he pledged to bring the district into the 21st Century, initially brought the idea of filming board meetings and putting them on the web using Google Hangouts.

In previous meetings Chiang told the board he favored the service because it was free, easy to use and would allow community members and other guest speakers to chime into meetings remotely.

“Filming, to me, seemed like a simple, low cost thing that we should be doing,” Chiang said. “I’m very happy it’s happening.”

The district has not yet set a date for when it will begin filming and streaming its meetings.

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Elsa Del Frate passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on June 13th, while on vacation with her family in Hawaii. A beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she was a guiding light to all who knew her. Spending time with and cooking for family and friends were her passions. She will be forever missed by all, especially those who were able to enjoy her incredible Italian cooking.

Born in Italy in 1926, Elsa spent a portion of her childhood growing up in Brazil. Returning to Italy in her teens, Elsa met and fell in love with Marino. The two were married on September 7th 1947, and began their life together that would last more than 50 years, until Marino’s passing in 1998. They left Italy in the late 1950’s with their 2 oldest children, first moving to Canada, and then on to the United States where they settled in Mountain View in the Fall of ‘67. Devout Catholics, Marino and Elsa began worshipping at St. Joseph’s Parish, and up until her passing, Elsa could be seen on her daily walk to Mass. Her generous support and work for both

St. Joseph’s Church and School, and the Italian Catholic Federation were an inspiration for all.

She was preceded in death by her beloved Marino, son-in-law, Bill Puccetti and granddaughter Stephanie Del Frate. Elsa is survived by her children Marcy Puccetti, Pier Del Frate, Joanne MacDonald, and son-in-law, Todd MacDonald; her granddaughters Christina Linneman and husband James, Amy Randazzo and husband Brandon, Alexandra and Erika MacDonald; great grandchildren Sean, Evelyn, Jake, Sofia and Addison.

Services have been held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mtn. View. Funeral arrangements were coordinated by the Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary, Mtn. View. Donations in Elsa’s memory may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or School.



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Whisman budget outlook rosy despite deficit

SUPERINTENDENT SEES PLENTY OF UPSIDE WITH STATE RECOVERY, CITY AID

By Nick Veronin

Although its new budget shows the Mountain View Whisman School District running a structural deficit in the coming school year, Superintendent Craig Goldman expects his district will be in the black by this time next year.

Things are looking up, Goldman said. With Gov. Jerry Brown promising a balanced budget for the foreseeable future, Proposition 30 pulling in far more money than anticipated, a new formula that gives more control to local districts over how they spend state dollars and funds from the recently passed Shoreline Community Joint Powers Agreement, the superintendent has high hopes for the next few years. Still, he added, district officials are being cautious.

Goldman explained that the 2013-14 district budget — which passed at the June 20 board meeting — does not account for the money from the Shoreline JPA, nor does it make any presumptions about how the new local control formula will help the district. It also doesn't count on grant dollars that will most certainly come the district's way.

"We tend to be fairly conservative," Goldman said. "We don't overestimate revenue."

The budget, as approved last week, makes it appear that the district is planning to spend more than it anticipates taking in. The current budget projects \$42.77 million in revenue — down from \$48.28 million in the 2012-13 school year — and calls for expenditures of \$45.88 million, compared to the \$42.11 million that was spent in the

previous year.

That level of spending would put the district in the red by about \$3.1 million. But Goldman said he is hopeful things will work out much better than that, as he believes much more revenue will come the district's way. "We get the benefit from a state recovery. As state revenues go up, that recovery is reflected in higher revenue guarantees."

Even in a worst-case scenario, if it runs a structural deficit, the district has "significant reserves" to cover the red ink, he said.

With the increased expenditures, the administration, faculty and staff will all get cost of living wage increases of at least 2 percent next school year, and the district will spend more on instruction.

"It's going to be an exciting year instructionally, as the district begins to implement the common core state standards and we begin to pilot more groundbreaking initiatives with respect to blended learning and project-based learning," Goldman said. "We are extremely grateful that an improvement in the state economy and a strong source of local revenue will allow us to focus on quality programs for students instead of deciding where to make cuts."

When asked whether he thought the district was climbing out of the recession, Goldman chose his words carefully.

"The worst is behind us and the worst is ahead of us," he said. "We do go through financial cycles in our economy. Fiscally, we never take the moment for granted. We're always looking for a way to be sustainable as an organization." ▀

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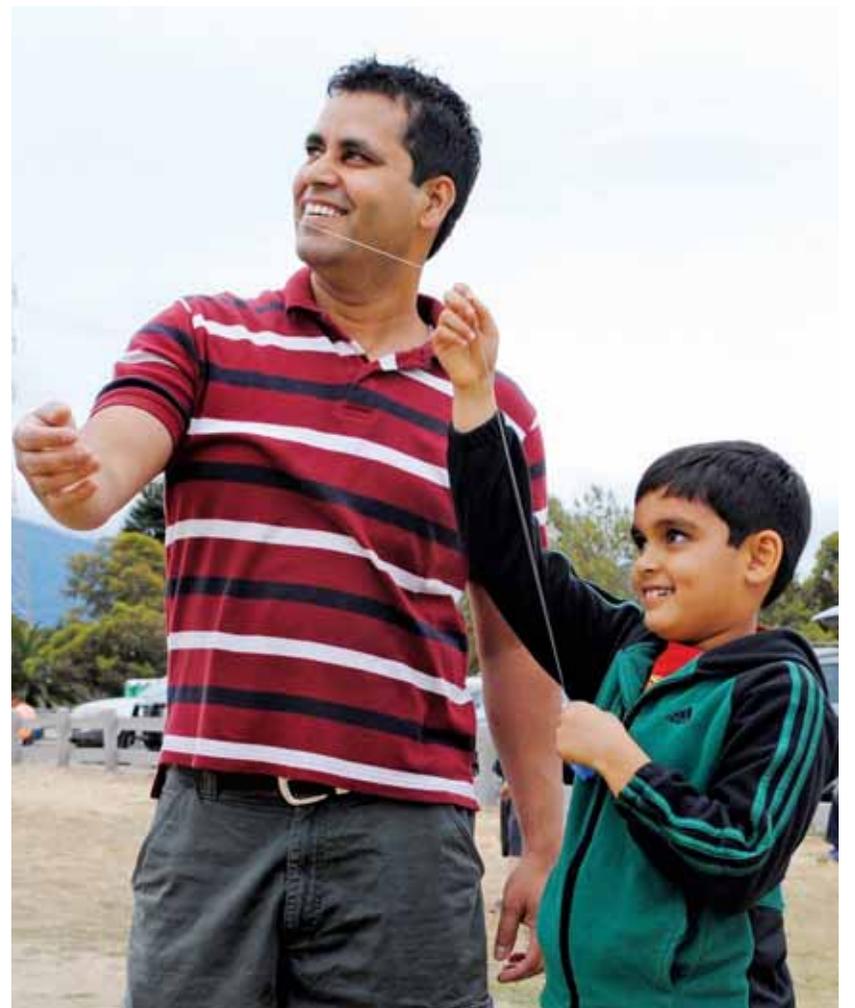
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FLOOD PROTECTION

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a USGS study from 1986 that showed flow into the creek at half the levels predicted by the water district. He added that the water district failed to “calibrate” its model for creek flows against the USGS numbers, as has been done for other creeks.

Water district engineer Liang Xu said Moll was wrong about the usefulness of the USGS data. “The district always calibrates our models when data is available and reliable,” Xu said in an email. “USGS doesn’t have a hydrologic model for Permanente watershed and just had a few high flow measurements in 1986.”

Moll also expressed concern about the basin at Rancho being “a settling or collection pond for selenium” — the toxic mining waste that’s been flowing into the creek from the Lehigh cement quarry in the hills just above Rancho San Antonio. A cleanup is underway, thanks to a settlement agreement in a lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club.

After the meeting, Rouhani said that the area already sees flooding from the creek and would continue to have a 10 percent chance of flooding every year.

A neighbor of the creek in Los Altos who said she would benefit from the project’s flood protections but was concerned about losing access to trails during construction at Rancho San Antonio. Rouhani told the *Voice* that access to the Hammond-Snyder trail would be blocked by construction and that the trail would have to be re-routed after the flood basin is built. The parking lot will be rebuilt next to the basin.

Addressing the concern about construction impacts, Simitjian made it a condition of the board’s approval to have “as many as two public hearings after construction has started” if requested by a county supervisor in response to complaints from park users.

Construction will begin on the Rancho San Antonio basin as early as next summer, Rouhani said. Construction on the Mountain View City Council-approved McKelvey Park basin could begin in the summer of 2015. ■

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P.E. CREDIT

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take P.E. if they wanted.

Heck and Heye outlined a path by which a marching band or color guard instructor might cover the same physical education curriculum that students would be getting if they were in a P.E. class.

No P.E. teachers came to the June 17 meeting to challenge the proposal and the motion passed 4-0. Trustee Joe Mitchner was absent.

The new policy still requires freshman to take a P.E. course, according to Brigitte Saraff, MVLA's associate superintendent of educational services. By California law, the district is required to expose students to eight physical education concepts.

Saraff said the way it will likely work for those students who choose to take marching band or color guard and opt out of two subsequent semesters of P.E., is that those students will be exposed to five of the eight P.E. concepts during their freshman

year, and either the marching band or color guard instructor will cover the remaining three concepts over the course of two semesters of the activity.

The passage of the policy puts marching band and color guard in line with other extra curricular physical activities, such as cheerleading, dance and sports — all of which count for P.E. credit.

Saraff also noted during informational hearings on the proposed policy change that it used to be that all sports and other highly physical extra curricular activities would count toward P.E. credits. Then, during the late 2000s, the state's education code forbid local school districts from allowing teachers with non-P.E. credentials from teaching physical education. Saraff said she was unsure why the authority was taken away from school districts.

The law changed back in early 2012, and local districts were once again given authority to allow non-P.E. teachers to teach classes for P.E. credit. ▀

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UNION JANITORS

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request by union officials to restore wages lost by the janitors by advancing pay on the scale used in the SEIU contract, which maxes out at \$14.04 an hour after four years. Public works director Mike Fuller said that would cost the city more than is budgeted this year for janitorial services, based on what the city is paying its current contractor.

"It's tough to live on \$8.50 an hour in this region," said Dennis Drodge, political director of the South Bay AFL-CIO, referring to the starting wage on the SEIU scale. "That's why San Jose raised the minimum wage."

Mayor Inks questioned the assertion that \$8.50 an hour was not enough to live on. He said a union contractor shouldn't be required, as it might go against "what's the best value for the city" and be an irresponsible use of taxpayer money.

SEIU officials noted that the union is in a labor dispute with the city's current contractor, IMS, because it had signed onto the SEIU's Bay Area-wide agreement but had not been abiding by the agreement with its janitors in Mountain View's city buildings. ▀

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

A big day for schools

Anyone with a stake in local elementary and high schools should be smiling after the city agreed to share about \$5 million a year in property tax revenue from the Shoreline Community with the two districts. The decision could mean up to \$1,000 a year per student to the Mountain View Whisman Elementary and Mountain View Los Altos High School districts.

The decision finally will correct an imbalance that has shortchanged local districts since 2009, when the schools became financed by local property taxes in what is known as a basic aid district. With over \$25 million a year in property taxes going to the Shoreline District and bypassing local schools and government agencies, parents and school officials saw a major injustice and began lobbying the city to provide a fair share of this revenue to the schools.

The first commitment came in 2011 when the districts split \$4.9 million, partially as a result of lobbying by parents who strongly believed revenue should be shared using the same ratio as if the Shoreline District did not exist. The split approved last week is down slightly from prior years, providing a minimum of \$4.7 million a year for the districts to share, which could go up or down depending on property tax revenue. The Mountain View Whisman district would be guaranteed a minimum of \$2.87 million a year for 10 years, while the high school district would receive a guaranteed payment of \$1.84 million a year over the same period.

City officials say the fund-sharing amounts to six times what the city gave schools in years prior to 2011. The obscure Shoreline tax district was off the radar of school officials and parents until a *Voice* article in 2010 reported that the elementary district alone was being short-changed more than \$5 million a year in property tax revenue due to the stipulations of the special tax district. That set the stage for the lobbying effort that ultimately won out.

The funds will continue to be earmarked for technology-related programs, according to city officials, which will create a link to the original purpose of the funds for the Shoreline area, home to companies that need highly skilled workers. School district officials say the money likely will be used to start phasing in new curriculum in line with national Common Core standards.

It may be difficult to imagine that back in 1969, when the state Legislature passed the measure that established the Shoreline Community and authorized it to collect nearly all the taxes on properties north of Highway 101, school districts were free to impose higher property taxes if money was tight. Then Proposition 13 passed, and that avenue was closed, leaving Mountain View schools to exist on state funding. Now, with basic aid, local districts are funded by property taxes as well as some state grants. So sharing tax income from the Shoreline District will enable the elementary and high school districts to once again get their fair share of local property tax revenue.

Mountain View Whisman Superintendent Craig Goldman said the money comes at an opportune time, as the district is exploring new trends in education such as project-based learning and phasing in Common Core standards.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

BOARD PRESIDENT BACKS AUDITORIUMS

Our school board has received lots of public comment via multiple forums, emails, an online survey, and in our meetings regarding our upcoming construction work at Crittenden and Graham Middle Schools.

I vividly recall a recent meeting when our boardroom was packed with parents, teachers, principals, and students where we listened to lengthy testimony about their enthusiasm for brand-new theaters and rehearsal spaces at each of our two middle school campuses. These, along with a long-awaited track at Crittenden and renovated and modernized classrooms, would result in the best use of our new bond money, they said.

Our architects heard them, too, and crafted campus designs with the features that were requested. The results are both beautiful and practical. I think any parent would be proud to send their child to those schools, and teachers will be pleased to work in such spaces.

Our board voted at its June 20 meeting to approve the designs of both of our middle schools. These designs include the aforementioned theaters and rehearsal spaces, a track at Crittenden, and renovated and modernized classrooms. In the fall we will continue our approval process as we are asked to approve designs with more specificity. In the meantime our architects will be working to fine-tune their designs to our specifications and budget. And, we will be asking for more and more community input every

step of the way.

I'm proud to be a member of a community that supports our schools in this way.

*Ellen Wheeler
Board President
Mountain View Whisman
School District*

COUNCIL AGAIN OPTS TO KEEP US IN THE DARK

Once again our City Council, particularly Mike Kasperzak, ignores the residents of Mountain View.

They use the mushroom approach — keep issues in the dark and feed us what they hope we'll believe.

The intent of the city charter is to keep Mountain View residents informed at the lowest cost practicable. The City Council chooses to follow the letter of the charter and ignore the spirit by publishing legal notices in San Jose.

*Konrad Sosnow
Trophy Drive*

REMEMBER FREE SPEECH?

It's disappointing to hear so many elected officials call people like Julian Assange, Bradley Manning and Edward Snowden criminals, traitors, and so on.

It would seem that in addition to having forgotten about our privacy, free speech, and freedom of the press, many officeholders have also forgotten about the right to due process.

It's a sad commentary on a group of individuals who have sworn to protect and defend the Constitution.

*Bill Michel
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■ FOOD FEATURE



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A spirited local business

By Nick Veronin

Within minutes of the beginning of our conversation, Dave Classick makes his intentions plain. “Our whole function here is to create a distilling family dynasty,” he says, standing behind the bar of the small kitchenette inside the Essential Spirits Alambic Distillery.

Classick runs the distillery out of

a warehouse near the intersection of Dana Street and Whisman Road in Mountain View. He is the “master distiller,” and his wife and co-founder, Andrea Mirenda, takes care of the business end of things. Son Dave Jr. holds the title of “distiller” and takes care of IT, and daughter Audrey works at shopping the brand around when she isn’t in school.

Though small in size, Essential Spirits is global in reach and vision.

Classick uses a hand-hammered copper still from France to produce rum made of Hawaiian molasses; the Italian drink grappa; and a German spirit not familiar to many Americans: bierschnaps, a distilled spirit made from beer and possessing a distinctly beery aroma and aftertaste.

Essential Spirits was founded in 1998, but Classick and his wife began working on the business a few years earlier. Classick had been

Dave Classick samples the Sergeant Classick Gold Rum made in his Mountain View distillery.



Liquors made at Essential Spirits Alambic Distillery include, from left, Xi Acai cocktail, Sergeant Classick Gold Rum and Sergeant Classick Silver Rum.

working in the software industry for decades and had become dismayed with the increasing emphasis that was being placed on speeding up production. He was looking to start a business and leave the fast and frenzied life of high-tech behind.

After tasting the brandy produced by well-known Mendocino County distiller Hubert Germain-Robin, he and his wife got to thinking. "We looked at that and thought, 'You know, coffee roasteries are happening; micro breweries are happening; we live in one of the biggest wine- and fruit-producing regions of the world,'" Classick says, explaining the reasoning that led to the founding of Essential Spirits.

After making his way through a web of red tape with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and jumping through hoops to assure the Mountain View City Council that he could operate his still safely, Classick got ready to produce his first batch of spirits, which he originally thought would be a vodka. He went to ask a local brewer for some help and advice, since the process of making vodka begins much the same way as brewing beer.

"The guy who was working over there happened to be a Bavarian, and he said: 'Oh, it's too bad you can't make bierschnaps like we used to get over in Bavaria.' And I said: 'Bierschnaps? Tell me more!'" Classick recalls.

■ INFORMATION

Essential Spirits Alambic Distillery is at 144 S. Whisman Road in Mountain View; products can be bought locally at the Whole Foods Market in Los Altos and at Ava's Downtown Market & Deli in Mountain View. Go to essentialspirits.com or call 650-962-0546.

Classick began producing bierschnaps — at one point partnering with the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company before the brand grew larger and ended its affiliation.

Unlike Sierra Nevada, Classick says he has no intention to grow the company much beyond its current size. However, after following up his bierschnaps with another somewhat obscure product — grappa — he decided he ought to try his hand at a more mainstream liquor. But even in his effort to go mainstream, Classick insisted on taking an alternate route: producing rum, which is not as popular as vodka or whiskey, and choosing to make it with molasses from Hawaii, not from the Caribbean, where most other rum is sourced.

The Vietnam veteran says he developed a special bond with Hawaii over the course of his deployment. "On the way to Vietnam, I went through Hawaii and then I came through

Hawaii on my way back, and just fell in love with the islands."

When he began looking into producing rum, he came to understand that due to the island's long history with Christian missionaries, rum production had long been discouraged in Hawaii. Classick insists that his rum, with its hints of volcanic soil and Pacific Ocean sunlight, is unlike any other you will taste.

Whether a discerning palate can detect those qualities in the rum — named Sergeant Classick's in honor of the distiller's military rank — all of the products produced at Essential Spirits are quite evidently made with care.

Sergeant Classick's rum is smooth and evenly toned; the vodka he produces for the Tahoe Blue label has little bite, even at room temperature; and the bierschnaps has a zesty, hoppy finish that any pale ale fan will likely enjoy.

While Classick is willing and proud to accept some of the credit for his product, he also insists that his still deserves recognition. "It's the only still like it in North or South America," he says, explaining the inner workings of a filtration component called an "analyzer," which catches impurities and pulls them out of the steam during the distillation process. Many small stills don't have one, and

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the ones that do rarely work the same way his does.

He explains the trick in language that reveals his scientific background. While most analyzers allow a fair amount of the impure condensation to drip back down to the bottom, where they may be once again turned to steam and perhaps make it through to the finished product, his still's analyzer whisks the impurities away, ensuring that they don't end up in the bottle, he says.

"You can drink as much as you want of these products and no headaches, no hangovers," Classick claims, with the caveat that the drinker must stay sufficiently hydrated in the process. "They're enormously pure, and that's because of the construction of this still."

Whether they're hangover-proof or not, it's clear that Classick takes great care in the production of his spirits. The

secret to his success may be in the blending of his scientific background and artistic intuition.

"It's a complex biochemical, chemical, and mechanical process. There's a lot of science you can bring," he says of the distilling process. "But it's still an art craft."

Classick shared stories about the mythology and history of distilling, explaining how Benedictine monks would age their brandy. Later he pulled out a pen and pad, giving an impromptu lesson on the physics of distilling.

"It's like cooking," he says. "You can give someone a recipe book, and they can follow a recipe, cross all the T's and dot all the I's — step by step, slavishly — but that doesn't guarantee they're going to get a result."

There is a humanity to Classick's method, and it's apparent in the quality of his products and the passion he displays in talking about his craft. You might just say his spirit comes through in his spirits. ■



Dave Classick's family-run distillery produces spirits that range from grappa and vodka to bierschaps and gin.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE BLING RING ★★1/2

Ripped from the headlines — or rather Nancy Jo Sales' "Vanity Fair" article "The Suspect Wore Louboutins" — Sofia Coppola's "The Bling Ring" delivers true crime with a dash of social satire. Yes, the names have been changed (more to protect the filmmakers from lawsuits than "to protect the innocent"), but the setting and characters all correspond to real-life figures implicated in what came to be known as "the Bling Ring" (or "the Burglar Bunch"). The film opens in Calabasas, Calif., circa 2009, as a group of teenagers commit a robbery. In a classic Sofia Coppola touch, the "alarm"ing rock of Sleigh Bells' "Crown on the Ground" kicks in as the teens trespass. Coppola's screenplay captures the casual escalation, the seeming inevitability that this perfect storm of disaffected youth and celebrity worship would lead a widening circle of friends (including characters played by Emma Watson and Taissa Farmiga) to start pillaging the homes of celebrities when the gossip sites report they'll be out shooting movies, attending events or living in other residences. The justifications reflect common and historic reasoning behind theft, from shoplifting to bank robberies: The victims can afford it, and they deserve it. (Paris Hilton, whose person and home appear in the film, would leave her key under the mat.) *Rated PG-13 for some sexuality and brief drug use. One hour, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

THE EAST ★★★

Are we headed in the wrong direction? A collective called The East thinks so, and its members believe corporations are taking us there through "worldwide terrorism." And so, The East commits eco-terrorism against Western corporations. That's the setup for suspense thriller "The East," directed by Zal Batmanglij and co-written by Batmanglij and star Brit Marling. Marling plays Jane Owen, a former counter-terrorist agent for the FBI who now lends her expertise to the private sector. As an operative for the private intelligence firm Hiller Brood (headed by Patricia Clarkson's Sharon), Jane infiltrates eco-terrorist groups and gathers intelligence to share with law enforcement as they dismantle the groups. That's all well and good for the ambitious and devoutly Christian Jane until she gets in with The East, whose anarchism seems more reasoned to her the longer she spends in their company. This is a form of Stockholm Syndrome, yes, but perhaps something more as she sees the legitimate appeal of the group's intimacy and depth of belief, and the undeniable, unanswered crimes of the corporate executives they target. *Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, violence, disturbing images, sexual content and nudity. One hour, 56 minutes.* — P.C.

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FILL THE VOID ★★

Given the socioreligiously loaded subject matter, discussing "Fill the Void" feels like tiptoeing through a minefield. To hear writer-director Rama Burshtein tell it, the film's *raison d'être* is to give voice to her ultra-Orthodox Hasidic community, providing at last an insider's view to what has been a commonly closed community. The story is straightforward enough on its face: 18-year-old Shira (Hadas Yaron) faces pressure — mostly from her mother (Irit Sheleg) — to marry the husband (Yiftach Klein) of Shira's recently deceased sister. The action begins in a supermarket, where a would-be match-maker points out a potential husband

in the dairy section. Later, an elderly woman relies upon the kindness of her rabbi for help in buying a stove. The rest of "Fill the Void" — composed entirely of conversation after conversation about who'll marry whom — can be terminally dull, like some kind of purgatorial coffee klatsch to which outsiders have been mistakenly invited. *Rated PG for mild thematic elements and brief smoking. One hour, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

THE INTERNSHIP ★★

Google goes Hollywood in "The Internship," an intermittently amusing but mostly strained feature-length commercial for the tech giant that reteams "Wedding Crashers" Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson. The stars play laid-off

watch salesmen who shoot the moon by applying for an internship at Google, despite their lack of knowledge about technology. Naturally, Google accepts the pair, overlooking that these fools qualify as college students only by a hasty enrollment in the online University of Phoenix. Although Vaughn's riffing skills remain in fine form, as do Wilson's, the story makes every obvious choice. The script also happily tells flagrant lies about how technological idiots could thrive in such a competition by learning programming in less than a month, or cramming enough study about Gmail in one night to man a helpline the next day. The production spent five days shooting at Google's Mountain View campus, but mostly shot on replica sets at the Georgia Institute of Technology. It's an effective simulacrum, and so, in a way, is the movie, which pushes a root-for-the-underdog vibe so sunny one might almost forget that 95 percent of the young interns who fear uncertain futures will be shown the door. *Rated PG-13 for sexuality, some crude humor, partying and language. One hour, 59 minutes.* — P.C.

IRON MAN 3 ★★

This ambitious third installment in the "Iron Man" franchise offers (Robert) Downey (Jr.) another chance to shine. He continues to add layers to a complex character and infuse the often somber genre with comedic charm (this is a comic-book movie, after all). Despite a slow start and plot missteps, "Iron Man 3" soars thanks to its leading man and director Shane Black's man-on-wire balancing act of humor and action. After helping defend Earth from a horde of alien invaders and nearly dying in the process (as seen in 2012's "The Avengers"), Tony Stark is content tinkering in his Malibu mansion and sharing a bed with his girlfriend/personal assistant Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow). But he's quickly reminded of the pitfalls of being a high-profile superhero with the introduction of two adversaries: Aldrich Killian (Guy Pearce), a fellow tech genius and founder of A.I.M. (Advanced Idea Mechanics); and a shadowy Osama bin Laden-esque terrorist known as The Mandarin (Ben Kingsley). The visual effects and action sequences are stunning, especially when Tony's Iron Man armor(s) take flight. The costuming, however, is more hit-and-miss. *Rated PG-13 for intense sci-fi action/violence and brief suggestive content. 2 hours, 20 minutes.* — T.H.

MONSTERS UNIVERSITY

★☆☆1/2
Weirdly, since its presumable core audience is made up of kids, "Monsters University" may be the most thoughtful and, in social terms, realistic film ever made about the college experience. I apply "realistic" flexibly, of course, because Monsters University is just what it sounds like: the esteemed institution where young monsters like Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal) and "Sulley" Sullivan (John Goodman) matriculate. These BFF characters from "Monsters, Inc." have yet to meet when "Monsters University" begins. The film recounts their initial dislike, teamwork under duress and eventual bond of friendship. While fairly all-around impeccable, from its sight gags to its super-fun Randy Newman score, "Monsters University" most impresses with its perfection as a friendship story and its breadth of considerations about the value and meaning of college, which the film acknowledges but most certainly does not take for granted (remember, one-time Pixar CEO Steve Jobs was a college dropout). *Rated G. One hour, 50 minutes.* — P.C.



Amy Acker, seated, stars as Beatrice in "Much Ado About Nothing."

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING ★★1/2

When you have material on the order of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," the trick is, essentially, not to screw it up. There is no greater hell than sitting through poorly acted and directed Shakespeare. With a low-key concept and a troupe of likeable performers, Joss Whedon delivers a take on "Much Ado" that's the equivalent of a breezy, if disposable, Shakespeare in the Park production. Whedon's company, composed almost entirely of alumni from his TV series and films, has a unified feel. Alexis Denisof and Amy Acker play Beatrice and Benedick, the forerunners of "Cheers" Sam and Diane, and "Moonlighting"'s Dave and Maddie: They're fools for love, too busy resenting each other to notice they're mad about each other. The actors here show an easy chemistry, helped along by Whedon's casually amusing staging choices (like having Benedick preen for Beatrice while working out in a track suit); so too do the stars ably handle the Bard's third-act turn into darker territory. *Rated PG-13 for some sexuality and brief drug use. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

NOW YOU SEE ME ★★

The signature line of the new "magicians pull heists" movie "Now You See Me" says it all: "The closer you look, the less you see." It's meant to be a lesson in stepping back and taking in the big picture, but it lands as an accurate appraisal of the movie's emptiness. A mysterious figure selects and brings together Vegas-y attractions J. Daniel Atlas (Jesse Eisenberg) and Henley Reeves (Isla Fisher), as well as two hustlers: mentalist Merritt McKinney (Woody Harrelson) and small-time scammer Jack Wilder (Dave Franco). After a time jump, we find the motley crew headlining a giant MGM Grand show under the patronage of insurance mogul Arthur Tressler (Michael Caine) and the eye of debunker Thaddeus Bradley (Morgan Freeman). Unfortunately, the film establishes then ignores an intriguing premise that the "Four Horsemen" are being tested for membership in an ancient magic cult. Instead, the picture makes character incidental to standard-issue twists that strain credulity. There are worse distractions to be had than "Now You See Me," but in a crowded summer marketplace, don't be surprised if "Now You Don't" right quick. *Rated PG-13 for language, action and sexual content. One hour, 56 minutes.* — P.C.

STAR TREK INTO DARKNESS ★★

J.J. Abrams and his screenwriting team of Roberto Orci & Alex Kurtzman & Damon Lindelof have a gift for 21st-century spectacle and a deficit of subtlety. That, one must concede, is a winning combination for a big-budget actioner like "Star Trek Into Darkness," and the picture's entertainment virtues don't end there. As seen in the previous film, the iconic characters, handled with heart and humor, remain in the good hands of a fine ensemble, and Abrams' tone of science-fiction sensation and sentiment has proven successful. Still, there are tradeoffs in the hurtling pace and general breathless busyness of these pictures, which seek to whip the customer out of conscious thought and into a heart-pounding experience (now in 3D!). The approach at times seems to demand a picture to turn on the dumb, in certain plot particulars. On the other hand, ethical convolutions — as acted out by the arrogant but skilled James T. Kirk (Chris Pine), the logical Mr. Spock (Zachary Quinto), and a wild card (terrorist John Harrison, played by the splendid Benedict Cumberbatch) — feed into at least superficial sociopolitical allegory. Sidestepping spoilers, I can tell you that Kirk embarks on a mission of vengeance that forces him to reconsider his moral position. Is he comfortable, per the dubious orders of Starfleet Admiral Marcus (Peter Weller), condemning a man to die without a trial as part of a military operation? *Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action and violence. Two hours, 12 minutes.* — P.C.

THIS IS THE END ★★1/2

Written and first-time-directed by the team of Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg (who previously penned "Superbad," "The Green Hornet" and "Pineapple Express"), the film proceeds from the amusing premise of elite celebrities brought down to size by Judgment Day. Buddies Seth Rogen (Seth Rogen) and Jay Baruchel (Jay Baruchel) get together to hang out, go to a party hosted by James Franco (James Franco), and run into more famous friends, including Jonah Hill (Jonah Hill), Craig Robinson (Craig Robinson) and Danny McBride (Danny McBride). When all hellfire on earth, sink-holes and roaming demonic monsters break loose, the stars board up Franco's compound and ineptly attempt to survive. *Rated R for crude and sexual content throughout, brief graphic nudity, pervasive language, drug use and some violence. One hour, 47 minutes.* — P.C.

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HIGHLIGHT

LIVING HISTORY AT RENGSTORFF HOUSE

Mountain View 19th century living will be revisited at Rengstorff House. Exhibits include Victorian play-day activities, apricot drying, master gardening, lace tatting and wool spinning. June 30, 1-4 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View. rengstorff.events@gmail.com

ART GALLERIES

'Felines & Florals' Jane W. Ferguson presents a collection of works in watermedia on paper and canvas. She will also showcase some of her newly designed "TOTE-ally-ART." Meet Ferguson at an evening reception on Friday, June 21, 5-7 p.m., at the gallery. Viewpoints Gallery closes at 3 p.m. on Sundays. June 3-30, Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

'Gone to the Wild' - prints by Kathryn Kain An exhibition of prints by artist Kathryn Kain will be on display in the Mohr Gallery at the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA). An opening reception will be held with the artist on Friday, June 21 from 6-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, June 21-July 28, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

Carol Hake Still Life Paintings "Still Life Paintings" by Los Altos artist, Carol Hake, are on display at Gallery 9. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. June 4-29, Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Tony Coluzzi Photographic Exhibition An exhibit by Bay Area artist Tony Coluzzi, "Vietnam in Color & Landscapes in Black & White," will be on display at Gallery 9 in Los Altos from July 2 through July 28. The exhibit includes works from travels to Vietnam. A reception for the artist will take place Friday, July 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

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.

'Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra' A friendly 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

Foothill College July-Start Summer Session Registration Foothill College's "July-Start" summer session runs July 1-Aug. 11. Register online through June 30 at www.foothill.edu. Online and on-campus classes are available. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.fhda.edu/reg/summer13.php

KMVT Youth Summer Camps KMVT Community Television in Mountain View offers studio production and claymation camps for middle school students ages 10-14. Camps are one week long and held every winter break, spring break and summer. Runs through August 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$325. KMVT Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org/workshops/youth.htmlwww.kmvt.net

Life Drawing Open Studio In these ongoing, year-round drop-in classes, participants can draw from live models. No formal instruction, work with other students and artists. Bring own supplies. Option to purchase punch card for 10 sessions. Mondays are Short/Med Pose; Wednesdays, Long Pose. See website for more info. Running until December 30, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m. \$7 per session/\$60 for 10 sessions. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/study/onsite/lifedrawing.htm

Princess Dance Camp For ages 6-8. At each themed mini-camp dancers will have a dance class with a professional teacher, do a craft, play games and listen to stories, and have a snack.

Aug. 6-8, 1-3 p.m. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. www.fortheloveofdancemv.com

Summer's Excellent Adventure Camp Inclusive program for children/teens 5-18 years old with and without disabilities. The summer camp is filled with field trips, arts and crafts, cooperative/non-competitive games and more. One week sessions (Monday-Friday). June 10-July 3, \$345 for Palo Alto residents, \$397 Palo Alto non-residents, activity fee of \$35. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-618-3351. www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/enjoy.asp

TOCS: Andrzej Goscinski Andrzej Goscinski gives a talk on cloud-based technologies' impact called "Toward SaaS Clouds Supporting HPC Biology and Medicine Applications." His talk is a part of the Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley's "Talks on Computing Systems" series. July 2, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley, NASA Research Park, Bldg. 23, Room #118, Mountain View. Call 650-335-2886. www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/news-events/seminars/index.html

Yoga & Reiki Workshop Asha Yoga Therapies hosts a yoga and reiki workshop June 29-30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$275. Esprit de Core Pilates Studio, 895 Sherwood Ave., Suite 300, Los Altos. Call 970-708-7115. ashayogatherapies.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. sccl.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series The city of Mountain View is hosting a series of outdoor movie screenings this summer. Popcorn and light refreshments will be served. All movies begin at 8:30 p.m. or when dark enough outside. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. The series is co-sponsored by the City of Mountain View Recreation Division and Youth Advisory Committee. Movie Night schedule: Friday, July 12 at Cuesta Park - "Madagascar 3" Friday, July 19 at Sylvan Park - "Antz" Friday, July 26 at Eagle Park - "Wreck it Ralph" Friday, August 2 at Stevenson Park - "Shrek" Friday, August 9 at Whisman Park - "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" Friday, August 16 at Rengstorff Park - "Hotel Transylvania" Free. Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/community_events/summer_outdoor_movie_night_series.asp

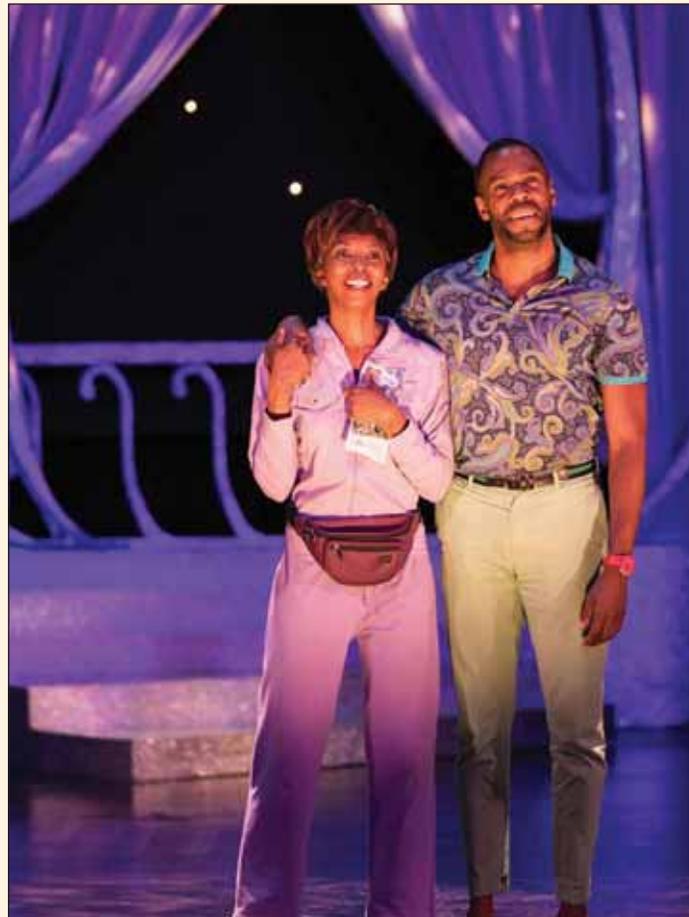
DANCE

'Roll Up The Rug' The MVLAA Adult School is offering a five-week summer social dance class that includes swing, salsa, mambo, merengue and nightclub two-step. Singles and couples welcome. Class instructors are Ellen Murray and Gene Esswein. The sign-up deadline is June 13. Mondays, June 17-July 15, 7:30-9 p.m. \$35/person. Mountain View Recreation, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlae.net

Belly Dancing and World Music Night A belly dancer, Etain, will perform at 8:30 p.m. as part of Morocco's "World Music Night." Saturdays, June 1-29, 5 p.m.-midnight. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Circus Dance Camp, ages 3-5 At each themed mini-camp dancers will have a dance class with a professional teacher, do a craft, play games and listen to stories, as well as have a snack. (Another session is scheduled for kids ages 6-8 from July 16-July 18, 1-3 p.m.) July 16-18, 10 a.m.-noon. \$85. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. www.fortheloveofdancemv.com

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'WILD WITH HAPPY'

TheatreWorks presents a new play, "Wild With Happy," by award-winning playwright Colman Domingo. Domingo also stars in this comedy, in which a struggling black actor rejects normal rituals of grief and finds himself on a rapturous road trip with his mother's ashes. June 5 through 30, 8 p.m. \$23-\$73. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

free classes at Jacki's Aerobic Dancing in Mountain View. The studio offers core work, strength training and aerobic routines as well as childcare during the classes. Classes meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10 a.m. Free. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-941-1002.

Jazz/Acro/Modern Dance Camp Dancers ages 9-17 focus on technique and improving their stretching while learning new combinations. July 8-12, 1-3 p.m. \$135. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. www.fortheloveofdancemv.com

Musical Theater Dance Camp Dancers ages 9-17 have a week to work on musical-theater techniques: dancing, singing and audition-preparation. July 29-Aug. 2, 1-3 p.m. \$135. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. www.fortheloveofdancemv.com

Social Ballroom Dancing June 28th Friday Night Dance lessons feature beginning and intermediate nightclub two step beginning at 8 p.m., followed by general dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. No experience or partner necessary; dressy casual attire is preferred. Cover includes refreshments. June 28, 8 p.m.-midnight. \$9. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. www.FridayatthePav.com

EXHIBITS

Ry Smith Los Altos Hills-sponsored art exhibit of paintings by Ry Smith, a designer of high-tech products. Exhibit runs through Aug. 28. Free. Los Altos Hills town hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-941-8073.

FAMILY AND KIDS

24th Annual Summer Picnic The Mountain

View Senior Center is hosting its 24th Annual Summer Picnic. A ticket will get attendees lunch (vegetarian option is available) and a raffle ticket. Picnic games for fun or to win raffle tickets. July 2, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$4 advance; \$6 day of picnic. Rengstorff Park BBQ area, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Picture Book Story Time Story Time at Linden Tree, every Friday and Saturday from 11-11:30 a.m., is ideal for preschoolers, kindergartners or any children ages three to six. Titles are selected from both classic favorites and new books. See website for weekly themes. May 3-July 6, Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Summer Concert Series Linden Tree Books hosts their summer concert series, featuring special guests on Wednesday mornings. Attending families can donate new books, which will be given to Reading Partners, a local literacy organization. June 19-August 14, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

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Free Total Control Pelvic Health Class Introductory Session Classes that combine education and gentle exercise, taught by El Camino Hospital therapists who have undergone specialized training, can help strengthen muscles to achieve a strong pelvic core, flatter abs and improved bladder control. Call to register; space is limited. Sessions will be held May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25 and December 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital Park Pavilion Second Floor, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. www.elcaminohospital.org

LIVE MUSIC

Chris Cucuzza Flamenco guitarist Chris Cucuz-

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Folk-blues Fingerpicking Acoustic guitarist Mokai will perform original songs and blues by the likes of Mississippi John Hurt and Dave Van Ronk. June 29, 8-10:45 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. www.mokaimusic.com

Live Jazz Music with Johnny Williams & Steven Gary On Morocco Restaurant's "no corkage Tuesdays," in July Johnny Williams and Steven Gary will also be performing, starting at 7 p.m. July 2-30, 5-9:30 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays through August 13, 7:30-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

EDRC Support Group This group is designed to offer support and local resources to family and friends who have a loved one suffering from an eating disorder. Groups are open/drop-in and confidential. Held twice per month, every second and fourth Saturday of the month. June 22-28, 9:30-11 a.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Conference Room A, Mountain View. Call 408-356-1212. www.edrcsv.org

Food Addicts in Recovery Weekly meeting on Sunday evenings. Open to all who want to stop eating addictively. 7-8:30 p.m. St. Marks Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. www.foodaddicts.org

Silicon Valley Awake Sleep Support Group Priscilla Sarinas, a Palo Alto Medical Foundation doctor, will talk about sleep apnea and answer questions regarding diagnosis and treatment. The event will also feature a vendor for new CPAP Respirationics equipment. July 2, 7-8:15 p.m. Free. PAMF Mountain View, 701 East El Camino Real, 3rd floor conference room, A/B, Mountain View. Call 650-934-7380. www.pamf.org/healtheducation/supportgroups/

TALKS/AUTHORS

Intel's Justin Rattner Justin Rattner is a corporate vice president and the chief technology officer (CTO) of Intel Corporation. He directs Intel's global research efforts and is also responsible for funding academic research worldwide. John Markoff will lead a conversation with Rattner at the Computer History Museum. Register online. July 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

Sahar Delijani at Books Inc. Sahar Delijani shares "Children of the Jacaranda Tree," a novel that follows three generations of men and women in post-revolutionary Iran. July 10, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/2013/07/19/month/all/all/1

Sara Gran at Books Inc. Author Sara Gran shares her sequel, "Claire DeWitt and the Bohemian Highway," a mystery set in San Francisco. July 8, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-0600. www.booksinc.net/event/2013/07/19/month/all/all/1

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum AI Globus, a senior research engineer for Human Factors Research and Technology at San Jose State University at the NASA Ames Research Center, describes what a mission to capture and relocate a 500-ton asteroid for analysis in the 2025 timeframe might entail. July 9, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hanger Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

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