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High rent: Challenge for some, cakewalk for others



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The Madera apartment complex modeled its rental office after an Apple Store. The development's "I am home" motto appears throughout the complex.

Huge demand for pricey new apartments

By Daniel DeBolt

Across the street from the downtown train station Mountain View's first new apartment complex in more than 10 years is luxurious and very popular.

"We're 100-percent occupied, which is really crazy," said Jon Moss, vice president of Pro-metheus Real Estate Group, of

the 209-unit complex which opened in January at 455 West Evelyn Ave. "That's usually not the case."

What's more surprising is what tenants here have been willing to pay for rent. A tenant on the second floor is paying \$4,300 a month for a two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment with hardwood floors

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Our series on the high cost of housing in Mountain View continues this week with a look at two very different apartment complexes.



overlooking a courtyard. But the rents here are rising and now you can expect to pay \$4,600 a month or more for a similar apartment in the com-

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MICHELLE LE

Sisters Cynthia, 15, and Briseyda, 11, share a room with their parents in a one-bedroom apartment. They worry that rent increases could force their family to move.

Struggling tenants face uncertain future

By Daniel DeBolt

As rents in their once-affordable neighborhood skyrocket, longtime apartment dwellers on Mountain View's California Street say they have no good options.

"They are my family, they are not just my neighbors," said California Street resident Elena Pacheco, as she sat in her living

room surrounded by members of four other households in her building. "We are very concerned about this situation," said Pacheco, a teacher and community organizer.

The 1960s-era complex is like many on California Street, occupied by a mix of the working poor and young tech

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Mock-police Twitter account fools press

MOUNTAIN VIEW MAN TWEETS FROM 'ALTERNATE REALITY' MVRPD

By Nick Veronin

A Mountain View humorist inadvertently duped a local news outlet into posting a real story about a

made-up incident. It only took him 120 characters.

The story reported that a man — preoccupied with a YouTube video, which he was watching on his Google Glass headset — had

walked into and broken a window in downtown Mountain View. That tweet was not pushed out by the official Mountain View Police Department Twitter account, @MountainViewPD. It was pub-

lished on a satirical account run by a local computer programmer who tweets about an "alternate-reality Mountain View."

The story is at once humorous and instructive, according to Matt Basta, who runs a fake police Twitter account under the handle @MVPoliceBlotter.

Basta is a Mountain View

transplant who moved here from Pennsylvania two years ago. He said the fact that his story was picked up says a lot about what people will believe and what people want to believe.

"I think it's pretty funny, but also sad that (a lot of) folks were

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Sofia Biros

Do you tend to fix things that break, or simply buy replacements?



"I fix what I can, but when it comes to clothes, I buy new ones."

Joy Montgomery, Los Altos



"I absolutely fix things. I have a bicycle that is about 20 years old and it's a tank. It has all replaced parts. It's really good for the environment but it's also kind of a 'guy technical' thing. We like to go out and fix things."

Stephen Hays, Mountain View



"I prefer to fix it but if the challenge is too much, I'll give it away and buy something new."

Cathie McGee, Jacksonville, Fla.



"I fix everything that's broken."

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CRIME BRIEFS

PARTY GOES BAD FOR MV MEN

Two Mountain View men were arrested — one of them for assaulting a police officer — after officers broke up an apartment party at a complex located at 280 Orchard Ave.

According to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department, neighbors called the cops after midnight on July 31, complaining of noise. Police showed up and told the young revelers to be quiet.

However, neighbors also called the apartment's tenant, who was out of town, Thompson said. The man, realizing that his daughter had thrown a party while he was away, called police and told them he wanted everyone out.

Officers returned to the house at about 12:20 a.m. and told everyone they needed to leave, Thompson said — a direction that upset two particularly intoxicated young men.

As 20-year-old Dominic Azoulay and 19-year-old Angel Chaverri left the party they allegedly hurled homophobic slurs at the officers. According to Thompson, one of the officers determined Azoulay was intoxicated, as the man was slurring his speech and wobbly on his feet. The officer decided to place him under arrest for public intoxication.

Apparently, this further angered his friend, Chaverri, who protested, leaning forward and allegedly striking the officer on the shoulder. Chaverri was then arrested for battery on a police officer as well as public intoxication, Thompson said.

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600 block Alamo Ct., 8/6

VANDALISM

100 block Ada Av., 8/5

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NEW CSMA DIRECTOR

The new executive director of the Community School of Music and Arts started her new job Monday.

After recently losing executive director Moy Eng unexpectedly, and working under an interim chief officer, CSMA's board of directors has appointed Vickie Scott Grove the new permanent director and is inviting the community to meet her.

Grove is set to lead the Mountain View-based organization beginning Aug. 5, according to a press release. Grove replaces interim director Andrea Temkin, who took over after Eng stepped down at the end of March. Grove is planning to meet community members during CSMA's annual open house on Sunday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school's Finn Center, located at 230 San Antonio Circle.

Grove comes to CSMA after serving as vice president of programs at ALearn — a non-profit organization focused on helping underrepresented students succeed in school and make it to college. There she was in charge of development, expansion

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Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, greets Jose Antonio Vargas at the Bay Area premiere of the film "Documented."

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Zuckerberg calls for immigration reform

FACEBOOK CEO GIVES BIG PUSH TO VARGAS' DREAMER DOCUMENTARY

By Daniel DeBolt

The push for immigration reform got a boost Monday night when Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg gave opening remarks for a film about Jose Antonio Vargas, an undocumented immigrant and Pulitzer Prize winner who graduated from Mountain View High School.

Shown at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco to a sold-out crowd of over 700 people, "Documented" is part advocacy journalism and part documentary. It gives an unusual inside look at the experience of being an undocumented immigrant through the personal story of Vargas, who was brought to the United States from the Philippines to live with his grandparents on Farley Avenue at age 12. The film covers his sense of abandonment by his mother that followed, and then striving as a journalist to "write my way into America." After a stint as a *Voice* intern during high school and later as a reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle, he went on to win a Pulitzer Prize at the Washington Post.

Vargas came out publicly as an undocumented immigrant in a lengthy story in the New York Times, revealing that he had used fake documents to obtain jobs at the nation's top newspapers. "I'm done running," he explained.

He's since formed the nonprofit organization Define American to humanize the immigration debate by telling his story to "anyone who will listen."

Though Vargas had billed the Aug. 5 event as a "cultural" one aiming to bring people together, hanging over the event were doubts about whether Zuckerberg and his immigration reform advocacy group, FWD.us — which sponsored the event — were true allies to those championed in Vargas' work. While no concrete policies were advocated, Zuckerberg made assurances that he was interested in more than just H1-B visas for high-tech immigrant engineers in Silicon Valley.

"People often talk about two parts of the issue, high-skilled H1-Bs, the issues that tech com-

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MayView Clinic to open new MV center

By Nick Veronin

Mountain View's longest running low-income primary health care clinic has moved to a new location and is preparing for its grand opening later this month.

On Thursday, Aug. 22, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the clinic will

open its doors to the community to show off its brand new facility on the second floor of 900 Miramonte Ave. The open house will feature food, refreshments, tours and presentations given by health specialists.

The MayView Clinic began operating in 1972 and has been serving residents of Mountain

View and other northern and Midpeninsula communities for more than 40 years. In 2011 its building was sold and the new owner decided to turn it into an apartment complex.

At the time, some worried about the future of the clinic future, which CEO Shamima Hasan said serves about 6,000

patients a year — 40 percent of whom are uninsured. If the clinic, which takes about 19,000 unique appointments each year, was forced to relocate to another city, local officials speculated that many low-income Mountain View residents would be left scrambling to find ways to get to either of the other two MayView clinics in Palo Alto and Sunnyvale or make the longer trip to San Jose, where there are more

social services.

"A lot of the low-income people live in Mountain View," Hasan said, explaining why it was important for her to make sure the Mountain View clinic stayed in town. "We are the only community clinic in Mountain View providing the comprehensive services that we provide."

Without the MayView Clinic,

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Broken? Don't throw that away

REPAIR CAFE ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO REPAIR, NOT REPLACE

By Nick Veronin

If it ain't broke don't fix it. And if it is, well ... you should at least try to fix it.

Following the lead of a Palo Alto entrepreneur and hundreds of others around the country and across the world, a

Mountain View couple is trying to let others know that there is often an alternative to chucking broken household appliances, devices and clothes in the trash and replacing them. In many cases, according to Maia Coladonato, those items can be repaired.

And there's no need to fret if you don't know how to troubleshoot your toaster or uninstall your glitchy copy of Microsoft Word, because there are people who are willing to show you how to do just that — for free.

To prove it, Coladonato and her husband, Greg, are organiz-

ing a "Repair Cafe" at the Hacker Dojo where tinkerers and the mechanically disinclined alike are invited to show up and see if they can breathe new life into broken lamps, ripped backpacks and crippled clocks.

The Mountain View Repair Cafe will be held at the Hacker Dojo, located at 599 Fairchild Drive, on Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is free, though donations in the form of money, food and refreshments are encour-

aged, Coladonato said.

Coladonato said she and her husband have been participating in the occasional Repair Cafe events hosted by Peter Skinner of Palo Alto. It just made sense to bring the concept to Mountain View, she explained. "Ideally, there is one in every community."

It would be ideal, Coladonato said, because these days it seems

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panies have, and full comprehensive immigration reform as if they are two completely separate issues,” Zuckerberg said. “Anyone who knows a DREAMer knows that they’re not.”

Young immigrants “are going to be tomorrow’s entrepreneurs and the people creating jobs in this country,” Zuckerberg said. “Someone did a study recently that showed that half of the top tech companies were founded by immigrants.”

Before the film began, Vargas asked the audience, “How do we

define American? As far as I’m concerned I am an American, I am just waiting for my country to recognize it.”

The personal is political

In a panel discussion after the film, Vargas said that he and others were not “coming out” but “letting you in” on the experience of being undocumented. Some of the film’s more striking scenes are when he confronts his opponents by revealing his personal story, which leads to some surprising exchanges. In one he gets a fist-bump after he wins over a man who seemed

belligerent at first but then slowly becomes more reasonable as Vargas explains that he’s been paying his taxes like everyone else. He befuddles people by explaining that he’s a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist but “there is no line” for him to get into if he wants to become a citizen, an apparently common misunderstanding.

The film’s most powerful moments were about Vargas’ relationship with his mom, whom he stopped talking to in 1997, apparently upset that she had not followed him to the U.S. A film crew in the Philippines and another in the U.S. capture their reunion over Skype, with both of them in tears. “I didn’t even know how I was supposed to feel about my mom,” Vargas explains.

A number of Mountain View residents attended the screening, including over 20 from the Mountain View Day Worker Center. The center’s director said Vargas’ story reflected the pain many immigrants face when they leave their families behind and can no longer relate to them.

“Their first families get destroyed, it’s very true,” Maria Marroquin said of her day workers who cross the border without their wives and children.

Guadalupe Garcia, a DREAMer who works at a downtown Mountain View eatery and came to the U.S. with her mother as a child, said she found the film compelling because it made her reflect on the real possibility of being separated from her own mother. “I can’t imagine not having my mom,” she said.

Facebook CEO inspired to act

Zuckerberg said his interest in immigration started when his wife encouraged him to teach students about entrepreneurship in Menlo Park’s low-income neighborhood east of Highway 101. He asked the students what they were worried about and one replied, “I’m not sure I’ll be able to go to college because I’m undocumented.”

Zuckerberg said the student’s



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Mark Zuckerberg speaks before the screening of Jose Antonio Vargas’ film is shown in San Francisco on Aug. 5.

response “really touched me.”

“I asked the students how many were born outside of the U.S. and about half of them put their hands up. It was impossible to tell the difference between them. There was no difference between the students who were born in the U.S. and were born outside, but they had this issue and they weren’t going to be given an equal opportunity.”

“I went home and talked to some of my friends that run tech companies and we decided to do our best at helping out,” Zuckerberg said. “So we created this organization to push to get comprehensive immigration reform done.”

He added that he was “really heartened to see just how easy it was to get so many of the leaders of a lot of the great companies out here to sign on to support, not just the issues that affect their company, but full comprehensive immigration reform.”

Zuckerberg called Vargas a “friend” whom he initially got to know after Vargas used Facebook to report on the Virginia Tech shootings to win a Pulitzer Prize, and later when Vargas profiled Zuckerberg for the New Yorker.

Zuckerberg noted that when President Barack Obama decided to create a path to citizenship to allow immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, Vargas was too old to qualify. “He missed the cutoff by four months,” Zucker-

berg noted. “He’s been fighting to make sure no one has had the issues he’s had and to really bring justice.” He added that he found Vargas’ story “so compelling.”

While introducing the film, Vargas vouched a bit for Zuckerberg and his efforts.

“I remember when Joe and Mark and I were first talking about Forward — it didn’t even have a name yet — and they wanted to make sure this wasn’t only about engineers, it wasn’t only going to be about H1-Bs, it wasn’t only going to be about Silicon Valley,” Vargas said, referring to Zuckerberg and FWD.us president Joe Green.

After the film, Vargas said he was willing to go anywhere and talk to anyone about immigration.

“We as Americans need to be able to sit down and talk with those who may be against us,” he said. “We are not getting anywhere if we just stay in our corners and point to each other.”

Following the event, FWD.us launched a television ad calling for immigration reform. It tells the story of teenager Alejandro Morales, whose dream of becoming a Marine is thwarted by his lack of citizenship even though he’s lived in the U.S. since he was 7 months old. Zuckerberg shared the ad with his 16.9 million followers on Facebook, generating 10,000 likes in less than an hour on Wednesday. ▀

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The **panel discussion** included, from left, Andrew Mason and Ruchi Sangvhi of FWD.us, Gaby Pacheco, Jose Antonio Vargas and Joe Green.

Santa Clara County woman tests positive for West Nile

By Gennady Sheyner

A Santa Clara County woman has recently tested positive for West Nile virus, the county's first such case this year, health officials said.

According to the county's Health & Hospital System (HHS), the woman became ill in mid-July and was briefly hospitalized. She is now recovering at home.

While there have been 14 confirmed cases of West Nile virus in humans this year in California, there haven't been any in the county this year or in 2012. The last human case of the virus in the county was in 2011 and it proved fatal. The county had also experienced one case in 2008, four in 2007 and five in 2006, according to the county.

Of the 14 statewide cases this year, two were fatal. The county

noted in its announcement that the risk of becoming seriously ill from West Nile is low for most people. Less than 1 percent of people can develop serious neurological illnesses such as encephalitis or meningitis, according to HHS.

Infections are most common between June and September, when the weather is warm and mosquitoes are most active.

County officials said residents can lower their risk of getting infected by West Nile Virus by using insect repellent when outdoors; wearing long sleeves and pants when going outside between dusk and dawn; installing screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out; and emptying standing water in flowerpots, gutters, pet-water dishes and other containers. ▀

REPAIR

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people are always ready to throw certain items away when they break, even when the item can be easily fixed.

In the time she's spent observing Skinner's event, she said she has seen many toasters and lamps — two items that can easily be replaced for around \$25. But when someone makes the decision to just buy a new one, they often end up throwing the old one in the landfill or shoving it into a corner of the garage where it gathers dust, she said.

"We're in this disposable economy," she said. And it's bad for people's pocketbooks, it's bad for the environment and it reinforces a culture of planned obsolescence among manufacturers when consumers tell them that they'd rather just replace a cheap product than invest in a product that is meant to stand the test of time.

While many are perfectly fine replacing things that break in their homes, Skinner said he sees a growing number of people rebelling against the paradigm. "I think people are getting frustrated with our consumer culture," Skinner said. "It's like, 'No! We don't need to buy more and more and more.' We can invest in fixing what we have."

Skinner, who held his first Repair Cafe in October of 2012, said he has seen people fixing things for a number of reasons. Some are striking back at rampant consumerism. For others it is about the environment. Oth-

ers still are simply trying to save money in a tighter economy.

He said he got the idea to start his event when he read about the concept in a New York Times article in March 2012, in a story on Repair Cafes in Amsterdam. At that time, 30 groups had founded Repair Cafes all throughout the Netherlands and established a foundation to help fund the effort.

An opinion piece recently published on WIRED.com, called for a "fixer movement," much like the so-called "maker movement," which encourages people to take to workshops to build things instead of relying on overseas manufacturers for goods.

Skinner said that between 500 to 600 people have come to his Repair Cafe in the past year, and if things go the way Coladonato hopes, her event will be equally as popular.

People who are knowledgeable about computers, household appliances and gadgetry are encouraged to come and bring their tools. Those who know how to sew are also invited. Just about anyone who thinks they might be able to fix something should show up, she said.

Ultimately, Coladonato said, the Repair Cafe is intended to help strengthen the community. "That's one of the things that I love about it."

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plex, depending on its location, said Prometheus' Nathan Tuttle. When the project was approved by the City Council in 2010, Prometheus estimated monthly rent of \$2,500 for the two-bedroom apartments.

A tour of the complex — named "Madera," the Spanish word for wood after the fact that it replaced Minton's lumberyard — reveals what would happen if you mixed a luxurious version of Ikea with a Google office building's wackiness. Tuttle said Prometheus wanted the leasing office to have the feel of an Apple store.

A number of the units are reserved by Google for Google employees. Resident Diego Silva said he works in sales for Google, visiting on a rotation from his Google office in Brazil.

"The apartment is very good," said the young Google employee, though he says he hasn't enjoyed the luxury amenities or the cooking or yoga classes — he's been too busy with work.

Moss' favorite amenity is a rooftop patio atop the four-story side of the building, which tenants can use for private parties, overlooking the city while sitting around a fireplace or barbecuing under a trellis. On the first and second floor there's a community room with a kitchen and lounge area, a 15-seat theater, a video game room where the walls are covered by thousands of Lego bricks and an array of flat screens.

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Madera developers Jon Moss and Nathan Tuttle sit on a turf-covered bench.



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One of Madera's two underground bike storage areas.

lounge there's a resort-like pool with a double sided fireplace separating it from a jacuzzi that lights up at night. In and around the common areas funky art pieces are everywhere — in the kitchen there's a large picture of Julia Childs while a cluster of Etch-A-Sketches hang in a hallway.

Madera resident Joan Tra-

vis said she had just moved from Austin, Tx. for her husband's new job down the street, renting at Madera until they could snag one of the few homes for sale in the area. Moss said the lack of homes for sale was driving many to Madera, and many residents are in their 30s and 40s — mak-

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employees, with two stories surrounding a pool. Some of the buildings were renovated and have higher rents, while others remain on the edge of affordability as an influx of tech employees sends rents soaring.

“Pretty soon I won’t be able to stay here,” said resident Wanda, who works as a records technician in a law office. “Rents are rising every year by \$100 at least.”

Wanda and her neighbors pay \$1,400 for a one-bedroom apartment in their building near Escuela Avenue, which is below average. The average cost of a one bedroom apartment in Mountain View rose from \$1,426 in 2009 to \$1,828 in 2012, according to data service Real Facts.

Candelaria shares a one-bedroom apartment with her husband and two teenage daughters. They struggle to get by even though she and her husband both work — she as a janitor at night, and her husband as a tree-trimmer during the day.

“We don’t have money to buy new clothes,” said Candelaria’s teenaged daughter. “Not to be rude, but white people have everything they want and our parents struggle.” She noted that her mom has to work a graveyard shift while her father risks electrocution and works in the hot sun trimming trees.

“It’s rare that I eat lunch at school,” she added. “Supposedly my parents make enough money for us to not qualify for the free lunch. Just because my parents make a certain amount of money doesn’t mean we have enough to survive.” She said she hopes to get a job as soon as she turns 16 in December so she can help pay for the rent increase the family expects in January.

The women say landlords in the neighborhood are kicking out renters in order to renovate the buildings and raise rents.

“There’s the stress of: ‘When are you going to get that notice and it’s time to move out,’” said Norma, a stay at home mother of three who lives in the building with her husband. “Everyone has been getting it. My mother-in-law has left, my husband’s aunt — they all lived around here and they all had to leave. Landlords tell you you can come back, but the rent is almost double. It’s like, ‘No way.’”

The rising rents mean that the residents are constantly pondering their options.

The women said it has become common to rent out living room space, which has created a dangerous situation for the households’ children. Pacheco said she knew of a case where a girl was raped.

“Too many people live there and things happen,” Pacheco



said. “It’s a huge issue, you cannot have a 5-year-old sleeping on the sofa, when you have three guys sleeping on the floor.”

If the residents are lucky, they might be able to move into one of about 1,000 subsidized homes in the city. But the demand is so great that people wait for years to get one. “I’ve been on the wait list for three years,” Norma said.

“I’ve been on it for seven!” added Pacheco.

There is of course, the option of leaving Mountain View for a cheaper city, but the residents are well-versed on all of the drawbacks of moving away. Cheaper rent elsewhere means paying the cost of leaving behind friends, family or a sense of community; paying more to commute a longer distance to work, and there’s the sometimes deadly cost of living in a neighborhood where there’s more violence. All of it makes it



Clockwise from top: Sarah shows off her corner of the room she shares with her parents and twin siblings; Elena Pacheco sublets rooms in her apartment to local interns; Briseyda walks past the unheated pool at her complex; Norma hugs her daughter as Sarah and her little brother relax in the living room.

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ing Travis a bit older than the average resident.

“It’s definitely more than a mortgage, but you don’t have to put 20 percent down,” Travis said of the rent. She added that the cost of housing in the area was “crazy” and that Austin was at least 50 percent cheaper.

“We like the location and a big factor is it accepts animals,” Travis said. A lot of other apartments she looked at were quick to say “no pets allowed,” she said.

Many residents can be seen walking their dogs in and around the complex. There’s even a “pet spa” where residents can wash dogs in a large stainless steel basin or groom them with special trimmers.

“We love being able to walk downtown,” Travis said. In her apartment she likes the hardwood floors and cathedral skylights. “My husband has the shortest commute of his life. It’s worked out for us.”

Madera appears to be targeting those who might otherwise be seeking an urban lifestyle in San

Francisco, perhaps ditching their car for Caltrain and a bicycle or a company shuttle (Google’s shuttle stop is across the street). There are messages everywhere branding the building for the demographic expected to rent here. “Trust your gut” is the business saying written in large letters on the conference room ceiling, while a picture in the leasing office says, “I like to ride my bicycle” and “tune up your fixie” — the single-speed bicycle synonymous with the young urban hipster stereotype.

In the garage there are two bike storage rooms with space for 100 bikes in each — which appeared well used — and each has a bike stand with bike tools secured to it with cables so residents really can tune their fixies — though none were seen.

The garage also has spaces for two Zip cars and a dedicated electric car charging station, though each parking space is wired to charge an electric vehicle with 110 volts and charge the expense to the corresponding apartment. At the garage elevator residents are greeted by a flat screen advertising yoga and cooking classes.

“If you have a package in the

leasing office, it will tell you on the screen,” said Prometheus’ Tuttle.

Moss says that a recent count found only 75 percent of the relatively small underground garage being used one evening, which might be a surprise to neighbors who fought the project over fears about parking overflow in the neighborhood.

Moss said people often ask why Prometheus can’t just build apartments without the frills and charge lower rents, but he claims that the luxury amenities equal only “1 percent” of the project’s cost. He said he suspected that even with all the amenities, each unit cost less to build than the affordable housing project the city subsidized down the street at Evelyn Avenue and Franklin Street.

Several current and former Libertarian-minded City Council members (John Inks, Tom Means and Greg Perry) have said that the answer to the city’s housing problem is building enough homes to meet demand from the city’s explosive job growth, eventually driving housing prices down. Moss said rents could go down if a developer were allowed to build taller apartment

buildings, but as soon as the city approves higher density zoning, the value of the land also goes up, which could also drive up rents and cause a sort of “catch-22.”

Moss says that building market-rate affordable housing in Mountain View would be impossible today. “I think those days have passed us,” he said, adding that the city’s need for affordable housing has always been a “very, very hard problem.”

A condition of the city council’s approval of the project is that Prometheus must rent seven of the apartments at a discount to one of the many low-income households who have been on a city waiting list for years. Known as “below market rate” units, city staff said in 2010 that rents would be \$1,286 for a one-bedroom unit and \$1,583 for a two-bedroom unit.

Moss said a similar level of luxury — and rent — is planned for three other complexes that Prometheus plans to build in Mountain View soon, including one of similar size around the corner at 100 Moffett Boulevard. ■

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seem worth it to pay higher rent to live in Mountain View.

“I used to live in East Palo Alto — I am terrified to go back there,” Moreno said. “It kind of feels like we’re stuck, we’re barely making it. We’re able to pay rent and buy food with WIC (a

government food program), but that’s it.”

Everyone in the room expressed interest in having the city approve a rent control ordinance to contain dramatic increases in rent, like they have in East Palo Alto, Los Gatos, San Francisco, Oakland, and to a limited degree, in San Jose.

“We work in here, we are part

of Mountain View, we came before Google,” Pacheco said.

When asked about rent control she said, “We need to have something. These mamas who work so hard, a \$100 (rent increase) is a lot of money if you clean houses.” ■

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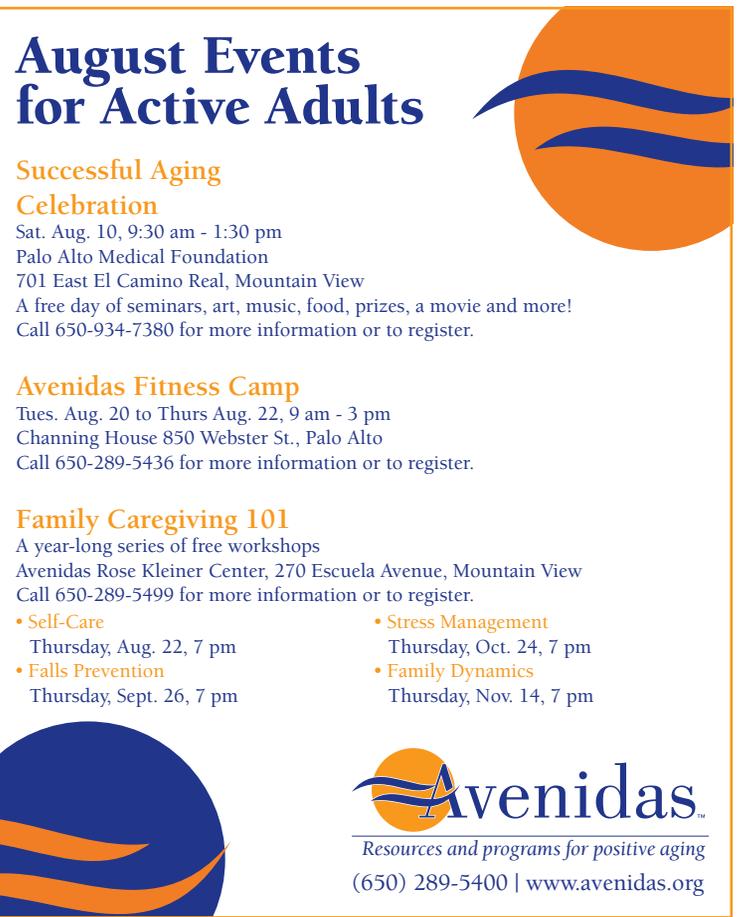
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and evaluation of supplemental education programs in 12 school districts across San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Before working at ALearn, Grove was the executive director at Child Advocates of Silicon Valley.

Eng, whose husband died unexpectedly just a few weeks after she took the helm of CSMA, pressed on as executive director for two years before announcing she would step down in order to spend more time with her family.

\$3.5 MILLION COMMITMENT TO FHDA

Two of the local community college district's biggest donors have committed \$3.5 million to Foothill and De Anza colleges and their namesake center, the Krause Center for Innovation.

The majority of the commitment from Gay and Bill Krause — \$2.5 million — is earmarked for the center, which was founded in 2000 with the goal of providing cutting-edge professional development for elementary, middle, high school and community college teachers from all over the Bay Area. Additionally, \$1 million of the commitment will not be earmarked for any specific purpose.

According to a press release from the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, the Krauses have given more money to FHDA Foundation than any other single donor.

"Through their philanthropy, the Krauses are investing in education for new generations of students by supporting systemic change to improve teaching and learning," FHDA Chancellor Linda Thor said in the release. "Their support for transformational change in education is visionary."

While the unrestricted funds may be used in a number of ways across both colleges, the earmarked portion will help the KCI fund two positions — director of strategy and a marketing position — and will create an endowment for supporting professor- and teacher-in-residence positions, along with other programs.

—Nick Veronin

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BOY EXPOSES HIMSELF, ASSAULTS WOMAN

A 13-year-old Sunnyvale boy was arrested after he allegedly exposed himself multiple times to a jogger on Stevens Creek trail, before blocking her path and attempting to take her cell phone, a spokesman with the Mountain View Police Department said.

The woman, a 21-year-old Mountain View resident, was jogging along the trail at about 7:40 p.m. on July 30, when she noticed the boy riding up behind her on his bicycle, Sgt. Sean Thompson said.

The boy was exposing himself while he rode, and he said something to the woman, who couldn't hear him because she was listening to music on headphones. Though the boy was exposing himself, the woman initially didn't think much of it, Thompson said.

The boy eventually got her attention, however, after riding ahead of her, stopping and trying to get her attention — twice, while still exposing himself, Thompson said. The second time, while near the La Avenida Street entrance to the trail, the boy rode ahead of the woman and tried to block her path as she crossed, propositioning her.

The woman maneuvered around the boy, pulled out her cell phone and told him she would be calling the police and taking his picture, Thompson said. At that point the boy then tried to grab her cell phone, but was unable to and fled on his bicycle.

Police officers located the boy riding his bike near Whisman Park, Thompson said. He was identified by the woman and arrested for indecent exposure, false imprisonment and attempted robbery and taken to juvenile hall.

FAKE BOMB THREAT EMPTIES WALMART

Mountain View police evacuated the Walmart and cleared the store's parking lot at 600 Showers Dr. on July 31 after someone called in a false bomb threat.

One of the clerks got a call from a blocked number shortly before 10 p.m. and a store manager took it seriously — calling the police and then beginning to evacuate the store, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

When police arrived, they ordered the parking lot cleared and a few police, accompanied by a bomb-sniffing dog, entered the store, Thompson said. The police did not find anything suspicious and the bomb threat was ruled a hoax.

SAP vice president takes plea deal in LEGO scam

By Sue Dremann

The vice president of Palo Alto software firm SAP Labs, LLC took a plea deal on Monday, July 29, for one felony commercial burglary charge for pasting fraudulent barcodes on LEGO toys at local Target stores, Duffy Magilligan, Santa Clara County deputy district attorney, said.

Thomas Langenbach, 48, was originally charged with four counts of commercial burglary, which could have netted him up to five years in prison. Instead, he will be sentenced to three years probation and six months in custody. Of that, 30 days will be spent in county jail and 150 days will require an ankle monitor. He will also pay restitution for the items, which were valued at \$345, Magilligan said.

Langenbach went into four Target stores on three different dates and purchased the toys at greatly lowered prices. To get the lower prices, he switched the barcode tags with ones he created on his computer, which were scanned at the register, according to a criminal complaint by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office.

He had been "ticket switching" LEGO boxes since April 20, 2012, at the Mountain View, Cupertino and Target stores and another Target near his San Carlos home, according to police.

Target obtained surveillance footage of Langenbach making the switches. He attracted the attention of Target's security after the first case in Cupertino, Mountain View Police spokeswoman Liz Wylie said at the time. The popular, expensive toys are targeted for thefts, and the stores keep a close watch on the products, conducting daily inventories.

On April 20, 2012, Langenbach entered the Cupertino store at 20745 Stevens Creek Blvd. and purchased two LEGO kits. He added a barcode sticker for \$24.99 to a kit valued at \$69.99, and a second sticker for \$49.99 to a kit valued at \$119, Wylie said. That same day he switched barcodes on two LEGO products at the Mountain View store: one for \$49.99 valued at \$139.99 and another for \$19.99 on a product valued at \$59.99.

He switched labels on two LEGO products at the store near his home, valued at \$89.99 and \$279.98 on April 26, 2012. On May 1 of that year, he again

went to the Mountain View store, purchasing a set valued at \$59.99 for \$19.99, Wylie said.

By this time, Target's loss-prevention department began circulating a photograph of Langenbach at all of its stores, which was taken from surveillance footage. On May 8, 2012, a loss-prevention officer immediately recognized him and observed Langenbach putting barcodes on three items at Target, Inc., 555 Showers Drive, Mountain View, Wylie said.

Langenbach went to the customer price scanner and checked the items, then returned two to the shelves. He then purchased one LEGO toy containing the fraudulent barcode, a Razor scooter and dish liquid. Security detained him outside the store, according to court papers. Mountain View police arrested him at the store at about 3:45 p.m.

Langenbach denied that he intended to steal the items, according to court papers. He told police that he had seen a video on YouTube about how to make fake barcodes to get cheaper toys. He said he switched the barcodes out of curiosity, to see if it really worked. He also wanted to see if the customer price scanner and cash-register scanner priced the items the same or cheaper, he said.

But he told police he was

not paying attention when he checked out the item on May 8, and that he hadn't checked his receipt to see if the price was cheaper before leaving the store, according to the police report. He denied having switched the barcodes in the other incidents.

Officers found hundreds of unopened LEGO sets — many special edition items — at his gated, multimillion-dollar home, according to court papers. Six of the seven items stolen from the stores were found at Langenbach's home, according to a police report.

Investigators also found eight Ziploc bags containing labels with fraudulent barcodes in his 2011 Toyota Sienna van and shipping boxes in the home. Police say he had an eBay account, through which he sold 2,100 items beginning April 17, 2011. He sold about \$30,000 in merchandise on the eBay account under the name Tom's Brickyard.

At the time of his arrest, 193 items were for sale. Most were LEGO sets, according to court papers. But Langenbach was not charged for the sales of the items because investigators could not prove they were fraudulently purchased, Magilligan said.

Langenbach will be sentenced on Sept. 5. His attorney could not be reached for comment. ▀

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TWITTER

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so quick to believe a 140-character anecdote from an unverified Twitter account," Basta wrote in an email to the Voice. "Google Glass is a great piece of hardware, but there are a lot of people that are willing to pick up their pitchforks at the faintest whiff of controversy surrounding it."

The Aug. 2 tweet by Basta read: "Man wearing Google Glass breaks window after walking into it while watching YouTube on El Camino Real near Calderon Ave."

Three days later, on Aug. 5, a blogger with the Silicon Valley Business Journal posted a story under the headline "Google Glass claims first casualty: A window in Mountain View." The story was taken down several hours later and replaced with a brief correction: "That report was based on an unverified Twitter account for the Mountain View police department. We got punk'd."

Basta began tweeting as @MVPoliceBlotter less than two months ago — June 26 was his first tweet under the handle — but he has already sent out 112 pithy posts, most of them inspired by observations he makes walking around Mountain View.

He said he initially got the idea to start the account after being tickled by actual police blotter entries from the town of Atherton — which went viral earlier this year after residents from the wealthy community called police to report such uneventful happenings as a man whistling in an attempt to track down his dog, a woman who was "walking at an odd hour" and another woman who called to report someone had rung her doorbell and left (responding police found that a package had been delivered).

While Mountain View is no Atherton, Basta said it is still a relatively peaceful place where he has imagined — and perhaps observed — "tattle-tales that are compulsive about following rules, police enforcing oddly

specific or otherwise pointless laws, and people that probably just need someone to talk to."

Some of Basta's tweets lampoon first-world problems and Silicon Valley neuroses, others are odes to the banality of day-to-day life in Mountain View. And some are just patently absurd. "The humor is in how completely uneventful and un-noteworthy Mountain View can sometimes be," he said. "Someone scratched the passenger-side door of a Tesla Model S in the Trader Joe's parking lot of the San Antonio Shopping Center," he tweeted on July 20. Six days later he posted the deadpan declaration, "Someone left their coffee on the roof of their car near Emmons and Alvin." And on July 30 he took a decidedly random tone when he wrote, "Man loitering behind Castro St. building found to be a person-shaped shadow."

Basta said he never intended any of his tweets to be taken seriously — and has at least once advised a follower to call 911 for tweeting him to report a dangerous driver on El Camino Real. All the same, he is enjoying the attention he has gotten as a result of the Silicon Valley Business Journal story.

"I've gotten followed by a lot of (Silicon Valley) CEOs after the tweet blew up," he wrote, also noting that several local news agencies took notice of his Twitter account in the aftermath of the SVBJ report. "I think that's just hilarious."

The tweet even attracted the attention of noted science fiction writer and Google Glass enthusiast William Gibson, who mentioned the satirical tweet and the @MVPoliceBlotter handle on his own Twitter account.

As for the real Mountain View police, officials with the department seem to be taking the satirical account in stride. Shino Tanaka, the MVPD's social media coordinator, called Basta's account "often funny" and identified it as a source of "comic relief."

However, Tanaka was also quick to remind Twitter users that it is important to recognize when a source of information is legitimate. "Whether you're a media agency or an individual actively participating on social platforms, take care to know where and from whom your intel originates," she said.

The Mountain View Police Department's official Twitter account, just like the official Twitter accounts of public officials and celebrities, displays a white check mark inside a circular blue seal. This is the social network's way of letting users know that a given account has been verified and belongs to the person or organization it is representing. ■

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many residents would end up in hospital emergency rooms for issues like a fever, a broken wrist, or letting their diabetes get out of control, Hasan said. "The emergency room is not for when you have a temperature," she said. "We look after people. We provide them with health care and maintain their medical conditions."

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who represents Mountain View and Palo Alto,

said he was happy that MayView was able to stay in the city.

The clinic is "indispensable," according to Simitian, who explained that while much of his district is wealthy, people often forget there are people trying to make ends meet on a daily basis. People of modest means, he noted, continue to struggle as the economy improves and housing prices rise. "Without MayView, there are a lot of services that people in the community wouldn't have access to," he said.

Ultimately, according to Hasan, the move from the clinic's former

location at 100 Moffett Blvd. puts the Mountain View May-View Clinic a little more than a mile from its previous location — just off of El Camino Real near its intersection with Castro Street.

Though the clinic is now further from the Mountain View Caltrain station and transit hub, there are still buses that go right up to its doors — VTA lines 22 and 52 — Hasan said. Plus the building is larger and in better shape than the previous facility. "It is turning out to be a good thing," she said. ▣

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Washington's 'sequester' knocks out choppers

The indiscriminate across-the-board budget cuts recently imposed by Congress have undoubtedly had an impact on many deserving programs, but we have to believe that the hit on the Rescue Wing based at Moffett Field has to be one of the more egregious.

Last week a *Voice* story detailed how two of the six helicopters flown by the Air National Guard's 129th Rescue Wing have not been repaired or replaced due to lack of funding, in large part a result of the sequester-imposed across-the-board budget cuts.

It is sad that these spending cuts made no allowances for how the budget reductions would affect critical services. To allow one third of the aircraft used by a unit that recently returned from Afghanistan to be disabled by a simple lack of funding cannot be in the best interests of the country. The other aircraft, which is grounded for repairs, often is used to drop water on California forest fires but has flown missions all over the country.

"Keeping these aircraft operational is critical to our ability to respond to life-threatening disasters in the Bay Area and across the state and nation," said Col. Steven J. Butow, commander of the Rescue Wing.

One of the aircraft needs repairs that cannot be carried out due to the sequester-required work furloughs of the civilian mechanics, and will not be back on the flight line for 60 days, making it unavailable during the busy wildfire season.

A second rescue helicopter was not replaced after being shot down in Afghanistan four years ago, despite the replacement funding authorized by Congress.

"Congress funded operational lost replacement aircraft and the 129th is due to receive one but the combination of sequestration and the other program cuts may delay this action indefinitely," said Wing spokesman Roderick Bersimina in a press release.

The stalemate in Congress makes it unlikely that anything can be done to provide the funding so desperately needed to get these helicopters back in the air to perform the very real public and military service the nation needs. The Department of Defense ordered \$1.8 billion of funding cuts July 8, imposed after the sequestration passed in March. During national emergencies helicopters like these are called into service around the country to perform complex life-saving rescue and firefighting operations that are beyond the capability of others, said Col. Butow.

The 129th has rescued 600 people in the U.S. since 1977 and members are proud that the unit responded to Hurricane Katrina within 24 hours. That is the kind of rapid response the country needs in its Rescue Wing, not the sequestration budget cuts that are currently grounding a third of Col. Butow's choppers.

Although we don't hold out much hope that the Rescue Wing will receive funding to get its helicopters back in the air, clearly something needs to be done now. There is no reason why the 129th should have its rescue capacity diminished given the nature of its humanitarian and military missions.

■ GUEST OPINION VOICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Google contributes little to city's bottom line

By Patrick Moore

Mountain View must realize that Google's prestige is not paying the bills. Google does not generate the tax revenue Mountain View needs to pay for basic city services.

For cities, sales tax revenue is the main commercial real estate benefit, both from corporate sales and employee purchases made during the day. Google's billions in corporate service sales are not subject to sales tax, so Google billions in corporate sales do nothing for Mountain

View.

Costco, San Antonio Center, Shoreline Amphitheatre and the other Mountain View businesses generate more sales tax revenue. Before 2003, SGI occupied the North Bayshore buildings. SGI's computer sales generated millions in revenue. Mountain View invested that revenue in \$20 million for the light rail extension, a renovated downtown, Stevens Creek Trail and other community amenities.

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■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

STRUCK OUT ON TELLING GOOGLE ABOUT WIFI

I too have complained about the lack of reception and quality of the free citywide Google Wi-Fi service in Mountain View.

The service has deteriorated so much from a few years ago that in February 2013 I was frustrated enough, after no improvement when calling the Google "hotline," that I contacted the Mountain View mayor's office with that complaint.

I was told that WiFi is not a city issue and to keep calling Google. Well, with no support from either my elected officials or Google, I switched from Google WiFi to

another supplier, and have not looked back. My WiFi speed is great, and I have had no issues.

This does not say much for the Google product or its public relation image. I cannot understand how Google can plan a new San Francisco venture to provide WiFi in 31 parks, yet cannot, or will not take care of its own local city.

Richard Michael
Sylvan Avenue

TORN U.S. FLAGS SPARK COMPLAINT

I would like to bring to your attention a group of seven

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GOOGLE

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SGI employees patronized local businesses, generating more sales tax revenue and increasing employment opportunities for non-technical residents.

In 2003, Google moved in. Google's free food, onsite-everything (oil changes to chiropractic care), and bused-in employees is an excellent way to keep employees and their money sealed in the Googleplex bubble.

Since 2003, Google has had an IPO and made billions. Google is now on a real-estate buying spree, expanding the Googleplex bubble. Other North Bayshore businesses' leases have been terminated and moved out.

Google's success is more than Mountain View can afford. City staff has downsized and cut city services. This year, City Hall janitors had their salary cut. Mountain View's Capital Improvement Plan has over \$19 million in unfunded projects. Mountain View can only afford to replace two 1960-era traffic signals a year. Good projects aren't even considered because there is no money.

This year, Google has graciously donated money for three flashing signals on Shoreline and a study to figure out how even more Google employees can get to the Googleplex bubble. Perhaps Google will even find a few more pennies to pay Google security guards a living wage.

Google is looking at a Palo Alto campus, which is a good idea. Sunnyvale and San Jose also have available property. Mountain View can no longer afford the lost sales tax revenue. We need businesses that generate direct economic benefit — not unbankable "prestige."

Google may try to "Do no evil," but Google is not doing Mountain View any good.

Patrick Moore lives on Wright Avenue in Mountain View.

LETTERS

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American flags in despicable condition that are flown at the entrance to a small shopping complex at the corner of Whisman and Middlefield roads.

The flags are torn, frayed, ripped and faded. In addition to being in terrible physical condition, they are flown without the respect of being illuminated after dusk. Flying our American flag in this condition is unconscionable, especially during the month of July when our country celebrates its inde-



One of the torn flags.

pendence.

Having resided in the neigh-

borhood for 20 years, I have witnessed the flags being flown

in this state month after month after month. I have been told that three groups share ownership of this corner lot. Between the three, it seems that not one is willing to take responsibility for the upkeep of these flags.

Perhaps a public comment and photograph will prompt these property owners to respond positively and correct this situation. The photograph is of a single flag, but is representative of all seven flags flown at this location.

*Gina Kaitlen
Gladys Avenue*

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

STORY BY RUTH SCHECHTER // PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHE HAUBURSIN

In many ways, the cuisine of Burma (also known as Myanmar) is a combination of the influence of its neighbors, Thailand, India and China. Many of the ingredients are the same but countered with different combinations of spices and sauces. At first glance, dishes can seem like familiar territory, made with the curry, chilies, noodles and coconut milk culled from any Asian menu. But there is definitely a difference.

Green Elephant Gourmet,

located in Palo Alto's Charleston Shopping Center, allows diners to sample some classic Burmese cuisine, as well as offering an extensive menu of easily recognized Chinese dishes. While Chinese food is in the majority, much of the appeal of Green Elephant is in the opportunity to try something new.

The decor of the 7-year-old restaurant reflects a multitude of influences as well, from strangely decorative objets de art to Welsh dinnerware and Chinese cloi-

Clockwise from top left: Green Elephant's tea leaf salad; fruity nutty prawns; poodi; and fried fish.

GREEN ELEPHANT OFFERS FAMILIAR CHINESE DISHES AND HARDER-TO-FIND BURMESE FLAVORS

Border Crossing





Green Elephant Gourmet in Palo Alto offers slightly eclectic decor.

sonne. An effort has been made to bring the cream-and-cranberry decor a few steps up from shopping-center neutrality. The entryway is defined with spikes of bamboo and a dramatic arch resembling an elephant tusk. White tablecloths add a touch of formality.

Owners Christina Win and Michael Maung are both 20-year veterans of the restaurant business and have integrated both traditional and family recipes into the mix. Green Elephant Gourmet tones down the fiery complexity of both its Burmese and Chinese offerings, most likely as a concession to Midpeninsula sensibilities. Even chopsticks are not provided unless specifically requested.

A perfect introduction to Burmese cuisine is the tea-leaf salad (\$10.25). Fermented green tea leaves, called laphet, are hand-mixed at the table with sesame seeds, peanuts, fried garlic, sunflower seeds and dried yellow beans into a base of lettuce and tomatoes. It's a pretty dish when presented, with its little piles of different-colored ingredients, and the mix is a wonderful blend of textures and flavors. The

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Feta cheese (full block in brine)
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Fresh figs
Sicilian olives

Slice watermelon into a 5" L x 3" W x 1" H rectangle. Cut a 4" x 2" piece of feta cheese into 1" square pieces and place evenly over watermelon slice. Top with a large pinch of arugula and 1/2 sliced whole fig. Pour ribbons of Vidalia onion dressing over salad. Place 4 Sicilian olives around the plate and lightly drizzle olives with extra virgin olive oil to finish dish.



Above: Jessica Zhang brings a dish to customers.
Right: Green Elephant owners Christina Yin and Michael Wang are flanked by their uniformed waitresses, (from left) Lin Dip, Jessica Zhang and Lisa Liao.



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restaurant imports the laphet directly from Burma.

A lunch special of poodi (\$8.95) included a bowl of thick, well-seasoned hot-and-sour soup and a sparse plate of tired iceberg lettuce with a sweet sesame-based dressing. Poodi is a Burmese potato curry rife with onions, garlic and chili, served with rice and two thin pancakes. Our waitress graciously explained the best technique for compiling the saucy dish into messy but satisfying roll-ups, with plenty left over for another meal at home.

A menu special of shrimp with eggplant (\$12.95) was rendered Burmese-style with a piquant basil sauce. The ingredients were well-prepared, the flavors unified into one of our most satisfying selections.

Less successful was the appetizer of fried eggplant sticks (\$7.95), which were so thick with batter that the eggplant was virtually undetectable. The two garlic and chili sauces that accompanied the dish provided the only splash of flavor — and color.

While Burmese selections take up one page of the menu, the rest is devoted to Chinese dishes, including egg rolls, sweet-and-sour shrimp, Mongolian beef and kung pao chicken. We feasted one evening on hot and spicy tofu (\$8.95), braised silken tofu bathed in a delectable but benign chili-garlic sauce; and a mild chicken with green beans in black-bean sauce (\$10.95). Dishes were generally very light-handed in terms of spiciness, despite the printed pepper warnings on the menu, and most entrees benefited from an extra dab of chili sauce or peppers.

Service was exceptional. Serv-

ers dressed in richly colored sarongs embroidered in gold stopped by often to see how we were doing and took time to explain ingredients and preparations. They accommodated a request to use gluten-free soy sauce with a smile, and made sure water glasses were filled constantly and unobtrusively.

Green Elephant Gourmet is a pleasant neighborhood stop and an opportunity to cross borders, with an introduction to Burmese food and a broad cross-section of more traditional Chinese staples.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

2 GUNS ★★1/2

(Denzel) Washington and (Mark) Wahlberg play wheeler-dealer Bobby "I Know a Guy" Beans and "junkydog" Michael "Stig" Stigman, a pair of dealers who — when stiffed by Mexican drug-cartel head Papi Greco (Edward James Olmos) — agree to a compensatory savings-and-loan robbery. That scene partly plays out in the film's engagingly schtick-y opening sequence, which establishes a cool rapport between the stars and their characters before screenwriter Blake Masters (working from Steven Grant's comics) and director Baltasar Kormakur ("Contraband") roll back the clock for some context. How the plot unfolds, and what the characters are really after, is best left unexplained here, but it does come to involve \$43.125 million, and the sticky fingers of U.S. Naval Intelligence (in the person of James Marsden) and the CIA (repped by a drawling, creepy-comic Bill Paxton). The rot of corruption has disillusioned Bobby to the point where he continually insists to Stig, "There is no code," explaining why he has no "people" or "family." Of course, Stig just as insistently gravitates toward being both to Bobby, in true buddy-comedy tradition. *Rated R for violence throughout, language and brief nudity. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

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, Stevi 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,

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perhaps, lacked the ambitious drive to pursue downstage stardom. *Rated PG-13 for language and sexual material. One hour, 31 minutes.* — P.C.

BLUE JASMINE ★★★

"I want the past past," says Jasmine. Fat chance. The haunted protagonist of "Blue Jasmine," played by Cate Blanchett, can't forget her bygone bliss and the horrifying loss of it. A Park Avenue socialite, Jasmine has lost it all and landed on the San Franciscan doorstep of her working-class sister Ginger (Sally Hawkins), a good soul tested by her long-absent sibling's demands. Jasmine and Ginger were both adoptive sisters, but when Jasmine made her social-clambering escape, she never looked back, becoming accustomed not only to a certain lifestyle but to a fabulous selfishness, insulated by willful obliviousness. Certainly, "Blue Jasmine" is Allen's riff on "A Streetcar Named Desire," an impression only helped along by the casting of Blanchett, who played Blanche DuBois in an acclaimed 2009 production. Blanchett is a force of nature as Jasmine: the beating heart that keeps the schematic picture alive and kicking, and a shoo-in for an Oscar nomination. Though "Blue Jasmine" is more a drama than a comedy, Blanchett's comic brio, in Jasmine's blithely imperious manner, magically complements her mental fragility and self-defeating desperation. *Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, language and sexual content. One hour, 38 minutes.* — P.C.

DESPICABLE ME 2 ★★★

While the original "Despicable Me," from 2010, wasn't exactly one for the ages, it had provocative undertones courtesy of its antihero, Gru (Steve Carell). Since the first film's arc arrived at a nice Gru who embraced single-fatherhood with three little girls, there's little point in blandly extending the story. Then again, though you can't squeeze blood from a turnip, you can squeeze lucre from a hit movie by sequelizing it. And so Gru finds himself recruited by the Anti-Villain League to root out a super-villain plotting to unleash a mutating serum. Gru reluctantly partners with AVL agent Lucy Wilde (Kristen Wiig). Before long, Lucy's positioned as the potential mother Gru's cute daughter Agnes (Elsie Fisher) has been pining for. The courtship of Agnes' father gets "Despicable Me" into some uncomfortable territory, with distasteful women browbeating and/or boring Gru until he realizes the woman for him has been under his nose all along. *Rated PG for rude humor and mild action. One hour, 38 minutes.* — P.C.

FRUITVALE STATION ★★★

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. *Rated R for some violence, language and drug use. One hour, 30 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 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" Sullivan (John Goodman) matriculate. These BFF characters from "Monsters, Inc." have yet to meet when "Monsters University" begins. The film recounts their initial dislike, teamwork under duress and eventual bond of friendship. While fairly all-around impeccable, from its sight gags to its super-fun Randy Newman score, "Monsters University" most impresses with its perfection as a friendship story and its breadth of considerations about the value and meaning of college, which the film acknowledges but most certainly does not take for granted (remember, one-time Pixar CEO Steve Jobs was a college dropout). *Rated G. One hour, 50 minutes.* — P.C.

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.

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MOVIE TIMES

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20 Feet From Stardom (PG-13) ★★★

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Blackfish (PG-13)

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Blue Jasmine (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 9, 10:15 & 11:30 a.m. & 12:45, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 p.m.

The Conjuring (R)

Century 16: 10:50 a.m. & 1:45, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:10, 10:50 p.m.

Despicable Me 2 (PG) ★★

Century 16: 9:15 & 11:45 a.m. & 2:35, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:20 a.m. & 12:45, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35 p.m.

Dirty Dancing (1987) (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri 2 p.m. Sat 2 p.m. Sun 2 p.m.

Elysium (R)

Century 16: 9:05 & 10:20 & 11:40 a.m. & 1:05, 2:25, 3:55, 5:15, 6:45, 8, 9:25, 10:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:50 a.m. & 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40 p.m. In XD noon & 2:35, 5:15, 8, 9:40 p.m.

Fruitvale Station (R) ★★★

Aquarius Theatre: 2:45, 5, 7:30 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:55 a.m. & 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10 p.m.

Grown Ups 2 (PG-13)

Century 20: noon & 2:30, 5, 7:25, 9:55 p.m.

The Heat (R) ★★

Century 20: 11 a.m. & 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05 p.m.

I'm So Excited (R) ★★

Palo Alto Square: 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 10 p.m.

The Late George Apley (1947) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Sat-Sun 5:40, 9:50 p.m.

Monsters University (G) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 10:30 a.m. & 1:20, 7:30 p.m.

National Theatre Live: The Audience (Not Rated)

Guild Theatre: Sat 11 a.m.

Pacific Rim (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 12:25, 7:05, 10:05 p.m. In 3d 9:20 a.m., 3:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:35 a.m. & 1:35, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 p.m.

Percy Jackson 2: Sea of Monsters (PG)

Century 16: 9:10 a.m. & noon, 2:40, 5:25, 8:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:30 a.m. & 1:10, 3:55, 6:45, 9:30 p.m. In 3D 11:50 a.m. & 2:30, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35 p.m.

Planes (PG)

Century 16: 11:20 a.m. & 1:50, 4:20 p.m. In 3D 9 a.m., 7:20, 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 7, 8, 9:30, 10:30 p.m. & 12:01 a.m. In 3D 7:30, 9:50 p.m., 12:05 a.m.

Random Harvest (1942) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Sat-Sun 3:20, 7:30 p.m.

Red 2 (PG-13)

Century 16: 4:05, 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m. & 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10 p.m.

The Smurfs 2 (PG)

Century 16: 11:55 a.m. & 2:30, 7:30 p.m. In 3D 9:25 a.m. & 5, 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:40 a.m. & 6:40 p.m. In 3D 1:20, 4, 9:20 p.m.

Turbo (PG) ★★

Century 16: Fri 10:35 a.m. & 1:15, 3:50 p.m. Sat 10:35 a.m. & 1:15, 3:50 p.m. Sun 10:35 a.m. Mon 10:35 a.m. & 1:15, 3:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:35 a.m. Fri-Sat also at 1:15, 3:50 p.m.

The Way Way Back (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 1:55, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** 2:45, 5:15, 8 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 10:15 p.m.

We're the Millers (R)

Century 16: 9:45 & 11:10 a.m. & 12:35, 1:55, 3:15, 4:40, 5:55, 7:45, 9, 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:45 a.m. & 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:30 p.m.

The Wicked Lady (1945) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri 7:30 p.m.

The Wolverine (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: 9:30 a.m. & 12:30, 3:45, 7:25, 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m. & 2:30, 5:30, 8:35 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.



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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

THEATREWORKS' 2013 NEW WORKS FESTIVAL

TheatreWorks will assemble playwrights and composers in its 2013 New Works Festival, with staged readings of five new plays and musicals, a panel discussion, live outdoor music and pre-show food truck offerings, all open to the public. Aug. 10-18, Noon-10 p.m. \$19; \$65 for a festival pass. Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.theatreworks.org/shows/2013nwf/

ART GALLERIES

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. 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

BENEFITS

Mountain View Trees Woodchip Extravaganza This benefit barbecue will feature ribs, chicken, beans, salads, beer, wine and other beverages from Dave Abbott's Hardcore BBQ. There will also be a raffle and informal tree walk. All proceeds will go toward supporting the health and growth of Mountain View's urban forest. Aug. 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$25/\$15 Adults/Kids (\$30/\$20 at the door). Cuesta Park Family Picnic Area, 615 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. Call 650-564-7620. www.woodchipextravaganza.eventbrite.com/

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Meet Your Spirit Guides & Angels' East West Bookstore hosts a workshop called "Meet Your Spirit Guides & Angels." Aug. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-393-1157. www.glshealing.com

'Who Is That Talking to Me?' East West Bookstore is offering a workshop on meditation and other "spiritual tools." Aug. 11, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$75 prepay; \$85 day of. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-393-1157. www.glshealing.com

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 until 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

California Bach Society Choral Workshop Join members of the California Bach Society under the direction of Artistic Director Paul Flight in singing and exploring choruses from cantatas by Johann Sebastian Bach. Register online no later than Aug. 10. Will contact registrants with directions to venue. Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$50 (includes music and lunch). Palo Alto. Call 650-485-1097. <http://www.calbach.org/workshop.html>

Contemporary Dance workshop This workshop will be led by dancer/choreographer Leslie Friedman. Tech, repertory, comp\$mprow, public performance. Scholarship avail. Monday-Friday, Aug. 19-23, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$270/\$325. Mountain 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

Growing Cool Season Vegetables Join Master Gardener Ann Burrell to learn how to grow cool season vegetables, such as kale. She'll give advice on best times to plant and the best varieties to grow for flavor and productivity. Aug. 10,

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library Community Room, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 408-282-3105. www.mastergardeners.org/sc.html

CLUBS/MEETINGS

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

High School Reading Workshops Linden Tree Books hosts a reading workshop for high schoolers. Students can choose a book from their schools' summer reading lists or work with a book that they have selected to read. Aug. 15 and 18, 7-9 p.m. \$35/per student. Includes one paperback book. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

MVP Clinic with Sean Murphy Sean Murphy, CEO of SKMurphy Inc. (strategy and business developer for startups), leads a brown bag lunch discussion about MVP issues. Aug. 16, Noon-1 p.m. Free. Hacker Dojo, 599 Fairchild Drive, Mountain View. www.skmurphy.com/services/workshops/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mountain View Certified Farmers Market This farmers market features more than 60 certified local producers with farm-fresh fruit and vegetables with organic and Asian varieties, grass-fed beef, eggs, mushrooms, bakeries, plants, herbs, sprouts, cheese, melons and garden tomatoes. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Dec. 31. Caltrain Station, 600 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 800-806-3276. www.cafarmersmkt.com/markets/category/mountain-view

Summer Festival at Whole Foods Market Whole Foods is hosting a summer festival in the store parking lot with live music, kids' activities, food vendors, wine and local art. One-hundred percent of proceeds will benefit the East Palo Alto Police Activities League. Aug. 10. Noon-5 p.m. Free. Whole Foods Market, 774 Emerson St., Palo Alto. Call 650-326-8676. www.facebook.com/WFMPaloAlto

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., July 12 through 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

CONCERTS

Stanford Summer Chorus Rafael Ornes directs this summer's program, "Summer of Love," featuring two major works: "The World Beloved - A Bluegrass Mass" by Carol Barnett and "Wedding Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham, along with works by other American composers. Aug. 9, 8 p.m. General \$10, student \$5, senior \$9. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. music.stanford.edu/Events/calendar.html

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.

Social Ballroom Dancing Aug. 9th Friday Night Dance lessons at the Cubberley Community Center Pavilion are beginning and intermediate nightclub two step at 8 p.m., followed by a special

dance party from 9 p.m. to midnight with games, prizes and refreshments. No experience or partner necessary. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$9. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. www.fridayat-thepav.com

EXHIBITS

'Cartography of Longing' Installation sculpture by artist Tessie Barrera-Scharaga will be on display at the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA)'s Mohr Gallery. An opening reception with the artist will be held on Friday, Aug. 16, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 9-Sept. 29, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-918-6800 x306. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

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 and Thursday-Saturday through Aug. 28 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. The EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. www.evols.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

'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

Nursery and Kindergarten Open House Waldorf School of the Peninsula is hosting an open house. Parents can visit with kindergarten teachers and find out more about the school's nursery and kindergarten programs while children experience some of Waldorf's early-childhood activities. RSVP online. Aug. 10, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Waldorf School of the Peninsula, 11311 Mora Drive, Los Altos. Call 650-209-9400. www.waldorfpenninsula.org

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

FILM

'First Generation' Showing of the film "First Generation" and discussion with documentary filmmaker Adam Fenderson. First Generation tells the story of four high school students who set out to break the cycle of poverty and bring hope to their families and communities by pursuing a college education. Aug. 14, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos High School Eagle Theater, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos.

ICA Summer Film Fest Stanford University's Division of International, Comparative and Area Studies (ICA) hosts an international film festival. A Stanford affiliate will introduce each film and lead a discussion. Wednesdays, July 3-Aug. 14, 7-10 p.m. Free. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-725-9317. www.ica.stanford.edu/2013FilmFest

LIVE MUSIC

An Evening of Israeli Rock Tamar Eisenman and Rona Kenan, two musicians from Israel, will perform. The performance is part of a traveling show that has gone between Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, New York, Boston and the Bay Area. Aug. 10, 8-11 p.m. \$35. Palo Alto JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.awiderbridge.org/rona-concert/
Johnny Williams & No Corkage Tuesdays Morocco's Restaurant holds "no corkage

Tuesdays" in Aug., plus a live jazz/blues performance by Johnny Williams. Aug. 6-27, 5-9:30 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Live Rhythm and Blues with the Dan Goghs Paired with Morocco's Friday happy hour (happy hour on all drinks and appetizers from 5 to 7 p.m.) is a live rhythm and blues performance from the Dan Goghs. Aug. 9, 5-11 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Rengstorff Arts Festival Small Town Therapy featuring guitarist Adsm Roszkiewicz and violinist Lief Karlstrom will be performing jazz/country music at the Rengstorff gardens. There will be general admission and lawn seating. Aug. 11, 2-3 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. r-house.org

Rengstorff Arts Festival The Mo-Chi Quartet, led by local trumpeter John Worley, brings jazz fused with traditional Japanese folk melodies and blues to the Rengstorff gardens. There will be general admission and lawn seating. Aug. 18, 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

'Happy Days' Stanford Summer Theater presents "Happy Days" by Samuel Beckett. Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., Aug. 15-25. A post-show discussion follows Sunday matinees. Purchase tickets online. \$25; \$15 students and seniors. Nitory Theater, Old Union, Stanford University, 514 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-725-5838.

'Iolanthe' Lamplighters Music Theatre presents "Iolanthe," Gilbert and Sullivan's tale of fairies, half-fairies, a dim-witted ruling elite and their ineffective political absurdities. Aug. 10-11, 8 p.m. \$20-\$53. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. www.lamplighters.org

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/sst/tickets

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

'Betrayed: Healing After a Broken Trust' Lifetree Cafe hosts a conversation called "Betrayed: Healing After a Broken Trust," featuring a short film of a man who dealt with his wife's extramarital affairs. Snacks/beverages available. Aug. 11, 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. 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

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. Aug. 11, 10-11 a.m. Free. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. events.stanford.edu/events/368/36873

SENIORS

Successful Aging Celebration Teaming up with Palo Alto Medical Foundation, this event will focus on promoting healthy food choices, meditation, physical fitness, music, community vendors and door prizes. There will be the option of attending three different educational seminars as well as viewing works of art created by seniors. Aug. 10, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-2407. www.avenidas.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

'Use Your Feet For Freedom' 5K Run/Walk Run or walk a 5k through the Palo Alto Baylands. The proceeds from this event will be given to the Freedom House, a local organization providing housing and support to local victims of human trafficking. Register online. Aug. 10, 8 a.m.-noon. \$35. Palo Alto Baylands, 1900 Geng Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-327-5727. www.vcfp.org

TALKS/AUTHORS

'The Rise of the Hardware Startup' The German Business Association is hosting a panel of experts who will share their experience and insights into the increase of hardware startups. Aug. 15, 6-9 p.m. \$25-\$40; \$50 at the door; until Aug. 8, \$5 discount. Wilmer Hale, 950 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-386-5015. www.gabanetwork.org

Litquake Palo Alto 2013 Litquake is a festival of books, ideas and community hosted by the Oshman JCC. There will be a variety of salons on topics from thrillers to Silicon Valley non-fiction. Aug. 18, 2 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8700. www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2013/08/18/community-events/litquake-palo-alto-2013/

M.L. Stedman at Books Inc. New York Times bestselling author M.L. Stedman shares "The Light Between Oceans," the story of a World War I veteran and his wife, a couple living on an island off the coast of Western Australia who have a loving marriage but no child. Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-0600. www.book-sinc.net/event/2013/08/18/month/all/all/1

Mickey Mestel at Books Inc. Local author and traveler Mickey Mestel shares his account of the four times he has traveled through the remote Sugata Valley in northern Kenya, a place of extreme weather, wild animals and cultural differences. His memoir is called "Wandering Turkana." Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.book-sinc.net/event/2013/08/18/month/all/all/1

Seeking Answers to Climate and Energy with Alex Cannara, Ph.D. This presentation and discussion series includes: "Climate & Energy Basics - What's Missing in the Media," "Energy Demand & Supply - Comparing our Options & Taking Action," "Advanced Power Systems - Thorium Energy and Molten Salt" (DVD will be available) and "Four Radiation & Health - Myths & Reality." Tuesdays, Aug. 6-27, 7-9 p.m. Free. World Centric, 2121 Staunton Court, Palo Alto. Call 650-854-9040. www.uucpa.org/events/eventsGreenSanctuary.html

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Steve Blank (founder of E.piphany, lecturer, and on the 2013 Forbes list of the 30 most influential people in tech) offers his take on why World War II and the Cold War helped entrepreneurship blossom in Silicon Valley while it was stillborn elsewhere. Aug. 13, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. www.tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

Class Guide



COURTESY ACTION DAY/PRIMARY PLUS

Action Day/Primary Plus offers programs for toddlers and preschoolers.

Fall is just around the corner. That means it's back to school for kids, but there are classes available for adults and kids outside of the campus, as well. Maybe it's time dust off the old dance shoes or brush up on a foreign language. Fall is also a great time to learn a craft or an instrument. All the classes listed below are local, so give one a shot.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

FLEX Los Altos

4600 El Camino Real #201, Los Altos
650-947-7742
www.flexcollegeprep.com

Participants learn what colleges are looking for in application essays and get help writing the essays and applications that fit them best. This workshop allows students to personalize their essays and applications at their own pace.

FOR THE DANCER

Bayer Ballet Academy

2028 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View
650-988-9971
www.bayerballetacademy.com
info@bayerballetacademy.com
Bayer Ballet Academy is a school of Russian ballet, which teaches the Vaganova method. Ages 3 and up. Classes start Sept. 3.

For the Love of Dance

2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View
650-861-0650
www.fortheloveofdancemv.com
ForTheLoveOfDanceMV@gmail.com

For the Love of Dance offers training in ballet, jazz, tap, and other styles of dance. Serving Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Sunnyvale, it is a family-owned studio that teaches dance to children and adults at all levels of ability. Fall classes start Sept. 3.

L'Ecole de Danse

740 Sierra Vista Ave., Mountain View
650-365-4596
www.lecolededanse.net
L'Ecole De Danse (School of Ballet) — Vaganova and Cecchetti styles. Creative dance, pre-ballet and full curriculum for all levels starting at age 5. Adult classes include beginning, intermediate and advanced.

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

1185 Castro St., Mountain View
650-567-9285
www.mtview-rscds.org
info@mtview-rscds.org
Scottish country-dance classes are held most Wednesdays at the Mountain View Sports Pavilion. Classes run from September thru mid-February and the first class of the year is on Sept. 4. Classes for both advanced and beginning dancers are available. Drop-ins are \$9 or \$7 per week if entire fee is paid at the beginning of the semester.

Western Ballet

914 N. Rengstorff Ave., Unit A, Mountain View
650-968-4455
www.westernballet.org
info@westernballet.org
Western Ballet has adult classes for absolute beginners to professionals. For children through teens preparing for careers in ballet, there is a graded youth program with 13 pre-professional levels. Faculty consists of current and former professional dancers. Cost of a single adult class: \$15.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Shoreline Lake Aquatic Center

3160 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View
650-965-7474
http://www.shorelinelake.com/aquatic/aquatic.htm
boathouse@shorelinelake.com
Shoreline Lake and Aquatic Center has fall kayaking, sailing and windsurfing camps. Camps include all necessary equipment and are offered at all skill levels from beginning to advanced. Sailing classes are open to participants age 14 and over; kayaking age 13 and over; windsurfing age 14 and over.

REI

2450 Charleston Road, Mountain View
650-969-1938
www.rei.com/stores/104
REI regularly offers classes on topics such as bike maintenance, riding and outdoor navigation. Fall class times and prices are listed on the website.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Flying Fish Swim School

280 Polaris Ave, Mountain View
650-625-1333
www.flyingfishswim.com
support@flyingfishswim.com
Indoor swimming pool, offering group, semi-private and pre-competitive classes for all ages. \$8 drop-in rate. Fall season goes from Oct. 31 to Dec. 20.

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing

890 Church St., Mountain View
650-941-1002
www.jackis.com
joanier@pacbell.net
Jacki's Aerobic Dancing offers long classes with abdominal work, weight training and safe, easy-to-follow aerobic routines. Complimentary child care is available. Classes meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-10 a.m., at Mountain View Masonic Temple.

Red Star Soccer Academy

248 Walker Drive, #8, Mountain View
650-380-0099
www.redstarsoccer.com
Red Star Soccer Academy is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to youth player development. Red Star is affiliated with the U.S. Soccer Federation and U.S. Club Soccer. Red Star teams compete in Nor Cal Premier League and U.S. Club Soccer sanc-

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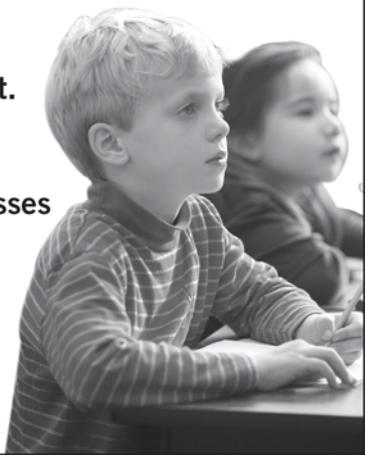
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 New Star Limousine, located at 1689
 Cedarcreek Dr., San Jose, CA 95121,
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This business is owned by: An
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The name and residence address of the
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 SARANINDER-PAL SINGH
 1689 Cedarcreek Dr.
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Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to
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 business name(s) listed herein.

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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.
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EVS ON-CALL
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT
 File No.: 580890

The following person (persons) is (are)
 doing business as:
 EVS On-Call, located at 837 Reinert
 Road, 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):
 JOHN HERNY WILLIAMS
 837 Reinert Road
 Mountain View, CA 94043

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 transact business under the fictitious
 business name(s) listed herein.

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BLUE HOUSECLEANING
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT
 File No.: 580744

The following person (persons) is (are)
 doing business as:
 Blue Housecleaning, located at 278
 Tyrella Ave., #2, 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):
 ANABEL S. CASTILLO
 278 Tyrella Ave., #2
 Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to
 transact business under the fictitious
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RETAIL SOLUTIONS, INC.
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT
 File No.: 580329

The following person (persons) is (are)
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 W. El Camino Real, Suite 475, Mountain
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This business is owned by: A
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 T3C, INC.
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Registrant/Owner began transacting
 business under the fictitious business
 name(s) listed above on: 01/10/2008.

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Ban2
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT
 File No.: 581280

The following person (persons) is (are)
 doing business as:
 Ban2, located at 1756 Plaza Court,
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This business is owned by: An
 Individual.
 The name and residence address of the
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 ness name(s) listed above on: Not
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URBAN ARTICHOKE
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT
 File No.: 581207

The following person (persons) is (are)
 doing business as:
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 Fordham Way, Mountain View, CA
 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An
 Individual.

The name and residence address of the
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 1525 Fordham Way
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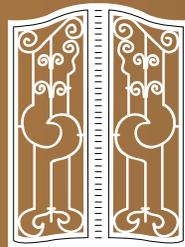
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