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MAGALI GAUTHIER

From left: Polly Caddes, Jennifer Schonher and Tom Schonher stretch out in a lunge position at the new yoga class at Shoreline Lake.

Floating yoga at Shoreline

CITY'S NEWEST FITNESS ACTIVITY MIXES YOGA
WITH STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDS

By Daniel DeBolt

The newest activity at the Shoreline Lake Aquatic Center is an unusual sight — a Saturday morning yoga class bobbing in the middle of the lake.

Making use of stand-up paddleboards, the group of floating yoga practitioners have the

added challenge of not falling into the water. The wind usually blows the group across the lake several times before the hour-and-fifteen-minute class is up.

After a class on July 13, participants were enthusiastic.

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Memorial named for fallen Marine

LOCAL MILITARY PROCESSING CENTER NAMING CEREMONIAL
HALL AFTER MATTHEW MANOUKIAN

By Nick Veronin

Although he is sure his son, who was very humble, wouldn't have wanted the fanfare, Pete Manoukian said he and his family are honored that the military has decided to name a ceremonial hall inside the San Jose Military Entrance

Processing Station after his son, Capt. Matthew Manoukian, who died while serving in the Marine Corps in Afghanistan last August.

"We were very flattered," Manoukian said, recalling the day he and his wife, Patricia Bamattre Manoukian, heard that the processing station located at Moffett

Field would be named to commemorate the life and service of their late son. "That's the facility he went through when he enlisted. We're just very honored."

A Marine from birth

Capt. Matthew Manoukian knew he wanted to be a Marine as far back as age 8, according

to his father. At first, Manoukian speculated, his son was probably drawn to the heroic portrayal of Marines in the movies and on TV, just like many young boys. But as he grew older, he never gave up on his childhood goal.

"For him it was always like a calling," his father said. "He just knew that's what he wanted to do."



Capt. Matthew Manoukian

It was just a matter of whether he ought to join straight out of high school or go to college first, Manoukian said of his son.

The younger Manoukian originally decided he would go through college before enlisting but things changed after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11., which rocked his conscience shortly after he began his undergraduate studies.

He immediately went to enlist, but was delayed because of an

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High-cost housing creates desperate living conditions

CITY INSPECTOR FINDS FAMILIES LIVING
IN SHEDS, CHILDREN IN CLOSETS

By Daniel DeBolt

As the cost of living in Mountain View climbs, a city inspector says that in recent years he's found families living in shocking conditions — children sleeping with their parents in garden sheds and in the closets of cockroach-infested apartments.

"The one that was the worst for me was seeing two kids and a mother and father living in a storage shed," said code inspector Chris Costanzo, recalling a discovery he made in 2012 in the Rex Manor neighborhood.

"There was a crib and little tiny bed and it was obvious there was an infant and a toddler and two people living there. It was clean and it wasn't rat-infested, but it wasn't habitable. It was like living in something a little bigger than a bathroom, with no true insulation from the elements and no running water. It was pretty sad."

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This is the first in a series of stories about the increasingly high cost of housing in Mountain View.

The young couple living in the shed seemed "down on their luck" but were able to find somewhere else to stay pretty quickly, Costanzo said. "They didn't want to be there because it was cold."

Living situations for poorer Mountain View residents may become more desperate as rents climb at unprecedented rates. According to the data service Real Facts, the average rent in Mountain View for a three-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment is now \$3,044 a month, up from \$2,295

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What is your most vivid summer memory?



"Learning how to swim at Blackberry Farms in Cupertino with my sister when I was in first or second grade."

Aila Malik, Mountain View



"The last seventeen days I spent in Ireland."

Keith Toman, Fairfield



"When I was sent to Petaluma, California and spent the summer swimming and playing with chickens in the countryside."

Brenda Rogers, Mountain View



"Spending summers at camp in Wisconsin. We canoed and had to portage over an area and I tripped on a barbed-wire fence and still have the scar."

Laurie Ruiz, Edinburg, Texas



"Spending summer at 4H camp back in Tennessee when I was in fourth or fifth grade doing outdoorsy things like boating and shooting bows and arrows."

Tyler Hughes, Mountain View

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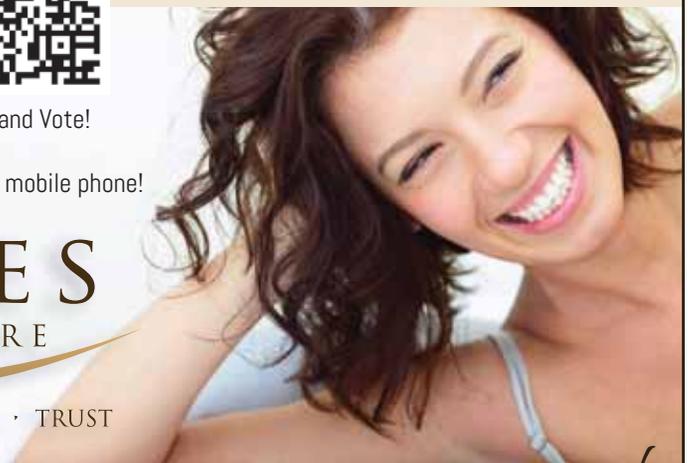
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CRIME BRIEFS

TWO BIKES STOLEN

Two bikes were stolen from a garage on the 100 block of Donny Street, according to Mountain View police.

The victim told police that he left his garage open on July 21 between 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., according to Sgt. Dan Vicencio, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department. During that time someone came in and took both bikes.

There were no witnesses and police currently have no suspects, Vicencio said.

FBI RAID

With guns drawn, FBI agents raided an apartment at a Mountain View complex on Monday, July 15, according to local witness and a spokeswoman for the bureau.

The local witness, who lives in the apartment complex at 1084 Wentworth Street, declined to be identified because he said he feared for his safety. The witness said that at least 15 agents, some with handguns drawn and others with military-style weapons out raided the apartment of a neighbor shortly before 4 p.m.

Agents threatened to break through the man's front door, the witness said, and were just about to breach the home when the man opened the door. He was ordered to come outside, and lie face down with his hands behind his head. "It was all very theatrical," the witness said.

The FBI confirmed to the *Voice* that a search warrant was served at the apartment complex. According to the FBI spokeswoman, the warrant has been sealed by court order.

The witness noted that the man has since been released from custody.

HOTEL ROOM BURGLIED

An out-of-town man staying at a local hotel emerged from the shower Wednesday morning to find that someone other than the housekeeping staff had let themselves into his room, police said.

The man, who entered the bathroom for his morning shower at around 6:15 a.m. came out at 6:45 a.m. to discover that someone had removed the screen to the ground-floor window of his room, slid the window open, hopped in and made off with his laptop, his iPad, his wallet and the keys to his rental car, which were apparently used to steal the vehicle, according to Sgt. Dan

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2200 Block W El Camino Real, 7/22
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STOLEN VEHICLES

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600 Block N Sylvan Dr., 7/20
800 Block Washington St., 7/23

BATTERY

200 Block Castro St., 7/20
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COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

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600 Block San Antonio Rd., 7/18
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VANDALISM

California St. and Castro St., 7/18
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100 Block Beacon St., 7/19
800 Block E El Camino Real, 7/22
200 Block Castro St., 7/23

GRAND THEFT

200 Block E Dana St., 7/17
100 Block Calderon Av., 7/19

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Jenny Shen, 16, examines her water sample at the new STEM camp held at Foothill College.

Diving into science

KIDS AT FOOHILL'S NEW SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP
 PLAY WITH WATER TO LEARN CHEMISTRY

By Nick Veronin

This week, high-schoolers dove into a subject that at first glance might seem rather mundane. But according to Los Altos High School chemistry teacher Danielle Paige, there is nothing tepid about her two-week course on the chemistry of water at the STEM Summer Camp at Foothill College.

"Water is actually really fascinating," Paige said as she helped a trio of students work their way through an exercise

using an electrical current to separate the liquid's hydrogen and hydroxide ions. "Water is unique, because it can kind of behave in a variety of ways. And so all these different activities are really to get them to see how amazing water is."

The classroom, located inside Foothill College's new Physical Sciences & Engineering Center, was filled with a number of water-based experiments. One exercise demonstrated that cold water is denser than warm water, while another showed how adding soap to

water could change the liquid's surface tension.

The course, or "cohort," on water, is the fourth and final installment of the new summer camp, which began this year at Foothill. Camps focusing on the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and math are nothing new in Silicon Valley, but this program is in its first year at Foothill.

According to Peter Murray, dean of the physical sciences,

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'Plan Bay Area' aligns with city's vision

PLANNING DIRECTOR SAYS NEW REGIONAL
 PLAN MESHERS WITH MV'S GOALS

By Bay City News Service
 and Mountain View Voice staff

A coalition of Bay Area leaders late Thursday night, July 18, approved a controversial plan designed to accommodate population growth over the next few decades while meeting state mandates for cutting air pollution and improving access to public transportation.

The final vote on "Plan Bay Area" came during a marathon joint meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) at the Oakland Marriott.

The two groups are made up of 21 Bay Area county supervisors, mayors and other local leaders.

Years in the making, the plan has caused anxieties in cities throughout the region where officials have long maintained

that the housing and job forecasts in the document are far too high.

The housing forecast used for the plan predicts the need for an additional 660,000 households in the Bay Area between 2010 and 2040, an average of 22,000 a year. It focuses much of

the housing growth at cities with a high number of jobs, including San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland.

The plan would provide funds to cities that direct housing development along transit corridors in efforts to reduce sprawl and encourage environmentally sustainable development. Groups like the Committee for Green Foothills lauded the plan's approval.

Mountain View planning director Randy Tsuda said he didn't anticipate any impacts to the city's existing plans for development through 2030, a vision developed during years of community meetings to create a new general plan—a blueprint for the future development in the city.

"For the most part, its objec-

tives aligned with objectives in our general plan," Tsuda said. "I don't anticipate any major impact or change to the city of Mountain View."

The South Bay is projected to see a major growth in both jobs and housing. Forecasts in the plan say Mountain View will see 15,640 new jobs (33 percent growth) and 9,400 new homes (28 percent growth) between 2010 and 2040.

Protesting the plan

On Wednesday, several hundred people packed a Marriott ballroom to protest the plan, voicing concerns that it will bring overcrowded housing developments and will bypass local control over development. Many arrived on buses from Marin and Santa Clara counties.

Hundreds of attendees from groups such as Discontent with Plan Bay Area said they believe such a plan should be subject to a public vote and toted signs and chanted "Let us vote!" or "MTC, don't speak for me!"

That sentiment was shared in an 80-person protest in Mountain

View the Monday before the meeting at the Rose Market, where organizers said the 200-unit apartment development proposed to displace a slew of beloved businesses at the corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real was an example of what Plan Bay Area would require.

A resolution approved by ABAG on July 18 says "the plan is not intended to dictate local land use policy or development approvals" and would "increase housing choices by providing incentives for qualifying development projects."

At the meeting, several dozen others from Oakland-based public transit advocacy group TransForm carried yellow signs

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'I don't anticipate any major impact ... to the city of Mountain View.'

PLANNING DIRECTOR
 RANDY TSUDA

Measure M ruled unconstitutional

INITIATIVE TO CAP SALARY OF HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES INVALIDATED BY JUDGE

By Nick Veronin

Measure M, the voter-approved initiative to cap executives salaries at El Camino Hospital, has been declared unconstitutional by Santa Clara County Superior Court judge.

In a ruling filed on July 17, Superior Court Judge Socrates P. Manoukian wrote, "El Camino

Hospital may provide compensation to its administrators, executives and managers without regard to the limit imposed by Measure M."

Introduced through the initiative process, Measure M sought to limit the amount anyone working for El Camino Hospital could earn to no more than twice the salary of the governor of California—a cap that would

have impacted the organization's top six executives.

Proponents of the measure, which initially included a local chapter of the SEIU-UHW, argued that voters had a right to limit executive pay, because El Camino receives taxpayer dollars from the El Camino Healthcare District. However,

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"Food provider" means a vendor, business, organization, entity, group or individual that offers food or beverages to the public for consumption on or off premises, regardless of whether there is a charge for food, such as a: restaurant, bar, pub, caterer, cafeteria, coffee shop, deli, liquor or convenience store, grocery, mobile food truck, push-cart, sidewalk or other outdoor vendor, road-side stand, festival or any retail food establishment.

The purpose of the ordinance is to reduce polystyrene in waterways and comply with regional water quality control requirements. The City Council will consider the proposed ordinance sometime in late 2013 or early 2014.

For more information, call Public Works at (650) 903-6311 or visit www.MVrecycle.org.

Facebook chef dies in motorcycle accident

Facebook executive chef Josef Desimone was killed in a motorcycle accident Monday morning, July 22, according to a Facebook post by the social media company's CEO, Mark Zuckerberg.

Mountain View firefighters posted photos and a tribute to Desimone on the fire department's Facebook page, thanking him for his help with the annual pancake breakfast.

"Josef believed in giving back to the community and was an integral part of our annual Pancake Breakfast team. We will miss Josef's big smile, larger than life personality, and commitment to giving back to the community," the post said.

Zuckerberg described "Chef Josef," who worked for the Menlo Park company since 2008, as a

"Facebook legend and institution." Off the job, he exemplified a commitment to "giving back more in life than he took," Zuckerberg wrote. "Almost every weekend he was volunteering with veterans' organizations, hosting firefighter breakfasts or supporting some other valuable cause."

A Facebook post by the company's chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, described Desimone as "a dedicated colleague who cared deeply about all of those around him, a perfectionist who worked hard each day to give his very best to his community, and an inspiration."

Details of the accident were unavailable as of Tuesday morning, July 23.

—*Bay City News Service and Mountain View Voice staff*

OBITUARY

JACQUELINE VALENTINE WISE

Jacqueline Valentine Wise died in Mountain View on July 22 at the age of 84.

She was born in Santa Rosa to Anna and Alfred Valentine on August 6, 1928 and grew up in Sebastopol. She graduated from Analy High School in 1946 and received a bachelor's degree in English, history and education from Mount Saint Mary's College in 1950. She married William LaVay Wise III in 1949 and lived in Palo Alto, Edmunds, Wash. and then moved to Mountain View in 1963. She worked at the Mountain View Library for 26 years as the inter-library loan officer and enjoyed helping people find information from books she secured from near and far, including China and Russia.

Her family said she enjoyed gardening, working in her orchard, pottery, playing the piano, music, game shows, puzzles and lifelong learning. She passed this love of learning to her children, family members said. She had a vast interest in flying and in the space program, waking her children to watch every significant launch, landing and scientific exploit.

She is survived by her five children, Larry Wise of Cupertino, Steve Wise of Elk Grove, Sandy Ogden of Cassel, Calif., Teri Waldman of Mountain View and Patti McLain of Carmichael, Calif.; her two sisters, Marlene Anderson of Menlo Park and Kathleen Beltrame of San Mateo; her former husband, William LaVay Wise III; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Rosary and vigil will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, at Cusimano Colonial Mortuary, 96 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View.

The funeral Mass will be held on Friday, July 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Road, Los Altos. Interment will be at Sebastopol Memorial Lawn cemetery, 7951 Bodega Ave. in Sebastopol on Saturday, July 27.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.



Jacqueline Valentine Wise

CRIME BRIEFS

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Vicencio, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department

The man was staying at the Hotel Avante, located at 860 E. El Camino Real, Vicencio said. There were no witnesses and no video surveillance of the crime. Police currently have no suspect in the case.

—*Mountain View Voice staff*

SETI astronomer discovers moon orbiting Neptune

By Nick Veronin

A SETI astronomer has discovered a previously unknown moon orbiting the eighth planet from the sun, Neptune.

Mark Showalter, who works with the Mountain View-based SETI discovered the moon — temporarily dubbed S/2004 N 1 — on July 1, while studying the planet's rings, or "arcs."



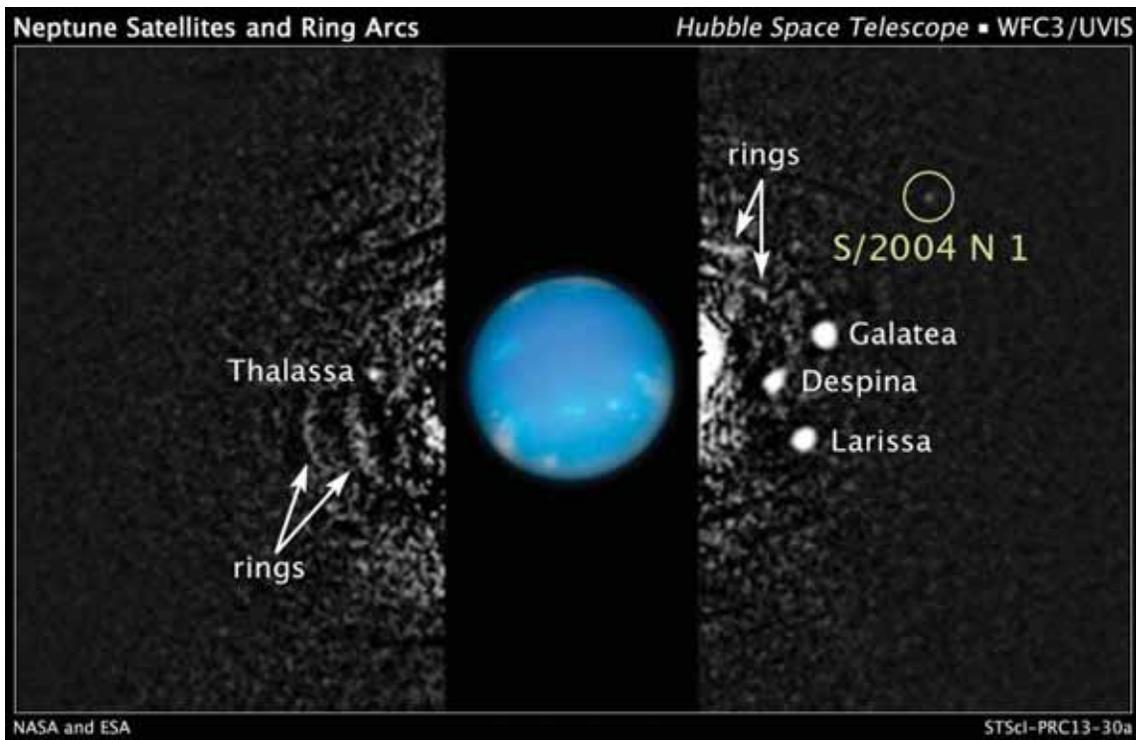
According to a press release issued by SETI, Showalter had to run images, collected by the Hubble Space Telescope, through special processors in order to clearly see the moon, which is only about 12 miles across and "roughly 100 million times fainter than the faintest star that can be seen with the naked eye."

Because the moons and other debris orbiting Neptune move very quickly, pictures of the rings smear together. "The moon is too faint to be seen in individual images, but can be seen clearly when sets of 8-10 images are added together."

In total, the astronomer had to process 150 Hubble images,

taken between 2004 and 2009, to determine that the moon was actually there.

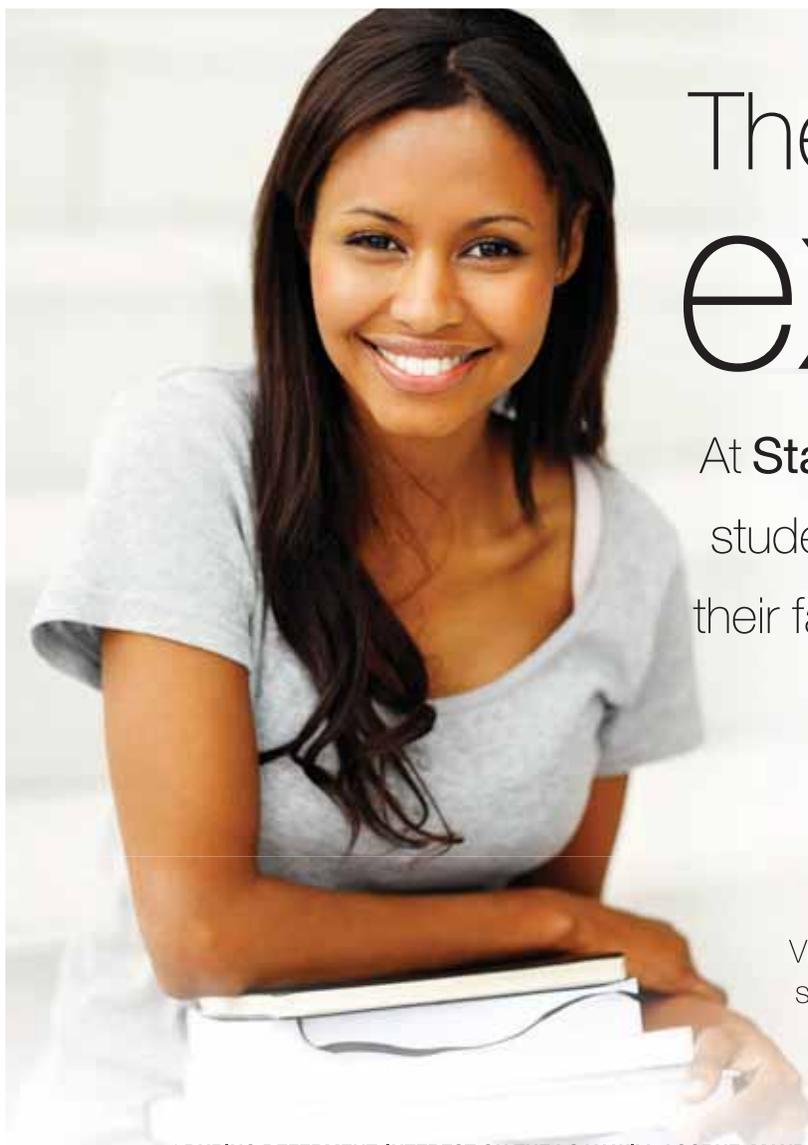
After gathering that data, Showalter was able to determine the moon orbits the blue-green planet once every 23 hours. ■



Neptune's recently discovered moon was found by SETI astronomer Mark Showalter (left).

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MEMORIAL

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St. Francis High School. After surgery to replace his knee and another procedure to remove a benign tumor discovered on his spinal chord, he finally enlisted and began training at the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va. — finishing his studies at the end of 2006 and shipping off to Camp Pendleton in Southern California to prepare for deployment.

Multiple tours

Capt. Manoukian deployed for his first tour of duty in 2007, shipping off to a town called Anah in the Al-Anbar Province of western Iraq.

According to his father, Manoukian was passionate about helping the locals rebuild after the fall of Saddam Hussein — working hard and taking risks in an effort to show that he and his men were not there simply as an occupying force.

He got his men out of their Humvees and on foot patrols more often and would often take his helmet off when meeting with locals. “If you want to be friends with people, you have to show you trust them,” he said, explaining his son’s rationale.

During his tour in Iraq, Manoukian saw security increase, a police force established and a judge installed to punish those who broke the law. But things weren’t perfect. He suffered a concussion when a roadside bomb exploded while he was on a patrol.

In the ensuing chaos, and despite his concussion, he demonstrated quick thinking and calm under fire, helping tie a tourniquet on a fellow Marine’s leg — likely saving his life, according to his father. Dedicated to the men under his command, he quickly returned to his deployment after a brief

stint in the hospital. “It was always about his guys first; it was never about him,” the elder Manoukian said.

After another tour in Al-Anbar, some time off and training with the Marine Special Operations Command (MARSOC), Manoukian joined up with MARSOC’s 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion and was deployed for his third tour, this time to Afghanistan’s Helmand Province. There he was charged with unifying local tribal leaders with Afghanistan’s government.

When he returned from his third tour, Manoukian was put up for a promotion. He was told he would be assigned as the special operations battalion’s executive officer. Though his father said the position would have put him on track for further promotions, he said his son felt strongly about seeing through his previous mission in Helmand. In a somewhat unorthodox move, he was able to convince the higher ups to allow him to return to his previous assignment, helping set up a structured legal system in the province.

“That’s the way he was,” his father said, explaining his son’s resolve to finish the job he had started. “A lot of Marines are like that.”

It was a fateful decision.

Death and remembrance

The local Marine returned to Helmand in May 2012 to resume working with tribal leaders. In August, just a few months after returning, an Afghan man — whom Manoukian and his troops had been working with for a few months — came to talk to Manoukian about something. It was about 2 a.m. in the morning, local time, but he was insistent that he speak with the soldier and became upset when

he was told he needed to take up his query through other channels. According to Manoukian’s father, this angered the man, who began shooting. A brief fire fight ensued and Manoukian was killed. He died on Aug. 10, 2012.

A week later, Manoukian was remembered in a memorial ceremony held at St. Francis High School. Local authorities issued traffic warnings that traffic and the gym at St. Francis was packed that day as hundreds of friends, family, soldiers and other community members showed up to honor Manoukian.

The military will remember the fallen Marine once again on Aug. 8, when they dedicate the Ceremony Room at Moffett Field in his honor. According to 1st Sgt. Angelo McLaurin, senior enlisted advisor with the San Jose MEPS, a display case featuring some of Manoukian’s medals, his dress uniform and memorabilia from the Marine’s life will remain on display inside the ceremony room.

According to Manoukian, his son was not the type to talk up his accomplishments, though he had many — including two Purple Hearts and two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals. However, he added, considering that the memorial to be put together in his son’s honor will have the potential to inspire future military recruits, the younger Manoukian just might be able to tolerate the praise.

“Our Matthew would not have wanted all this attention, but, on the other hand, I think his feelings would be that if his life were an inspiration to others to do good things, he be agreeable to that,” Manoukian said, noting that the memorial is also “meant to serve as an inspiration to future men and women who go through those doors.”

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County union seeks new sheriff

Unions representing deputies and correctional officers announced that members voted in a “landslide” to endorse a candidate to oppose Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith in the June 2014 election.

Leaders of the Deputy Sheriffs’ Association Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara County Correctional Peace Officers’ Association said they want Capt. Kevin Jensen to replace Smith, citing a number of criticisms of the incumbent, first elected in 1998.

Deputy Sheriffs’ Association Sgt. Dennis Moser said July 14 that 90 percent of his members endorsed Jensen while peace officers’ head Sgt. Lance Scimeca said 100 percent of his group chose Jensen, although they did not provide vote totals.

Moser said it was the first time in 35 years that the unions’ members failed to support an incumbent for sheriff and described it as “a vote of no confidence” in Smith.

Scimeca said the peace officers’ group gave its members a week to vote and by Sunday, every ballot cast was for Jensen.

“We’re concerned about the current lack of vision, inadequate staffing, lack of training, outdated technology and the isolation of the department from other law enforcement agencies inside this county,” Moser said.

The unions are impressed by Jensen’s 28 years of experience with the sheriff’s department, his background with “community outreach” and his willingness to ask sergeants and lieutenants for advice, Moser said.

The department is suffering from low morale, inadequate computer technology and a fear of retaliation from Smith for speaking out, Moser said.

Sheriff’s deputies are also concerned that the department dropped out of the U.S. Joint Terrorism Task Force and that Smith seemed not to welcome officers from the San Jose Police Department interested in joining the sheriff’s office, Moser said.

Smith also has not kept promises she’s made, such as providing appropriate tactical dress uniforms for wearing in inclement weather, Moser said.

“Laurie Smith has been in office now for approximately 14 to 15 years, it would be her fifth term that she is seeking,” Moser said. “The community doesn’t know who the sheriff is. You can ask them, they

don’t know who she is. We want to change that.”

Some correctional officers, who guard county jail facilities and whose jobs merged with the sheriff’s office in 2010, are upset with Smith for ordering extended background checks and not awarding them sheriff’s deputy badges.

Smith won reelection in June 2010 with 62 percent of the vote against two other candidates, according to the Registrar of Voters.

In response to the unions’ complaints, Smith said that when she heard they were considering an endorsement, she contacted them but they never responded and did not offer her name as a candidate.

“I think they should have interviewed the candidates,” Smith said. “I would have welcomed that.”

Smith said she was compelled to remove some positions from the federal task force because she needed to make budget cut-backs that would bring the least disruption to the department.

She said the department will be using smart tablets and other technologies in patrol cars and that the DSA has been involved in that process.

Smith said that she is proud of how the department has dealt with the influx of inmates into its county jails due to the state-mandated

reassignment of low-level offenders from California prisons in 2011.

“I think my record is very

solid,” she said.

As for correction officers, after the merger, Smith said she gave officers a year to apply to be sworn deputies and undergo extensive background checks that included physical, polygraph and psychological testing that take a long time to complete.

She said the unions sued the department to stop the background checks she ordered and now wants them to continue.

“They are saying you can’t do it, then they are saying do it,” Smith said.

Smith said the department’s personnel division focuses on hiring the most qualified people and has brought in former San Jose police officers in the past.

“We definitely hire as quickly as we can,” Smith said. “We get the very best. It’s just a long process from start to finish.”

“I’m really, really proud of the organization and we have great people,” Smith said. “I really think that the sheriff’s office is one of the preeminent law enforcement agencies in the nation. I think the public recognizes that. We have provided vision. We have been recognized for the work we do.”

Jensen, who was not at the unions’ news conference, could not be reached for comment Monday.

Moser said that the unions would be setting up a public candidates forum “as soon as we can set something up” for both Smith and Jensen.

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Applications will be accepted until September 20, 2013 for Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on one of the following:

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- ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION (2 positions)*
(Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month)
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (1 position)**
(Meets on the first Thursday evening of the month)
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (2 positions)
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)
- DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE
 - Downtown Property and Business Owner Category (2 positions)
 - Business-at-Large Category (3 positions)
 - Community-at-Large Category (1 position)
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- PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE (1 position)**
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There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed.

The board, commissions, and committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 for further information and an application. An application can be downloaded at <http://www.mountainview.gov>

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAFFIC TANGLE FORECAST FOR FRIDAY

Bay Area roadways are expected to be jam-packed Friday evening, July 26, with a bevy of sports events and concerts on tap, including performances by Jay-Z and Justin Timberlake at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

Aaron Siuda, vice president of Live Nation Northern California, said that between the Legends of the Summer tour at Candlestick Park, a John Mayer concert at Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View, and A's and Giants home games, "it's a really big week for the Bay Area."

He advised concertgoers to take public transit or carpool. For those braving the roads, he said, "Don't plan on allowing yourself the normal time to get to a concert."

Instead, he advised leaving very early and expecting heavy traffic.

Live Nation has compiled a website with information about parking discounts, public transit options, shuttles and other transportation information. That site is available at ticketmaster.com/jtjzcommute.

California Highway Patrol Officer Art Montiel said extra units will be out on U.S. Highway 101 on Friday.

"It's going to be busy," he said. "We're going to be prepared for that."

San Francisco police spokeswoman Officer Tracy Turner said there will be increased enforcement near AT&T Park and Candlestick Park.

"We're ready," she said.

—Bay City News Service

AVA'S FOCUS OF CARROTMOB CAMPAIGN

Beginning this week, Ava's Downtown Market on Castro Street has teamed up with Bay Area nonprofit Carrotmob to tackle climate change through a grassroots community campaign.

In a Carrotmob campaign, customers fund local projects for social change through everyday purchases. When a business partners with Carrotmob, a percentage of every dollar spent at their establishment goes toward environmental or social sustainability.

From July 22 through Aug. 5, consumers can purchase \$20 vouchers through Carrotmob's website. Ava's Market will dedicate 15 percent of all proceeds from these sales to make energy efficiency upgrades to the store's lighting system. Google will also be sponsoring this first-ever Mountain View Carrotmob.

"For over 5 years, Carrotmobs have brought changes to communities around the world and we're excited to bring this innovative community advocacy model to Mountain View at Ava's," Alex Gold, Carrotmob's head of partnerships, said in a release, saying: "Businesses win with increased sales and the community wins with new improvements to either infrastructure or its social fabric."

Ava's Downtown Market & Deli was opened a year ago in its 340 Castro St. location by owners Ann and Juan Origel. The store specializes in organically grown, locally sourced and healthy products, at competitive prices. On

Wednesday, July 31, Carrotmob and Google will host an event at Ava's from 5 to 7 p.m. The community is invited to meet the market's owners and redeem their vouchers. The first 25 people who use their vouchers at the store will also receive a pair of Century Theater movie tickets.

Vouchers can be purchased through Carrotmob at carrotmob.org/avasdowntownmarket.

—Elize Manoukian

MI PUEBLO FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY

Mi Pueblo Foods is seeking for Chapter 11 bankruptcy court protection Monday, citing a problem with its main secured creditor, according to an article in the Silicon Valley Business Journal.

Filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection does not necessarily mean the company will go out of business, but rather the filing protects the company from creditors' lawsuits while it undergoes a court-approved reorganization plan with the hopes of later emerging from bankruptcy.

Mi Pueblo spokeswoman Perla Rodriguez told the Business Journal that the company does not plan to close any stores or lay off any employees.

The 21-store grocery chain, based in San Jose, has stores in Mountain View and East Palo Alto.

—Palo Alto Weekly staff

SECOND HARVEST HONORS MONTA LOMA

The Second Harvest Food Bank announced it has awarded the Monta Loma neighborhood of Mountain View with a Blue Diamond honor for their outstanding fundraising efforts. Since 2008, the neighborhood association has organized a series of holiday progressive dinners to raise money for the food bank's regional chapter. Second Harvest recognized this work with their highest level of merit.

According to a press release from the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association, the dinners began that December during the holiday season. The purpose of the original dinner, which would "progress" from home to home for each of three courses, was to unite neighbors new and old, as well as to help those who need it. In addition to providing a dish to share at the dinner, each attendee would donate \$25 to Second Harvest.

"It became wildly popular," said Pat Jordan, chairperson of the dinner planning committee. "People loved the sense of community, seeing each other's houses and enjoying good cheer."

Most years, a local corporation or foundation would match the funds raised, doubling the neighbors' contribution.

In 2012, Monta Loma organized their first summer progressive dinner in addition to the annual December dinner. Including that year's donor matches, last year the neighborhood raised a total of \$3,000.

—Elize Manoukian



Vivian Wong marches alongside Christine Fitzgerald and Dana Bolles.

SOFIA BIROS

A parade with pride

Downtown Mountain View drew families, supporters and even the Gold Rush, the cheerleaders for the San Francisco 49ers. The event included a festival and a health and wellness resource fair.

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Cheerleaders from the College of Adaptive Arts.

SOFIA BIROS



Clockwise from right: Isabella Chu, 15, and Aryana Salehi, 16, work on their water sample; Foothill student Herman Chan cleans lab equipment; Natalia Izaguirre, 16, works with Ruby Ochoa, 15.

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STEM

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math and engineering division at the college, the camp has been a success. It was funded entirely by private donors, including the Palo Alto and Los Altos Rotary clubs and a large donation from Honmai and Joe Goodman of Los Altos. The camp received more interest than the college anticipated, but no one was turned away — Foothill hired more teachers to accommodate all the students who were interested, Murray said.

With the way things have gone this year, Murray said, he has hopes that the program will grow next year, which Paige said she thinks is great.

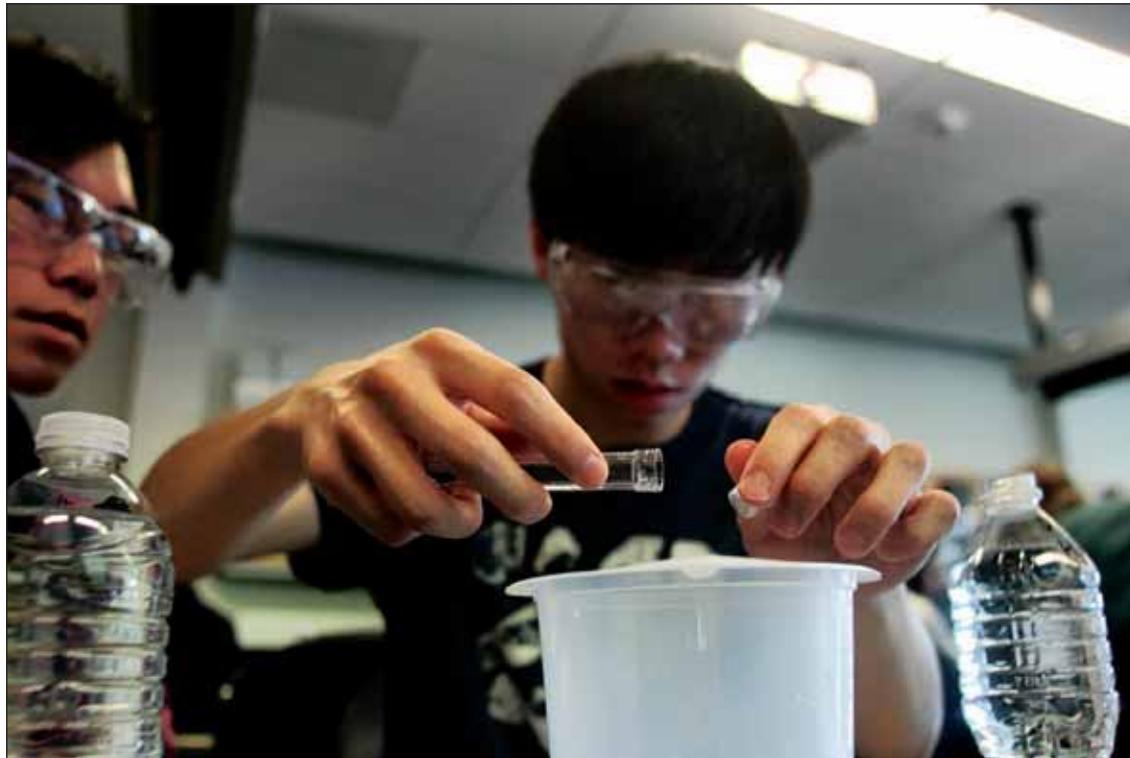
Paige said she is very excited that the camp is being held at Foothill's new PSEC building,

because it gives her access to tools she wouldn't normally have at school. She will be conducting an exercise using a distiller, which neither she — a teacher at the well-funded Los Altos High School — nor her students have ever had the chance to use in a classroom.

She is going to distill Kool-Aid she says, to demonstrate to her students that even the distilling process has the potential to leave trace elements of flavoring and color behind. She said the salts and sugars ought to be mostly removed from the juice mix, but that there will still be faint color and a hint of the original flavor in the water.

"The idea is that distillation is one of the most common methods of people making pure water. But to actually trust that it's clean — how would you know?"

"The final distillate should be



as pure as possible — because that's what everyone thinks." But that's not the case, she said.

"As great a method as it is, the still has its limitations." She said to get to completely neutral water, you have to go through reverse osmosis, distillation and filtration.

This exercise and many others in the water cohort are very applicable to students' real lives, she notes. As consumers, we are constantly buying products that say they are loaded up with some kind of vitamin or mineral that is supposed to be good

for us, or free of some kind of chemical that is bad for us, or they are triple distilled. The list goes on, she said. Learning the chemistry behind what all that marketing jargon really means is empowering, she said.

Consider the taste test experiment she had the students do. She had her students taste different cups of water. Some were tap water, others were run through a standard home water filter, and some were bottled water. "Most students assumed that whichever water in their sample tasted the worst, then that was

going to be the tap water, and they were all wrong." They all ranked a bottled water as their least favorite.

"One of the claims that bottle water companies make is that their water tastes better, which is sometimes the case, but also that it's cleaner — it's better for you — right? Dasani and Aquafina are municipal waters that have been purified. So, we're going to see. Does it really make that much of a difference, especially if you do a cost analysis of how much money your spending on bottle water?" ■

Google makes more WiFi promises

By Daniel DeBolt

As Google announces that it will be providing free WiFi internet access in San Francisco's parks, Google's Mountain View WiFi network remains dogged by problems that the company promised to fix in February. According to Google, some kind of change really is in the works for Mountain View's system and it may be announced "shortly."

In 2009 and again in February, Google acknowledged that the network of over 500 streetlight-mounted nodes in Mountain View was in need of a major upgrade. Complaints poured into the *Voice* and the Google WiFi users forum about long-time outages in certain neighborhoods, corrupted data and slow connections that often rendered the network useless for residents, problems that users say became more pronounced in December of 2012.

In February, Google spokeswoman Jenna Wandres told the *Voice*, "We are working on a

plan to add more bandwidth and make connections easier. We're committed to it. We're working on all sorts of upgrades. We want our users to be able to enjoy all the rich content that's available online."

Five months later Google has yet to report any changes, and some residents are agitated.

"Google's position on nationwide free WiFi is not credible when they can't even run it in their own small home city," wrote resident Stefan Strommer in an email.

According to Google, city officials are involved in discussions about the fate of the Google WiFi.

"We understand that there are challenges with our free WiFi network in Mountain View," Google spokeswoman Katelin Jabbari said in an email to the *Voice*. "The network was created over seven years ago and wasn't built to support the current usage. We are researching options regarding the future of our WiFi network in Mountain View and have reached out to

discuss these options with city of Mountain View staff. We hope to have additional information available to share with our users shortly."

The backbone of the system installed in 2006 has apparently reached its bandwidth capacity as use of the network has grown, with 25,000 users of the network every month over the last year, up from 19,000 in 2009. Typical users are requiring more bandwidth to download files and stream video on sites like Hulu and Netflix.

In San Francisco, the city has agreed to take on the cost of maintaining the network after two years. It will be available in 31 parks in San Francisco by next spring.

Whether the city could take on the network's future maintenance remains to be seen. Mayor John Inks and City Manager Dan Rich did not respond to requests for comment by the *Voice's* press deadline Wednesday.

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MEASURE M

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opponents — including many on the hospital and health care district board — argued from the start that the initiative was misguided.

Hospital officials said that El Camino does not use money collected from taxpayers to pay any employee's salary, and maintained that limiting the amount the hospital could offer its executive team would severely limit the hospital's competitiveness in the region.

From the outset, hospital officials questioned the constitutionality of the initiative. In the end, those suspicions were supported by the court.

Manoukian explained in his ruling that the initiative was unconstitutional for two key reasons. First, he wrote, "the statutory initiative does not apply to local health care districts." Secondly, "Measure M does not enact a statute or ordinance, and therefore is not within the initiative power."

Officials with the hospital

said they were happy with the ruling.

"We are pleased with the court's decision, which will enable El Camino Hospital to continue to deliver high-quality and compassionate care by recruiting and retaining a strong leadership team," Neal Cohen, chair of the hospital's board of directors, said in a statement.

The SEIU-UHW initially pushed to get Measure M on the ballot but later pulled back its support for the initiative after the hospital conceded to union demands during contract negotiations. A union steward and El Camino employee, Kary Lynch, told a local paper that the measure was simply a "bargaining chip" before backing away from the statement.

At the time, a union official said that the measure was not a bargaining chip and that the union's priorities had simply changed. Neither Lynch nor anyone from the SEIU-UHW responded to requests for comment on the court striking down Measure M. ▣



Temple celebrates Obon Festival

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple welcomed the community to its annual Obon Festival over the weekend with food, crafts and performances celebrating Japanese culture and traditions. Since the temple's completion in 1957, it has been hosting the Obon Festival at its location on Stierlin Road and North Shoreline Boulevard. The festival, which includes the traditional Bon Odori dance and taiko drumming, is meant to honor ancestors and the dead through a joyful celebration of life.

Clockwise from top: Taiko drummers perform at the festival on Saturday; teriyaki draws a crowd; Fan Kong hands out rings.

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YOGA

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“It works your core a little more because you have to balance,” said Krista Hermawan, who traveled from San Francisco for the class. “It’s just beautiful to be out on the water, out in nature.”

Shoreline lake employee Paige Topole said she had been watching people take the class and wanted to try it herself. She brought her mom along.

‘It’s just beautiful to be out on the water, out in nature.’

KRISTA HERMAWAN

Like yoga, “stand-up paddleboarding has definitely become popular,” Topole said. “A lot of people I work with haven’t tried (paddleboard yoga) yet so I thought I’d be the first. It’s a great experience. I had a great time and would recommend it to anybody.”

Her mother, Cynthia Topole, said she felt invigorated. She had taken regular yoga before, but doing it on a paddleboard required more “strength and concentration.”

“It’s tricky, you are really concentrating,” she said. In the “upward-facing dog” pose, which involves laying on your stomach and pushing up on straight arms, “you look up and there’s the lake and it’s really pretty. It’s just really neat out in the open as opposed to class in the gym.”

The class costs \$25 and starts at 9:45 a.m. every Saturday through Aug. 24. There are six more classes scheduled this year. For more information, go to shorelinelake.com.

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Clockwise from top: yoga students relax in child’s pose; ducks paddle past the class; Jennifer Schonher and husband Tom curl up; Schonher stretches her legs.

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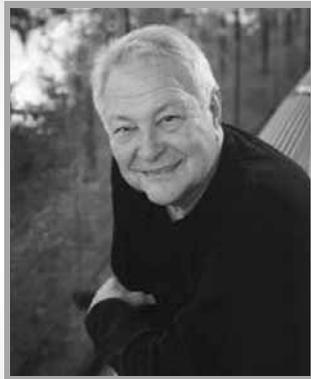
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in 2009. A one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment now costs an average of \$1,828 a month, up from \$1,426 in 2009.

Hazardous spaces

Since he started inspecting homes for city code violations in 2008, Costanzo said he sees over a dozen cases a year of people renting dangerous and illegally constructed spaces that most people would find surprising for Silicon Valley. He imagines there are many more that go unnoticed.

He came upon another family living in a backyard shed because he saw an extension cord running from the chimney of a house and decided to investigate. Inside the shed he found that a father and young girl had been living inside.

"I'm surprised every time we see a new one," Costanzo said, "I'll have driven by the house a hundred times and I'll say, 'Wow, I never knew that was in there.'"

Costanzo also comes across homes where tenants are packed into illegally partitioned rooms. In the Monta Loma neighborhood, where homes often sell for over \$800,000, Costanzo found a three-bedroom home with walls constructed inside to divide each bedroom in two. There was a second bathroom and a garage converted into

bedrooms. The owner was apparently renting out the seven rooms individually, he said.

The temptation for landlords to do such things — and tenants to go along with it — grows as rents go up and more renters scramble to find a place to live.

"They are taking advantage of the high rental market around here," Costanzo said.

**'Some of the units
had kids living
in the closets.'**

CHRIS COSTANZO, CITY INSPECTOR

Costanza doesn't do regular checks on apartment buildings — the fire department does that — but said one of the worst living situations he saw was in a nine-unit downtown apartment building where there were four to five people living in a room.

"Some of the units had kids living in the closets," Costanzo said. "The whole apartment building was infested with rats and roaches."

Costanzo said there's often a fire danger for those living in illegally constructed rooms because of a lack of at least two exits in case of fire. Basements are a good example, as Costanzo says they often house

utilities that can start a fire and the stairs into the home's main floor are often the only exit. "If you are stuck in a basement without proper egress you are not going to make it" in a fire, he said.

With so much demand for affordable housing, there's less incentive to provide basic necessities. Costanzo says he's found the heat shut off in an entire apartment building in the middle of winter, and "had every tenant say I don't want heat and I turned it off," apparently too afraid of the landlord to admit that they want the heat back on, even though it's their right to have it. Apartment dwellers have reported to the *Voice* that they live in fear of being thrown out at anytime, well aware that landlords in Mountain View are giving tenants 30-day notices so they can renovate their buildings and raise rents.

Costanzo said as soon as he closes one case involving deplorable living conditions, another one pops up.

"We pretty much consistently have something like that that we're working on — that we're investigating," Costanzo said. "It takes up a lot of our time. Our case load is high and we're always backlogged."

If the city had the staff to do more searching, "I'm certain there would be more cases."

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According to the MTC, the plan is a "work in progress" that continues earlier efforts to "develop an efficient transportation network and grow in a financially and environmentally responsible way."

Created by several agencies including MTC and ABAG, Plan Bay Area comes up with blueprints for the region's nine counties to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 15 percent by the year 2040, as required under state Senate Bill 375. The plan also focuses on providing housing for all residents of all income levels near transportation hubs, according to MTC and ABAG officials.

The federal government requires the agencies to update the plan every four years to keep

up with shifting demographics and new data, MTC spokesman John Goodwin said.

"There are no easy solutions in this plan but ... this plan creates a way for the residents of the Bay Area to discuss our future openly," said ABAG Executive Director Ezra Rapoport.

But many of the Bay Area residents who spoke at the meeting said they either did not feel included in the planning process or felt that requests for public input were disingenuous and that board members had already made up their minds to approve the plan.

Some speakers also voiced concerns that the plan would give the government undue authority to dictate where and how communities are allowed to develop housing.

"It's clearly a social engineering experiment," Fairfax resident Kevin Krick said during the public hearing.

Dozens of people said they would support the plan as long as it included amendments to increase funding under the

plan for affordable housing and public transit options — amendments that were adopted later in the meeting.

Some speakers praised the plan as it was originally presented, expressing hope that it will provide a wider variety of alternatives to congested Bay Area roadways and prevent the displacement of low-income residents as rents throughout the region soar.

"I'm really glad to see the region take this pioneering step," said Adina Levin of Menlo Park.

The Bay Area is among the state's 18 regions tasked with creating a vision for meeting mandated emissions reduction targets and implementing transit and housing solutions.

Thursday night's vote came at the end of a three-year planning process involving the MTC, ABAG, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and local communities and agencies. ▣

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

A cautionary note on Plan Bay Area

We hope that Plan Bay Area, the ambitious regional planning document that assigns housing quotas for counties and cities, does not encourage communities like Mountain View to rush approval of projects that have not been well-designed and could have a negative impact on the quality of life here.

Plan Bay Area is the outcome of well-meaning federal and state legislation to combat global warming by building enough housing to accommodate the thousands of workers who are expected to take jobs at places like Google, Facebook and other high-tech firms in the job-rich Silicon Valley between now and 2040. But the Plan has run into strong criticism from people in some communities on the Peninsula and in Marin County who say they are trying to preserve a carefully nurtured quality of life that they fear would be lost if wholesale housing and office development were approved despite local efforts to slow it down.

Mountain View city officials are not in that camp; in fact recently they have been accused of giving the green light to just about any development project that comes before them. A recent meeting to protest a proposed four-story, 200-unit apartment building that would knock out the popular Rose Market and numerous other small shops at Castro Street and El Camino Real was attended by about 80 people who were asked to sign a petition opposing the project. It remains to be seen whether the council will approve it.

Mountain View's share (9,400 units) of Plan Bay Area's 660,000-unit housing quota through 2040 was approved last week at a joint meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments in Oakland. It calls for 9,400 new homes (more than 300 per year) and 15,640 new jobs (nearly 600 a year) through 2040. At that pace, the city could expect jobs to grow at a 33 percent clip and housing at 28 percent. Funds would be provided by the Plan to cities that approve housing along transit corridors like Caltrain and El Camino Real, an effort to boost environmentally sustainable development and prevent urban sprawl.

The city is already on that path, said planning director Randy Tsuda, given the recent approval of a new Mountain View general plan, a blueprint for development in the city that he says "aligns" with the goals of Plan Bay Area.

But even with intelligent planning, the cumulative impact of huge housing developments like the Prometheus project at the old Minton's site, and others along El Camino Real are expected to attract thousands of new residents who will add to congestion on major arterial streets, the Bayshore Freeway and Caltrain. Many residents fear the loss of the small-town feel that for years has made Mountain View one of the most charming cities on the Peninsula.

The extraordinary growth of Silicon Valley, including thousands of good-paying jobs at Google and other high-tech companies, has provided a tremendous incentive to local developers to build office and housing complexes here. And although last week Google announced that it would delay a 1.1 million-square-foot office campus on Moffett Field which has been in the works for several years, the company still intends to go ahead with the project in six months to a year. The only regulatory hurdle remaining is to obtain city approval for a vehicle-pedestrian bridge over Stevens Creek. And since the remainder of the project is on federal land, it is outside the planning jurisdiction of the city.

When fully occupied, Google's new building could house more than 3,000 workers, far exceeding the 600-a-year average job growth forecast by Plan Bay Area. And its Moffett Field location will mean workers will come by car or shuttle from Caltrain, adding a huge burden to the freeway interchanges and city's mass transit system. Accommodating this many new employees, and others who may not work at Google, will be an incredible challenge for the city and for regional transit planners as the city pushes closer to having 100,000 residents in the years ahead.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

PLAN PAVES WAY FOR BUS-ONLY LANES

At a meeting of locally elected politicians on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) a plan was approved for more mass transit, housing and related development designed to enable corporations to import more relatively cheap labor to the Bay Area in the decades ahead. The details are left to other local agencies such as Santa Clara County's transit agency, the VTA, which continues to plan for wasteful bus-only lanes on El Camino Real.

*Gary Wesley
Continental Circle*

DISTRICT CHALLENGED ON RANCHO BASIN

Neither the Santa Clara Valley Water District nor the Committee for Green Foothills care about wasting \$7 million in taxpayer money on a proposed flood basin in Rancho San Antonio Park, one of the largest open spaces in Santa Clara County. One half million residents enjoy Rancho annually.

The proposed 15-acre Rancho flood basin will remove over 100 trees and 200,000 cubic yards of soil. It will destroy the existing wetland basin, something that would never be permitted if proposed by the private sector. The water district cannot defend its hydrology calculations which

independent local engineers, Richard Moll and Mike Hayden, say are exaggerated by at least 200 percent. Both Moll and Hayden contend the proposed Rancho basin will not have any meaningful flow. Do we have a different standard for the water district here?

In their planning, water district engineers seem to have ignored warnings that altering the existing Rancho basin may destroy the natural wetland meadow and drop the natural, historic water table.

On June 25, I telephoned the Committee for Green Foothills asking for support in the form of a letter to the water district questioning their plans for a basin at Rancho San Antonio Park, then followed up with environmental impact and hydrology reports from local experts. So far, no one has responded.

*Cynthia Riordan
Saratoga*

IN CAPITALIST SOCIETY, ONLY STRONG SURVIVE

I just finished reading the front-page article about how local restaurants can't compete with free meals offered to Google employees. I'm sorry to say this but I think that the restaurant owners quoted, as well as the city councilmen quoted in the article, are acting like crybabies.

It is indeed unfortunate that the restaurants are suffering. I've

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eaten at a number of them and enjoy eating there. Especially when I am coming from the south, they are right off the 101 freeway exit that I'd be taking to return home anyway, so they've been very convenient.

However we live in a capitalist society, which is truly what has made our country, as well as Silicon Valley, a world leader in innovation. Under capitalism, some businesses succeed and others fail.

I think that the offers of training, free advertising and free strategic consulting for the affected restaurants are over and above what Google would have to do legally, morally and ethically, and I congratulate them for it. Again the crybabies complain that with their free advertising, they might have to offer a discount. Well, I'll let you know that discounts have enticed me to try out many new and even established businesses, and I've continued my business with those that I like.

Notice that I've written this letter on the free email account that I've had from Google for years.

Marc Roddin
 Ernestine Lane

HOUSING SOLUTION: BUILD UP WITH TRANSIT

This is a response to letter by Mr. Sosnow in last week's Voice.

My observation, as a long-time resident, is that yes, the developers rule, and that vertical villages coupled with public transport are a better way to manage the people. Now all we need do is shop — our society demands that we consume. It's patriotic!

Barbara Goodwin
 Middlefield Road

ANOTHER VIEW OF 'VOICES' QUESTION'

Unlike Mr. Corsetto, I found the Voices Around Town question from July 5 to be a breath of fresh air compared to the usual questions.

It was light-hearted, relevant to current events, and most of all entertaining. I highly doubt Corsetto's exaggerated claim that "a large number of Mountain View residents would be offended by the question." Kudos to writer Elize Manoukian and photographer Sofia Binos.

Viet Nguyen
 Whisman Road

TO CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION:

Are you so out of touch with what is good for longtime residents of Mountain View that giving approval for high-

rise apartment buildings, office buildings and so on will affect the well-being of single family neighborhoods, schools, parks and the uniqueness of our town?

One need only walk or drive down many of our streets and feel like an ant surrounded by big, cement walls with glass windows. God forbid that Silicon Valley has another recession, with layoffs and streams of people fleeing this place. Mountain View could be left with hundreds of vacant buildings and apartments.

The debacle at San Antonio Shopping Center was a "snow job" by the developer. We didn't want little swanky shops like Santana Row. We wanted stores that catered to the needs of ordinary folks. You blew it! Then they pile apartments on the top floors. Where are those people going to send their children to school or play on a playground?

Gee, build more schools and bus the children to outlying schools, like their parents are bused all over this valley in big shuttle buses? The legions of mammoth, shiny shuttles dwarf a regular passenger car, trying to get around.

Mountain View has developed every inch of space, destroyed historic homes and built a Metropolis. I hope Superman can save us!

Kay Boynton
 Moorpark Way

RESTAURANTS NEED TO ADAPT OR DIE

As for the Google-versus-whiny fast food restaurants, bravo to Google for feeding its 10,000-plus employees decent, healthy organic food choices.

Today's high-tech youth are more savvy in general about what constitutes good nutrition. Fast food outlets serve toxic foods, toxic in the sense of foods high in GMO products, unhealthy fats, unhealthy sugars, toxic additives, and simply loads of empty calories. I applaud Google for having the consciousness to provide a healthier choice for its employees.

Where do those toxic food dispensing restaurants get the idea that Google or anyone else owes them success? Is this just another manifestation of the pervasive entitlement mentality running amok in our country today? The law of life is "adapt or perish," and this immutable principle applies equally to business. If any fast food restaurant within Google's geographical sphere hopes to survive then it needs to adapt and start serving organic foods. Otherwise, they deserve to go the way of the dinosaurs.

Jeffrey Van Middlebrook
 Easy Street



■ FOOD FEATURE

Cookies rule (with ice cream, too)

CREAM'S CUSTOM-MADE ICE CREAM SANDWICHES FIND FANS IN PALO ALTO

story by ELENA KADVANY // photos by CHRISTOPHE HAUBURSIN

At Cream, downtown Palo Alto's new ice cream sandwich haven, there are an estimated 2,000 combinations of cookies and ice cream to choose from, said co-owner Jimmy Shamieh.

You can go classic with a hefty scoop of French vanilla ice cream smushed between two hefty, warm chocolate-chip cookies.

You can indulge your sweet tooth and go with a double-chocolate-chip cookie on top, peanut

butter on the bottom and salted caramel ice cream in between.

With 20 ice cream flavors, 10 kinds of cook-

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Top: The ice cream sandwich assembly line at Cream in downtown Palo Alto. **Above:** From left: snickerdoodles with salted caramel ice cream; chocolate chip cookies with vanilla ice cream; and butter-sugar cookies with strawberry ice cream.

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ies (not counting the gluten-free and vegan options) and nine toppings, the possibilities at Cream are seemingly endless.

Cream is a family business, owned and operated by a father-son team from Millbrae. Gus Shamieh, Jimmy's son, said it all began 25 years ago when he and his sister started putting things in between their mother's homemade cookies.

"Chocolate bars, marshmallows. One time I tried to feed my dad a Hot Wheels metal car between two cookies," he said. "That didn't go over too well. Ice cream was our favorite one to do."

Soon the Shamiehs' creations became locally famous, with friends coming over after sports games or practices to eat ice cream sandwiched between two freshly baked cookies.

"We knew it was good and we knew people liked it, but we never thought about making it a commercial venture until a few years ago when the economy changed," Gus said. "We decided ... if we like it, maybe others will like it too."

And they have. In 2010, the family opened up a shop on Telegraph Avenue in Berke-



The line at Cream frequently stretches out the door.

ley, close to the U.C. Berkeley campus. They had lines out the door, and still do, said Palo Alto manager Matt Petersen, who approached the Shamieh family for a job after standing in line for 20 minutes at the Berkeley location about a year and a half ago.

"I was looking for a new proj-

ect and I was like, "This is brilliant, this is awesome," Petersen said.

With Petersen as Cream's first franchisee, the family headed to Palo Alto, opening the shop's doors on University Avenue in mid-June. The Palo Alto location — which used to house Michael's Gelato & Cafe — is

a bigger space than Berkeley's and offers a larger menu, with 20 ice cream flavors compared to Berkeley's 16.

As the store's acronym-name (Cookies Rule Everything Around Me, inspired by hip-hop group Wu Tang Clan's song "Cash Rules Everything Around Me") suggests, at Cream they

take their sweets seriously. You can custom-create your own ice cream sandwich, combining any of the cookies — either two of the same or mix-and-match — with a scoop of ice cream, plus toppings.

"I just like that it feels homemade," said Chris Winn, a Redwood City resident who tried Cream for the first time with his son Christian on a recent afternoon. Christian, with a stray drop of ice cream on his chin and his chocolate-chip cookie/chocolate ice cream sandwich already half eaten before he walked out the door, agreed.

Jenny Fernando, who drove from work in Menlo Park on a recent afternoon to get a scoop of salted caramel ice cream sandwiched between two turtle cookies (chocolate with chocolate chips, pecans and caramel) said she likes "that you get to play with the flavors a little bit."

"And it's inexpensive," she added. "And it's delicious."

Paying less than three dollars for a generous scoop of ice cream and two large cookies is almost unheard of, but part of Cream's mission is to make its treats affordable for everyone.

"We don't want to sacrifice premium quality for affordability," Gus Shamieh said.

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Though ice cream sandwiches (\$2.99 or \$2.50 if you pay cash) are the main event, Cream also offers milkshakes (\$5.49), floats (\$5.49), malts (\$5.99) and scoops of ice cream (one scoop for \$1.49). Baked goods include cookies (one for 79 cents, two for \$1.49), brownies and raspberry, blueberry and lemon bars. Most of the baked goods go for \$2.99. There are also two soy ice creams (mint chip and cherry chip), four vegan cookies and various gluten-free cookie options.

In addition, there’s a half-sandwich option (one cookie is cut in half and the halves stacked to make a half sandwich for \$1.75), multi-flavored milkshakes (\$5.75) and milkshakes with cookie mixed in (\$6.25).

On Taco Tuesdays — 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays — visitors can snag a sweet taco, made from a flat waffle curved up on the sides to create a vessel to hold three ice cream scoops and two toppings for \$3.50.

The ice cream shop also operates on the principle that there’s more to Cream than cookies and ice cream. “It’s not just an ice cream sandwich, but rather an experience,” Shamieh said. “When you walk in there’s music blasting, and some of the team members are dancing and singing along with the music.”

Music is indeed constantly blasting at the Palo Alto location, usually a selection of current pop hits that teenaged

■ INFORMATION

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and younger customers seem to enjoy. The distinct smell of freshly baked sweets wafts out the open French doors and onto University Avenue, though neither cookies nor the ice cream are made on site.

The Cream experience also sets itself apart on Thursdays and weekends, as the store stays open until 2 a.m. Petersen said the option to stay open late and piggyback off downtown Palo Alto’s nightlife was a draw for opening there.

The company also recently launched a delivery service with Palo Alto-based startup Fluc, which allows users to track the status of an order in real time on a map via GPS. Users can communicate with their drivers and update their order if need be. Delivery is only for ice cream sandwiches at this point and for smaller orders — 15 or fewer — within a 7-mile radius. Petersen said most deliveries so far had destinations on the Stanford campus.

Online reviewers have made various complaints (the cookies aren’t always served warm, cookies harden too quickly, waiting more than 30 minutes in line for a dessert you could make yourself at home is ridiculous) but the ever-present line out the door at Cream speaks for itself.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

20 FEET FROM STARDOM

★★★
What would popular music sound like without the backup singers? The answer is, of course, unthinkable, as Morgan Neville's documentary "20 Feet from Stardom" reminds us. Neville does a good job of highlighting songs that are especially characterized by backup singers, like Lou Reed's "Walk on the Wild Side," and introducing us to some of the "unsung" talent that made those hits possible. Among the vocalists highlighted in the film are Darlene Love, Merry Clayton, Lisa Fischer, the Waters Family, Claudia Lennear, Mabel John, Steevi Alexander, Jo Lawry, Tata Vega, Lynn Mabry and Judith Hill. That nearly all of the talent is female gives the film a charge of feminist electricity, but the doc also serves as a parable of pursuing a big-time professional career in the arts. For every household name (and six testify in the film), there's a breathtaking singer who never quite got the breaks or, perhaps, lacked the ambitious drive to pursue downstage stardom. *Rated PG-13 for language and sexual material. One hour, 31 minutes.* — P.C.

GIRL MOST LIKELY

★★★
Take the great Kristen Wiig out of the indie comedy "Girl Most Likely," and it would be unbearable. The question is whether fans will want to watch her struggle to keep a film afloat for 103 minutes. Wiig plays Imogene Duncan, a once-promising playwright who squandered a fellowship and now finds her life unraveling. Her dreams of marriage, domestic bliss and a playwriting Tony obviously aren't in the cards. Dumped by her upscale-cad boyfriend and her magazine-editor boss, Imogene stages a cry-for-help suicide and winds up in the care of her estranged mother, Zelda (Annette Bening). And so Imogene finds herself an unwanted house guest in the New Jersey home she's spent a lifetime trying to escape. There, she catches up with her crab-obsessed brother Ralph (Christopher Fitzgerald) and discovers her room's been rented to conspicuously sexy Yale-bred song-and-dance man Lee (Darren Criss), and that her mother has taken up with the disconcerting George Bousche (Matt Dillon), who claims to be a CIA agent with the wisdom of the samurai. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language. One hour, 43 minutes.* — P.C.

THE HEAT

★★★
The "feminist" buddy-cop comedy "The Heat" proves its bona fides by being about as funny and as lazy as guy-fronted buddy-cop comedies. I'm not sure that's a victory for women, but it will probably translate into healthy box office. Sandra Bullock plays FBI Special Agent Sarah Ashburn. She's brilliant but also arrogant and competitive, which annoys the men who surround her. With a promotion at stake, by-the-book Ashburn finds herself forced to play nice with burn-the-book Boston cop Shannon Mullins (Melissa McCarthy), whose technique is

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MOVIE CRITICS

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

Weekend

MOVIE TIMES

- 20 Feet From Stardom (PG-13) ★★★**
Aquarius Theatre: 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30 p.m. Fri-Sun also at noon.
- American Graffiti (1973) (PG)**
Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Mon 2 p.m.
- Blackfish (PG-13)**
Palo Alto Square: 2, 5, 7:25 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 9:55 p.m.
- The Brothers (1947) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre:** Fri 7:30 p.m.
- The Conjuring (R)**
Century 16: 10:50 a.m. & 1:45, 4:50, 7:50, 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:50 a.m. & 12:05, 1:30, 2:45, 4:10, 5:25, 6:55, 8:10, 9:40, 10:50 p.m.
- Despicable Me 2 (PG) ★★** **Century 16:** 9:15 a.m. & 2:35, 7:55 p.m. In 3D 11:15 a.m. & 5:00, 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:20 a.m. & 3:15, 8:10 p.m. In 3D 12:50, 5:40, 10:35 p.m.
- The East (PG-13) ★★★**
Palo Alto Square: 4:30 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 9:45 p.m.
- Fruitvale Station (R)**
Aquarius Theatre: 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:55 p.m. Fri-Sun also at 12:30 p.m.
Century 20: 10:55 a.m. & 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20 p.m.
- The Ghost and Mrs. Muir (1947) (Not Rated)**
Stanford Theatre: Sat-Sun 5:35 & 9:10 p.m.
- Girl Most Likely (PG-13) ★★**
Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 7:15 p.m.
- Grown Ups 2 (PG-13) Century 16:** 9 & 11:35 a.m. & 2:05, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** noon & 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:15 p.m.
- The Heat (R) ★★** **Century 16:** 11:10 a.m. & 4:40, 7:45, 10:40 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 1:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m. & 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 10 p.m.
- Laura (1944) (Not Rated)**
Stanford Theatre: Sat-Sun 3:55 & 7:30 p.m.
- Madonna of the Seven Moons (1945) (Not Rated)**
Stanford Theatre: Fri 5:30 & 9:10 p.m.
- Monsters University (G) ★★★1/2**
Century 16: 9:25 a.m. & 2:25, 7:30 p.m. In 3D 11:55 a.m. & 5, 10 p.m.
Century 20: 10:30 a.m. & 1:10, 6:25 p.m. In 3D 2:25, 8 p.m.
- Pacific Rim (PG-13) ★★★**
Century 16: 12:25, 7:05 p.m. In 3D 9:20 a.m. & 3:35, 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: 1:35, 7:45 p.m. In 3D 10:35 a.m. & 4:45, 10:45 p.m.
- R.I.P.D. (PG-13) Century 16:** 11:50 a.m. & 5:05, 10:10 p.m. In 3D 9:10 a.m. & 2:20, 7:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:40 a.m. & 1:05, 3:35, 6:10, 8:45 p.m. In 3D 11:55 a.m. & 2:20, 7:25 p.m.
- Red 2 (PG-13) Century 16:** Fri 9:40 & 11:05 a.m. & 12:40, 2:10, 4:05, 5:40, 7:20, 8:55, 10:20, 11:45 p.m. Sat 9:40 & 11:05 a.m. & 12:40, 2:10, 4:05, 5:40, 7:20, 8:55, 10:20, 11:45 p.m. Sun 9:40 & 11:05 a.m. & 12:40, 2:10, 4:05, 5:40, 7:20, 8:55, 10:20, 11:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m. & 12:25, 1:45, 3:10, 4:30, 6, 7:20, 8:50, 10:10 p.m.
- Still Mine (PG-13)**
Century 16: 11 a.m. & 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50 p.m.
- This Is The End (R) ★★1/2 Century 20:** 4:50, 10:05 p.m.
- The To Do List (R) Century 16:** Fri 9:05 & 11:40 a.m. & 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20, 11:55 p.m. Sat 9:05 & 11:40 a.m. & 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20, 11:55 p.m. Sun 9:05 & 11:40 a.m. & 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20, 11:55 p.m. Mon 9:05 & 11:40 a.m. & 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20, 11:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m. & 2:15, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15 p.m.
- Turbo (PG) ★★**
Century 16: 9:35 a.m. & noon & 2:40, 5:10, 8, 10:25 p.m. In 3D 10:45 a.m. & 1:15, 3:55, 6:45, 9:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:25 a.m. & 12:55, 3:25, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45 p.m. In 3D 11:25 a.m. & 2, 4:20, 7, 9:25 p.m.
- The Way Way Back (PG-13) ★★★1/2**
Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55 p.m.
Guild Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55 p.m.
- The Wolverine (PG-13)**
Century 16: 10:30 a.m. & 1:30, 2:30, 4:45, 8, 9 p.m. & 12:01 a.m. Fri-Sat also at 11 p.m. In 3D 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. & 12:30, 3:45, 5:45, 7, 10:15 p.m.
Century 20: 11:30 a.m. & 2:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8:35, 9:35 p.m. In 3D 12:30, 6:35 p.m. In XD 10:30 a.m. & 1:30, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40 p.m.
- World War Z (PG-13)**
Century 20: 3:45, 9:05 p.m. In 3D 11:40 a.m. & 5:10, 10:40 p.m.

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

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



MOVIE OPENINGS

Fruitvale Station

★★★
(Aquarius, Century 20) Bay Area audiences may feel they need no introduction to Oscar Grant III when it comes to "Fruitvale Station," a based-on-a-true-story film about the young local's last hours on Earth. But Bay Area-bred writer-director Ryan Coogler feels it's precisely the point that we all do need to get to know the man — as more than a victim frozen in time.

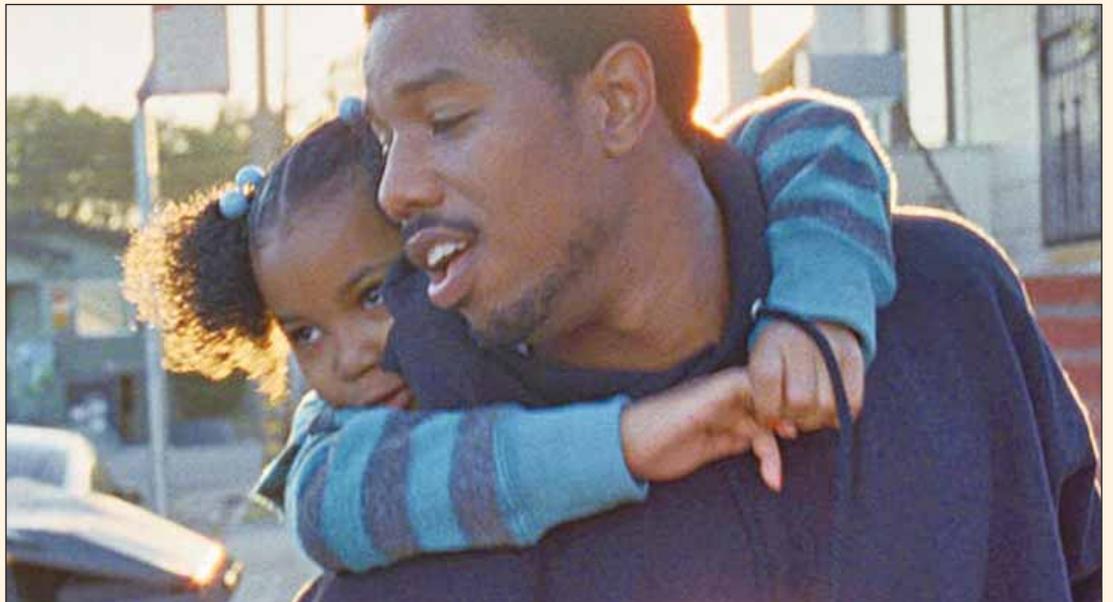
The film begins with the infamous cellphone video of Grant's ignominious end in the titular BART station, pointing up that this is what we have seen and mostly know of Grant. What follows, in docudramatic form, strives to round out our knowledge of this ordinary 22-year-old American male, to return this symbol to his humanity as a son, a grandson, a boyfriend, a father. "Fruitvale Station" tallies the toll of what was lost on New Year's Day 2009.

Star-in-the-making Michael

B. Jordan ("The Wire," "Friday Night Lights") ably walks a mile in Grant's shoes, conspiring with Coogler to show many facets of their subject. With 4-year-old daughter Tatiana (Ariana Neal), girlfriend Sophina (Melonie Diaz), and assorted family elders, Oscar radiates love and charm, but in unguarded moments, he reveals his anxiety about making ends meet without getting caught in a parole violation and reliving his nightmare of prison-bound separation from loved ones.

In a flashback to San Quentin (on New Year's Eve day of 2007), Coogler, Jordan and Octavia Spencer (splendid as Grant's mom, Wanda) establish emotional stakes. In what seems at the time, ironically, to be the worst-case scenario, Oscar flashes a volatile temper (which he hasn't entirely conquered in the present) as well as little-boy-lost remorse toward a mother achingly forcing herself to "tough love" her son.

Here and in the stomach-



Ariana Neal and Michael B. Jordan in "Fruitvale Station."

churning climax, "Fruitvale Station" functions on a gut level. More often, though, it is deliberately mundane. Oscar helps a market customer to prepare for a Southern fish fry. Oscar buys a birthday card for his mother, and looks forward to a dinner of Grandma Bonnie's gumbo. Oscar parries and thrusts in the bedroom, as he and Sophina fret together and

make love together.

Coogler isn't after much more than what naturally comes with his approach: a memorial in dramatic prose, an occasion for cathartic outrage and empathetic grief. And the film only notably stumbles when Coogler strains for clumsy symbolism (Oscar befriends a doomed stray dog — hoo boy) and intimations of fate (look how close

Oscar came to making it after all!). Social-justice issues are inherent in Grant's story, but "Fruitvale Station," for better and worse, prefers pure emotional appeal.

Rated R for some violence, language throughout and some drug use. One hour, 30 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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less Sherlock Holmes and more bull in a china shop. They're set loose on a flimsy, "Lethal Weapon"-y drug case, an excuse for the ol' odd-couple tropes to play out: the uncool Ashburn needs to learn not to be so uptight, while the hard Mullins needs to learn to let down her emotional guard. *Rated R for pervasive language, crude content and violence. One hour, 57 minutes.* — P.C.

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" Sul-



Dreamworks' "Turbo" features a speedy snail with big dreams.

livan (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.

PACIFIC RIM ★★★

"Go big or go home" may have been the mantra for the producers of "Pacific Rim." The blockbuster from director Guillermo del Toro ("Pan's Labyrinth") delivers its action on a massive scale while paying homage to Japanese monster flicks. On the surface, the film seems like little more than "Transformers vs. Godzilla," but undertones about teamwork and del Toro's deft touch keep the picture from drowning beneath its

own weight. The spectacle takes place in the not-too-distant future, when deadly creatures begin emerging from the Pacific Ocean. To battle said beasts, human beings develop life-sized robots (called "jaegers") operated by fighters. One is Raleigh Becket ("Sons of Anarchy" heartthrob Charlie Hunnam). A tragedy forces Raleigh to rethink his career path, until military leader Stacker Pentecost (Idris Elba) urges him back into the biz. Raleigh will have to click with rookie Mako Mori (Rinko Kikuchi) to defend against a kaiju onslaught while researcher Newton Geiszler (Charlie Day of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia") and mathematician Hermann Gottlieb (Burn Gorman) hunt for a scientific solution. *Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action and violence, and brief language. Two hours, 11 minutes.* — T.H.

TURBO ★★

In this CGI-animated adventure from DreamWorks, a garden snail wants nothing more than to be fast as a race car. Since it's the premise of the movie, we're bound to accept that an accidental swim through a nitrous-oxide-flooded engine will give Theo the snail his wish. But this magical occurrence also installs a car

radio in Theo and brake lights in his butt (if snails had butts, that is). Re-christened Turbo, Theo (Ryan Reynolds) continues to enjoy lucky coincidences and a minimum of strife or effort in achieving his goals. Soon, they've set their sights on the Indy 500, which, after Turbo becomes a viral sensation, bows to public pressure and allows the snail to race against the likes of French-Canadian five-time Indy champ Guy Gagne (Bill Hader). As per Turbo's mantra, "No dream is too big, and no dreamer too small." *Rated PG for mild action and thematic elements. One hour, 36 minutes.* — P.C.

THE WAY, WAY BACK

★★★1/2

The Oscar-winning co-writers of "The Descendants" have crafted a quirky little comedy that delivers life lessons in an endearing way. Liam James perfectly plays Duncan, the awkward teen who thinks tagging along with his single

mother (Toni Collette), her cocky boyfriend (Steve Carell) and his daughter (Zoe Levin) will be anything but fun. He's right. Carell has transformed from a lovable 40-year-old virgin to a controlling 40-something, spouting off his rules and easily manipulating Duncan's mousy mother to cater to his needs. Duncan's loneliness is palpable. Expressing his feelings primarily through subtle facial expressions and body language, James maintains a dour demeanor until a magical moment. In the garage, Duncan finds a girl's bicycle — pink with handlebar streamers and a basket — and pedals off furiously, an exhilarating rush of freedom coaxing a smile from his pursed lips. It's a defining plot point in the narrative, as Duncan discovers the Water Wizz amusement park and its goofy, good-hearted employees who will become his surrogate family. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content, language, brief drug material and thematic elements. One hour, 43 minutes.* — S.T.



Zoe Levin and Liam James in "The Way, Way Back."

AQUARIUS: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (266-9260)

CENTURY CINEMA 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View (800-326-3264)

CENTURY 20 DOWNTOWN: 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (800-326-3264)

CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456) **STANFORD THEATRE:** 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (324-3700)

For show times, plot synopses and more information about any films playing at the Aquarius, visit www.LandmarkTheatres.com

Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

PYT PRESENTS 'LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL'

Peninsula Youth Theatre presents its production of "Legally Blonde." July 27-Aug. 4, Friday-Sunday. Check website for times. \$16-\$20. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-8798. www.pytnet.org

ART GALLERIES

'Gone to the Wild' 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). 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

Gallery 9 Summer Art Thirty Bay Area artists will be displaying summer art through Aug. 31. Painterly cows, travels to Yosemite, and leisure reading are some of the depicted imagery. Self-published art books by five artists will also be on display. Reception: Friday, Aug. 2, 5-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Rengstorff Arts Festival This festival showcases local artists in a variety of mediums and selected student work from the art4schools program at the Community School for Music and Arts. July 31-Sept. 1, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. r-house.org

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. 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

'History as Biography' Avenidas offers an overview of key historical events, the people involved and their time impact, both immediately and in the future. Summer topic is presidents of the early 20th century, starting with Theodore Roosevelt and running through Herbert Hoover. Instructor is Phil Lumiss. Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m. through Aug. 27. \$25 members; \$35 non-members. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. www.avenidas.org

'Worm Composting Basics' Worms eat kitchen scraps and create a nutrient rich soil for indoor and outdoor plants. July 27, 10 a.m.-noon. Cubberley Community Center, Room H-1, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-496-5910. www.sccc.gov/forms/home/_layouts/FormServer.aspx?XsnLocation=/forms/home/aem/HomeCompostingWorkshopRegForm.xsn&DefaultItemOpen=1

4-Week Baby Boomer Blast: Palo Alto LuAnne Kalman shares her weights, balls, tubing, cones, gliders, etc. for a class that helps women stay healthy and vital as they approach and continue through their menopausal years. City of Palo Alto Enjoy Class #73934. Tuesday and Thursdays, July 30-Aug. 22, 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$108 residents; \$124 non-residents. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4900. www.cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy

Abilities United After School Socialization Summer Camp Abilities United After School Socialization Program teaches children ages 5-22 social, communication, problem-solving, negotiation, emotional regulation and identification, and play skills through cooperative non-competitive games and activities. Monday-Friday, June 3-Aug. 30, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Abilities United, 3864 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-618-3351. www.abilitiesunited.org/page.aspx?pid=295

Dance Festival Scholarships The deadline for scholarship applications to the International Dance Festival-Silicon Valley is July 26. Aug. 19-24, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$270. Mtn. View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-4110. www.livelyfoundation.org/wordpress

Foothill College Fall Quarter Registration Registration for the fall quarter at Foothill College runs July 22-Sept. 22. Classes meet Sept. 23-Dec. 13. Review the searchable class schedule

online and to register. California residents pay \$31 per unit plus basic fees; fees are due at the time of registration. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.fhda.edu/admissions.php

Gardening for Wildlife Invite wildlife into a garden by creating habitats for beneficial insects, butterflies and more. Learn how to provide food, shelter and water to support a healthy insect population. Master Gardener Roberta Barnes will discuss the wide variety of plants that provide pollen and nectar. July 30, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardener.org/sc.html

Habitat Gardening In this class, learn how to invite wildlife into a garden by creating habitats for beneficial insects, butterflies, birds, and other animals. July 30, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683.

KMVT Youth Summer Camps KMVT Community Television in Mountain View offers studio production and daycation camps for middle school students ages 10-14. Camps are one week long and held every winter break, spring break and summer. June 10-Aug. 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.html

Kung Fu for Kids & 'Little Dragons' "Kujiweza Kung Fu for Kids" is a life skills and martial arts training program for children ages 6-11. June 18-August 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$225 residents; \$259 non-residents. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4900. cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy

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/on-site/lifedrawing.htm

Prenatal Yoga Blossom Birth is offering prenatal yoga classes, held daily at different times. Check website for full schedule. Drop-ins welcome. July 20-Aug. 10, \$18. Blossom Birth, 299 S. California Ave. Ste. 120, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-2326. www.blossombirth.org/index.html

Raising Your Own Seedlings for the Cool Season It's easy to maintain a productive vegetable garden through mild fall and winter. Learn how and when to raise cool season seedlings so you will have plants ready to go at the ideal planting time. Join Master Gardeners to learn seeding, potting up and planting techniques. Aug. 3, 10-11 a.m. Free. Master Gardener Palo Alto Demonstration Garden, 851 Center Drive, Palo Alto. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardener.org/sc.html

The Home Buyers Seminar Bank of America hosts a home buyers seminar to answer questions such as "Is now the right time to buy a home in Silicon Valley? Should we move to a larger home or to a different area? Should we forget about buying a home in Silicon Valley and invest in real estate somewhere else instead?" July 28, 1:15-4:30 p.m. Free. Bank of America, 1001 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-305-1111. www.650and408homes.com/silicon_valley_home_buyer_seminar.html

CLUBS/MEETINGS

'Let's Network, Socialize, and Meet New Friends!' At this networking and happy hour event, meet professionals from all industries and careers who are interested in expanding their professional network. There will be a time set aside for lightening announcements -- make an announcement about a desire to meet a co-founder, product launch, need for funding, job opening, service offered, etc. Venue location/

address sent upon payment. Aug. 1, 6-9 p.m. \$12 in advance. Mountain View. www.businessnet-workingandhappyhour.eventbrite.com/

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, 3-5 p.m. until Sept. 10. Free. Los Altos Library program room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. sccl.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Real World Peacemaker': Quaker National Legislative Leader Diane Randall, leader of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), will speak at an event sponsored by Multifith Voices for Peace & Justice. Potluck at 6 p.m.; program at 7 p.m. July 28, 6-8 p.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto. multifithpeace.org/

Gokhale Method: Posture for a Pain-Free Life The Gokhale Method -- a process of restoring posture and movement to help re-establish the body's structural integrity -- was created by Esther Gokhale, who founded her Palo Alto-based center 20 years ago. The El Camino Hospital hosts an event on the method. July 30, Noon-1 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, conference room G, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. www.elcaminohospital.org/calendar

Life Time Athleta Esprit de She 5K The Life Time Athleta Esprit de She, an athletic event series designed for women, will host a 5K at the Baylands Nature Preserve in Palo Alto. Athleta Esprit de She features a signature post-race event, including a champagne bar. Aug. 1, 4:15-9 p.m. \$40. Baylands Athletic Center, 1900 Geng Road, Palo Alto. Call 952-229-7776. www.espritdeshe.com

linkAges TimeBank Orientation Session Red Rock Coffee is hosting three sessions on TimeBanking, a service exchange network in which members earn "Time Dollars" for time spent exchanging neighborly services with other members. RSVP online. July 28, Aug. 25 and Sept. 15, 5:30-8 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-691-8784. www.timebank.linkages.org

Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Obon Festival For the 65th year in a row, at the Obon Festival, the public can sample Buddhist and Japanese cultural offerings against a background of traditional Japanese and American food and drink. There will be music, martial arts, exhibitions and more. Aug. 3-4, 5-10 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road, Palo Alto. www.pabt.org

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. Movies are on Friday nights at 8:30 p.m. until Aug. 16. Check the website for specific movies. 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

Ujena Swimwear Charity Drive Ujena Swimwear's goal is to collect as many new or gently worn women's swimsuits as possible to give away to less fortunate women. The company is offering a \$20 off coupon for a future Ujena Swimwear purchase in exchange for a donation. The drive runs through July 31. Ujena Swimwear, 1931A Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 650-938-1002. www.facebook.com/events/611707982174307/

CONCERTS

Capriccio Chamber Orchestra Outdoor Concert Bring beach chairs, a picnic and wine to a family-friendly outdoor concert with the Capriccio Chamber Orchestra. July 27, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org/capriccio

Capriccio Chamber Orchestra Outdoors

Concert The Oshman Family JCC is hosting the Capriccio Chamber Orchestra for a summer concert. The program will include music by Verdi and Piazzolla. Attendees can bring beach chairs, picnic baskets and wine. July 27, 7:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8699. www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2013/07/27/cultural-arts/capriccio-chamber-orchestra-outdoors-concert/

DANCE

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing Try one month of 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.

ENVIRONMENT

Summer Scavenger Hunt for Kids Shoreline at Mountain View is hosting a summer scavenger hunt for youth - an independent activity for children and parents/guardians. Prizes will be awarded to the first 50 participants; event departs the Rengstorff House. July 28, 1-3 p.m. Free. Shoreline at Mountain View, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/shoreline-walks-talks-events

EXHIBITS

Baylands Watercolors See the Baylands through the eyes of watercolor artist Earl Jung-hans, who has been painting the Bay Area's amazing landscapes since the 1960s. The exhibit is on display Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays through Aug. 28 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. The EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. www.evols.org

Harmony III 2013: A Fine Art Photography Exhibit The Peking Duck Restaurant hosts the fifth in a series of rotating exhibits featuring photographs by Robin Kempster, James Ewing, Jeffrey Lee Melchor and Larry Sacks. A reception with the photographers and Richard Dischler will take place on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. Exhibit shows through Oct. 7. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Free. Peking Duck Restaurant, 151 S. California Ave., Palo Alto.

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.

Stanford Art Spaces This installation of Stanford Art Spaces features paintings by Bryan Ida and Warren Hedgpath, plus fiber constructions by Aryana B. Londir. On display until Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Stanford Art Spaces, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 650-725-3622. cis.stanford.edu/~marigros

FAMILY AND KIDS

'Family Fest' The Mountain View Public Library is hosting a family evening event to celebrate reading. Adults and children (4 years and older) are invited for hands-on activities, Pirate Reader's Theater and more. Kids can come dressed as their favorite book character. The first 50 families will get a free copy of the new "Read Aloud Handbook" by Jim Trelease. Aug. 1, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/default.asp

'Friday Night Flick-and-Float' This event combines pool time, a movie and food trucks. From 6 to 7 p.m. is food trucks and pool time, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. "Finding Nemo" will be playing" and 8:30 to 9 p.m., wrap-up and pool closure. Aug. 9, 6-9 p.m. \$5 adult; \$4 youth; \$2 infant. Rinconada Pool, 777 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-838-2931. www.cityof-paloalto.org/library

'Honk! Jr.' "Honk! Jr." is a contemporary retelling of Hans Christian Anderson's classic story, "The Ugly Duckling." Bring a picnic for your family or purchase hot dogs and other dinner items at

the show. July 10-27, Wednesday-Sunday, 6:30-8 p.m. \$12 adults, \$10 children. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4970. www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/theatre/default.asp

'Three Little Pigs' The pig who builds his house from brick doesn't get eaten by the wolf and lives to tell the tale. But is that the whole truth or just porcine propaganda? That's the question in this parody of "The Three Little Pigs." Bring a picnic for your family or purchase hot dogs and other dinner items at the show. July 31-Aug. 10, Wednesday-Sunday, 6:30-8 p.m. \$12 adults, \$10 children. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4970. www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/theatre/default.asp

5-Day Summer Bible Club Bayshore Christian Ministries is hosting a five-day summer bible club with food and games for kids in grades 1-5. Monday through Friday, July 1-Aug. 1. Free. Bayshore Christian Ministries, 1001 Beech St., East Palo Alto. Call 650-543-2129.

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-Aug. 14, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Summer Reading Camps Linden Tree Books in Los Altos hosts summer reading camps. They are designed to let children choose books from their school reading list, Linden Tree staff recommendations or by personal selection. Kindergarten's camp is 2-3 p.m., first and second graders, 4-5 p.m.; middle schoolers (6th-8th grade), 4-6 p.m. July 29-August 2, Monday-Friday, \$95 per child per session for a Monday through Friday camp. Includes one paperback book. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

HEALTH

Advances in Knee Replacement Surgery Learn about the latest techniques in orthopedic surgery in this lecture, led by orthopedic surgeons from El Camino Hospital. July 31, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital Mountain View Conference Room E&F, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View.

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 July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Dec. 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital Park Pavilion Second Floor, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. www.elcamino-hospital.org

Low-Impact Aerobics This Avenidas class includes cardiovascular endurance, muscle strength, flexibility, balance and rhythm. Floor work is part of the class format. Wear comfortable shoes and exercise clothing. Bring dumb bells and exercise mat. Tuesdays and Thursday through Aug. 1, 10:15-11:15 a.m. \$40 members/\$50 non-members. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. avenidas.org

LIVE MUSIC

'Music by the Bay' Environmental Volunteers is hosting a guided walk in the Baylands, an outdoor bring-your-own picnic dinner and a performance by local blues, folk and country musician Nancy Cassidy. RSVP by July 29. Aug. 4, 4:30-7:30 p.m. \$20 for adults; \$10 children. EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto.

Benefit Concert with Joan Baez, Emmylou Harris & Jackson Browne A benefit concert with Joan Baez, Jackson Browne and Emmylou Harris will support the Downtown Streets Team, a nonprofit organization that works to end homelessness. Tickets are available online. July 27, 7-9:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$65-\$250.

San Jose Civic, 135 San Carlos St., San Jose. Call 650-305-1174. www.streetsteam.org

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

Prodigy Flamenco Guitar with Chris Cucuzza Morocco's Restaurant hosts Cucuzza to play flamenco guitar, starting at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 1-8, 5-11 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Rengstorff Arts Festival Parhelion Ensemble, a jazz group, performs a contemporary and experimental repertoire in the Rengstorff gardens. There will be general admission and lawn seating. Aug. 4, 2-3 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. r-house.org

ON STAGE

'Damn Yankees' The Foothill Music Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning musical "Damn Yankees" in which middle-aged baseball fanatic Joe Boyd trades his soul to the devil for a chance to lead his favorite team to victory in the pennant race against the New York Yankees. Performance times vary. July 26-Aug. 18, \$10-\$28. Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothillmusicals.com

'Gretel and Hansel,' a new twist on an old tale Written in the style of a British pantomime for Shakespeare Santa Cruz, this version of Gretel and Hansel is full of puns and audience participation. The music, composed by Craig Bohmler, features styles from ragtime to hip hop. Fridays and Saturdays, July 12-27, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15 for children/seniors, \$17 general. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosrecreation.org/layt-youth-theatre.html

The Importance of Being Earnest Stanford Summer Theater presents Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," directed by Lynn Soffer, with Kay Kostopoulos, Marty Pistone, Courtney Walsh, Don Demico, Jessica Waldman, David Raymond, Austin Caldwell and Ruth Marks. July 18-Aug. 11, 8-10 p.m. \$25, \$15 for students and seniors. Pigott Theater, Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. www.stanford.edu/group/summertheater/cgi-bin/ssst/tickets

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

'Mental Illness: Breaking the Silence, Overcoming the Shame' Lifetree Cafe invites the community to share conversation on "Mental Illness: Breaking the Silence, Overcoming the Shame," featuring a filmed interview with Amy Simpson, author of "Troubled Minds," whose mother was schizophrenic. Snacks/beverages available. July 28 7-8 p.m. Free. 3373 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.lifetreecafe.com

Friendly Shabbat Potluck Congregation Kol Emeth will hold multiple Friday night services in the backyard of a private home, followed by a kosher potluck dinner. For location addresses, please call the Kol Emeth office. July 26, Aug. 2 and 9, 6 p.m. Free. Palo Alto. Call 650-948-7498. kolemeth.org

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays through Aug. 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

Interspiritual Meditation Community Learn how to meditate at Sanctify the Day in Mountain View. Through July 27, the community will hold Saturday morning talks on the theme of spiritual practice led by Reverend Priya Friday-Pabros. 7-9 a.m. Free (donations accepted). Cassand Ballet, 223 Moffet Blvd., Mountain View. Call 659-691-5206. www.sanctifytheday.com

St. Ann Day Latin Mass St. Thomas Aquinas Church is holding High Mass for St. Ann Day. The Mass Ave Maris Stella by Josquin Des Prez, together with Gregorian chants, will be sung by the St. Ann Choir under the direction of Stanford Professor William Mahrt. July 26, 8-9:15 p.m. Free. St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 751 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-7933. www.stannchoir.org

University Public Worship Stanford's Memorial Church hosts University Public Worship

with Rev. Scotty McLennan, dean for Religious Life, preaching and music by university organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan. July 28, 10-11 a.m. Free and open to the public Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. events.stanford.edu/events/368/36861

SPECIAL EVENTS

Relay For Life of Palo Alto This 24-hour fundraising event includes music, games and activities. The event generates funds and awareness for cancer prevention. July 27-28, 10 a.m.-10 a.m. Free. Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 415.562.4469. http://main.acevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY13CA?pg=entry&fr_id=49029

Silicon Valley Beer Week Steins Beer Garden in Mountain View is celebrating Silicon Valley's Beer Week by hosting several special guest breweries over the course of the week. July 28 will feature

Widmer Bros; July 30, The Lost Abbey/Port Brewing; Aug. 1, The Bruery and Aug. 3, Hangar 24. 2 p.m. Free. Steins Beer Garden, 895 Villa St., Mountain View. www.steinsbeergarden.com,

Sliderbar + 21st Amendment For Silicon Valley Beer Week, Sliderbar will offer pints of 21st Amendment beer paired with a special slider, plus one of the customer's choice. July 28-Aug. 3, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Free. Sliderbar, 324 University Ave., Palo Alto. www.sliderbarusa.com/

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

TALKS/AUTHORS

'Secrets of the Adepts' Workshop East

West Bookstore hosts James Phillips, author and co-founder of Living in Truth LLC, to talk about ancient Egypt. July 29, 7:30-9 p.m. \$35 thru July 28, \$45 day of. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. www.eastwest.com/events

'Wealth And Power: China's Long March to the Twenty-First Century' Schell and Delury of the Asia Society's Center on U.S.-China Relations will talk about the rise of China to a global economic powerhouse, the country's future and some of the country's most influential leaders, political figures, and activists who helped create modern China. July 30, 7-8 p.m. \$10-\$15. Cubberley Community Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 408-280-5530. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2013-07-30/orville-schell-and-john-delury-rise-china

Anne Lyerly at Books Inc. Dr. Anne Drapkin Lyerly, an OB/GYN, shares strategies on having

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Bruce Neuberger at Books Inc. Former farm worker and longtime radical political activist, Bruce Neuberger shares "Lettuce War," a memoir and social commentary on farm-worker politics. Aug. 1, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-0600. www.booksinc.net/event/2013/08/18/month/all/all/1

Richard Kadrey at Books Inc. Richard Kadrey shares the latest installment in his Sandman Slim series, "Kill City Blues." Kadrey is also a contributing writer for Wired magazine, the San Francisco Chronicle and Discovery Online. July 31, 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

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This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
ISABEL FAJARDO DELGADO
160 W. Arbor Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
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(MVV July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013)

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Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 26, 2013.
(MVV July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2013)

NEW STAR LIMOUSINE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 580168
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
New Star Limousine, located at 1689 Cedar creek Dr., San Jose, CA 95121, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SARANINDER-PAL SINGH
1689 Cedar creek Dr.
San Jose, CA 95121
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 3, 2013.
(MVV July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 2013)

AKRITI FASHIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 580732
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Akriti Fashions, located at 100 N. Whisman Rd. #2516, 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):
GARIMA BADJATIA
100 N Whisman Rd. #2516
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on Oct. 2011.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 18, 2013.
(MVV July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2013)

997 All Other Legals
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 7023.105341 Title Order No. 130067843 MIN No. APN 170-19-036 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/06/05. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without

covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): Paul F. Kunz and Lynn E. Chang Hum, husband and wife as joint tenants Recorded: 10/18/05, as Instrument No. 18627595, of Official Records of Santa Clara County, California. Date of Sale: 08/08/13 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Market Street entrance to the Superior Courthouse, 190 North Market Street., San Jose, CA The purported property address is: 1124 KAREN WAY, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040 Assessors Parcel No. 170-19-036 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$491,547.57. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be

postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com using the file number assigned to this case 7023.105341. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: July 9, 2013 NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Melissa Myers, Authorized Signatory 1241 E. Dyer Road, Suite 250, Santa Ana, CA 92705 866-387-6987 Sale Info website: www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com Automated Sales Line: 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: 866-387-NWTS THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ORDER # 7023.105341: 07/19/2013, 07/26/2013, 08/02/2013 MVV

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 7037.99525 Title Order No. 7520053 MIN No. 100058900000199786 APN 193-49-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/16/01. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any,

shown herein. Trustor(s): JENNIFER MAREK, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 02/01/01, as Instrument No. 15545661, of Official Records of SANTA CLARA County, California. Date of Sale: 08/08/13 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Market Street entrance to the Superior Courthouse, 190 North Market Street., San Jose, CA The purported property address is: 956 BONITA AVE 9, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040 Assessors Parcel No. 193-49-009 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$184,996.72. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com using the file number assigned to this case 7037.99525. Information about

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
Date of Filing Application: July 19, 2013
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: YU QIN SHEN, QIANG NENG XU
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 1711 W. El Camino Real Ste. B Mountain View, CA 94040-2454
Type of license(s) applied for: 41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE EATING PLACE
(MVV July 26, 2013)

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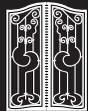
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Ric Parker BRE #00992559 650.941.7040



SANTA CLARA Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **Price Upon Request**
977 Warburton Av #302 2 BR 2 BA Top flr; end unit, inside W/D hookups, detached 1 car garage. Easy access to 101, 85 & 280
Geraldine Asmus BRE #01328160 650.325.6161



SANTA CLARA Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$198,999**
982 Kiely Blvd #F 1 BR 1 BA Well maintained complex w/3 pools, spa, playground area, game room & clubhouse. Low HOA.
Kevin Klemm BRE #01857018 650.328.5211



REDWOOD CITY **\$988,000**
2 BR 2 BA Vintage Wellesley Crescent home converted to duplex. Enormous rms, lrg lot, prime location
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PALO ALTO Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,995,000**
2031 Park Bl 4 BR 3 BA Lg family rm, hrdwd flrs, Ground flr BR & full bath, new carpet upstairs, near Peers Park.
Erica Esparza BRE #01923144 650.325.6161



PALO ALTO Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$549,000**
440 Cesano Ct #311 1 BR 1 BA Large condo in prime location has all you need for comfortable suburban living!
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PALO ALTO Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,789,000**
4013 Amaranta Avenue 3 BR 2.5 BA Inviting 1-lvl ranch style hm in desirable Barron Park Area. Fenced sparkling pool & deck.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,575,000**
3414 Shady Springs Lane 4 BR 2.5 BA Formal entry, gracious LR w/ vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Kitchen w/sep eating area. Patio.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW Coming Soon! **Price Upon Request**
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MENLO PARK Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,500,000**
300 Sand Hill Ci #302 3 BR 2 BA Fabulous golf course view from single level condo. Approx. 2,100 sf. Great storage. Pool.
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CUPERTINO Sat/Sun 1:30 - 3:30 **\$2,150,000**
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