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Students from Bullis Charter School play on the playground structures at the Egan School campus. Conflicts over shared use of the sites have bubbled over in a public war of words.

LASD, Bullis trade hostile letters

SCHOOLS CRITICIZE EACH OTHER IN LATEST PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

By Nick Veronin

A little more than a month after officials from the Los Altos School District publicized their proposal to partner with Bullis Charter School on a bond measure to

build two new schools — one for LASD and one for BCS — the district has issued another open letter demanding that the charter shape up or else.

According to the letter, dated Nov. 4 and signed by dis-

trict board of trustees president Doug Smith, the charter school has repeatedly violated the terms of its agreement with the district. In the letter, BCS

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Council to lease site for hotel, offices

PARCEL AT 101, MOFFETT COULD EARN \$2 MILLION A YEAR TO FOR CITY

By Daniel DeBolt

The City Council decided Tuesday that a new hotel and office space would be the best use of a forested piece of city-owned property along Highway 101 at Moffett Boulevard.

With Mayor John Inks opposed, the council voted 6-1 to seek hotel and office development proposals for the 6.69-acre

site — which also runs along Stevens Creek. It was a Santa Clara County-owned vector control yard until it was bought by the city for \$9.5 million in 2009.

The City Council has long had the goal of leasing it to a developer to pad the city's budget, which has seen costs growing faster than revenues for years.

"I just want to see the property

working for us as soon as possible," said council member Jac Siegel. "It's been sitting there for many years."

Council members had the choice of selling the property for \$11 million or leasing it for an estimated annual payment of \$2 million a year, according

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Sewer may be source of Evandale hot spots

TESTING FINDS HIGH TCE CONCENTRATIONS IN FOUR LOCATIONS

By Daniel DeBolt

Environmental Protection Agency officials told residents Tuesday that the only plausible explanation so far for the mysterious "hot spots" of sky-high levels of toxics under Evandale Avenue is a leaking sewer line or storm drain — potentially placing the blame on semiconductor manufacturers once located on Whisman Road,

Previously there had been some speculation that the hot spots discovered late last year — which are not connected to the nearby 1.5-mile long trichloroethylene (TCE) plume left by semiconductor manufacturers — had been caused by "mid-night dumping" on the top soil.

But there is no evidence of the TCE, used as an industrial solvent, having been dumped on the site: it was all found more than 10 feet underground.

This could prove what longtime toxic cleanup watchdog Lenny Siegel believes to have been the result of dumping by Fairchild Semiconductor and other polluters now responsible for the massive MEW Superfund site roughly bordered by Whisman Road, Ellis Avenue and Middlefield Road. In the late 1970s, local newspapers ran stories about the spills into storm and sewer lines, which were traced to Fairchild, and once killed 100 fish in Stevens Creek.

"It does not appear to be surface release, so it appears to be coming down the sewer," EPA official Alana Lee told over 100 residents in the city's Adobe building on the evening of Nov. 12. "We don't believe there is a continuing release into the sewer lines at this time. No one in this area is currently using TCE."

The EPA has tested over 95 homes in the Leong Drive and Evandale Avenue area for evidence of airborne TCE "vapor intrusion," which can cause cancer, birth defects and other health problems. Six homes have been found with toxic TCE vapors — all on Evandale Avenue, EPA officials said.

Two home have had levels high enough for the EPA to have to special ventilation systems

installed to draw the vapors out from under the home and vent them to the roof-line, Lee said. Both homes are located near the Evandale Avenue hot spot a stone's throw from Whisman Road, on the north side of the street. With the ventilation systems installed, they now have clean air samples. The highest level found in the homes was 18 micrograms of TCE vapor per cubic meter of air.

Trace amounts have been found in four other homes below the EPA's indoor cleanup threshold of 1 micro gram per cubic meter of air.

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Fred Newman, Mountain View



"I got hit with Hurricane Sandy personally. I was lucky, my property wasn't damaged, but there was really nothing I could have done. I always have a place to go and a plan. I value my life more than my property."

Shannon Sullivan, New York City



"I was in the Northridge earthquake down in Southern California in 1994. I got wiped out — lost my property, lost everything. I saw what would happen in a disaster, so now I have an emergency pack and water in my car."

Rik Sandoval, San Carlos



"I've got water and food stashed away, but not much beyond that. I looked into earthquake insurance, and it's just not worth it. I got a tent and a sleeping bag."

Robert Renfro, Mountain View



"No. I know I should and I've been meaning to. I keep seeing these emergency kits at Costco and I've been meaning to buy one."

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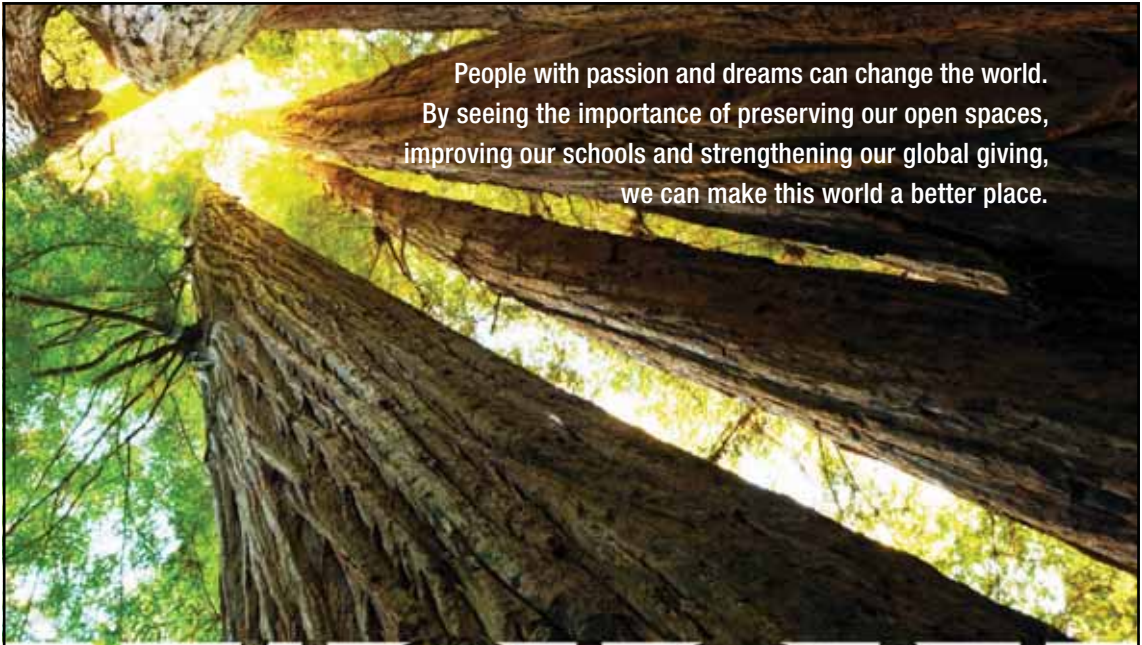
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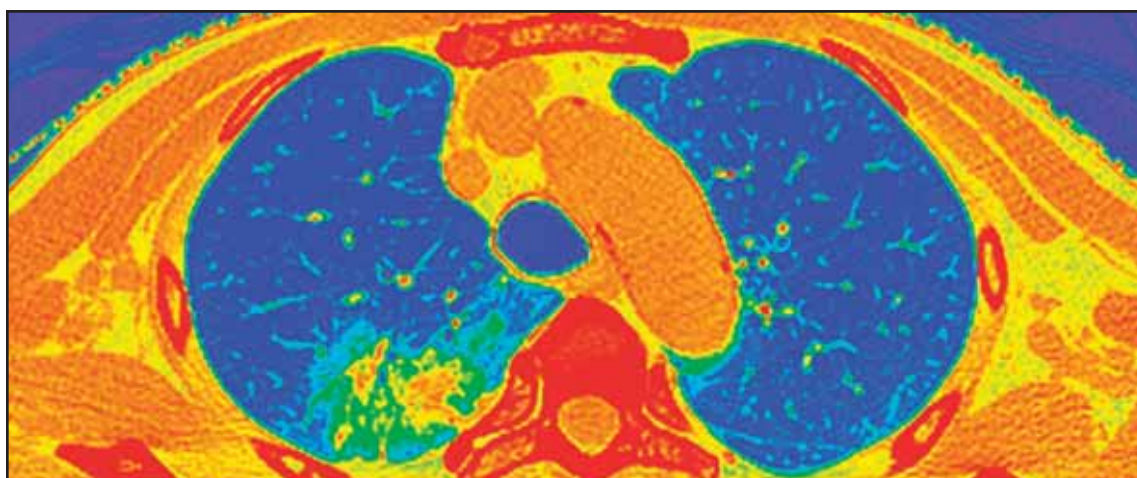
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HOW'S THE WEATHER DOWN THERE?

Mika, a 3-year-old cardigan corgi, is wide-eyed upon meeting Wagmore, a massive harlequin Great Dane that, as his owner Brad Tost puts it, looks a lot like a horse wearing a dog costume. Wagmore weighs 175 pounds and, at 18 months old, hasn't reached full size yet. He gets so much attention when Tost takes him for walks down Castro Street that he's got his own Facebook page, "I met Wagmore."

Mental health officials hail new insurance law

PROVIDERS MUST COVER MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION
THE SAME WAY AS PHYSICAL ILLNESSES

By Nick Veronin

Local health officials said they expect more people will seek help earlier for mental health and substance abuse problems, and that they would be able to treat more people facing such issues, now that insurance companies are required to cover visits to therapy and drug rehab the same way they cover visits to the doctor or the physical therapist.

On Nov. 8, the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act was finalized. The law prohibits companies that provide group

health plans from providing unequal coverage for mental health and substance abuse treatment compared to what they would normally provide for the treatment of physical illnesses, such as heart disease, a broken bone or cancer.

"We're excited about that," said Michael Fitzgerald, director of behavioral health for El Camino Hospital, "It means that there truly is parity."

Previously, Fitzgerald explained, many people would get either insufficient treatment or no treatment at all for their addictions and mental afflictions

— either because their insurance would not provide enough coverage, or because their insurance didn't provide coverage at all.

Now, with the parity act finalized and Obamacare requiring that all insurance plans cover mental health and addiction services, Fitzgerald said he anticipates the hospital's behavioral health services division will be able to help more people suffering from conditions such as alcoholism and schizophrenia.

Fitzgerald said the law will require insurance companies to

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Another big apartment project approved

160 UNITS ON EL CAMINO INCLUDES RETAIL, PUBLIC PLAZA

By Daniel DeBolt

After being praised for its exemplary design, the City Council approved a project Nov. 12 that will bring 160 new apartments with retail shops and a public plaza to 1984 El Camino Real.

"I think it's great project," said council member Margaret Abekoga at the City Council meeting. "We talk about the Grand Boulevard on El Camino and I

think this is the right step forward on that."

The council voted 6-1 to approve the project with member Jac Siegel opposed.

Developer UDM is now set to redevelop the 2.85-acre site now home to a hotel, Camino Inn and Suites. Plans include a wide sidewalk along El Camino Real, a new public plaza and pathway along its western edge from Latham Street to El Camino Real, a pool and recreation rooms, 4,400 square feet

for retail shops and potentially a restaurant. It will have an underground garage with 258 parking spaces — one parking space for each bedroom and 24 spaces for shop customers.

Council member Mike Kasperzak said he hoped the project, along with the Greystar project at El Camino Real and Castro Street, were the start of a trend to include retail space with new

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Protester vows to fight conviction

IDEAFARM REFUSES DEAL TO AVOID JAIL TIME;
WILL CONTEST CHARGES

By Nick Veronin

Going against the advice of his public defender and drawing gestures of exasperation from prosecutors, Wo'O Ideafarm convinced a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge last week to postpone sentencing him, so that he might "prepare an attack on the validity of the trial."

Best known for his curbside displays of signs emblazoned with provocative messages, he was convicted on Oct. 28 of multiple counts of willfully and maliciously obstructing a public street and for being a public nuisance. He was scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 8, but the sentencing proceeding was continued for at least six-weeks.

The charges he faces stem from a three-day period — Jan. 21 to Jan. 23 — when Ideafarm decided to return to the streets of Mountain View after a lengthy hiatus, to protest what he said was an abridgment of his First Amendment right of free speech. He held a sign while standing just off the corner of either Castro Street and El Camino Real or Moffett Boulevard and Central Expressway. In each case he was standing in the street, outside of the bounds of the crosswalk.

According to Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Cindy Hendrickson, who is familiar with the case, none of the authorities involved in Ideafarm's prosecution — from the police up to the District Attorney's office —

have any intention of stifling free speech. She noted that recordings of Ideafarm's encounters with police, which he recorded himself, demonstrate the patience of responding police officers.

"The defendant's conduct goes way beyond (speaking his mind)," Hendrickson said. "Some people have a message, other people want attention." She said she believes it was clear that, in the case of Ideafarm, it is the latter.

"In this particular case, he was standing in a traffic lane," Hendrickson said, referring to Ideafarm. "The bottom line in our goal is the safety of the public and to not allow Mr. Ideafarm to hijack police resources."

Hendrickson added that the judge presiding over Ideafarm's current case has been very patient and fair during the proceedings.

At the Nov. 8 hearing, Judge Allison Danner appeared to listen intently and earnestly to Ideafarm, and did not become angry when he interrupted her.

Danner provided Ideafarm with a written copy of her recommended punishment: three years court probation, plus fines and fees. The sentence also carried with it an incentive for Ideafarm's cooperation; the city of Mountain View and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office were prepared to drop two other pending criminal cases against Ideafarm.

Ideafarm refused sentence, which would have allowed him to

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COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

The street-front view of the mixed-use project at 1984 El Camino Real shows the ground-floor retail that's planned.

MV cold-case killer convicted

GANG-AFFILIATED MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER IN 2004 SHOOTING

By Nick Veronin

A local man affiliated with a Mountain View affiliate of the Norteños street gang was convicted on Nov. 7 of shooting and killing 17-year-old Alejandro “Alex” Fernandez in September of 2004.

Giovanni Duarte, 26, was convicted of second degree murder with a gang enhancement and faces a possible sentence of 40 years to life in prison, according to a joint press release from the Mountain View Police Department, the FBI’s Safe Streets Task Force, and the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office. He will likely be sentenced in early 2014.

Another man, 25-year-old Anthony Figueroa, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in a separate trial. He was the driver of the red Lexus the pair used to flee the scene on Sept. 24, 2004 at about 10:30 p.m. Figueroa faces a similar sentence to Duarte’s for his role in the killing.

Fernandez was shot and killed on the 500 block of S. Rengstorff Avenue. A self-identified member of the Sureño street gang — a rival of the Norteños — Fernandez reportedly walked up to the red Lexus that fateful night and was shot multiple times by Duarte, according to Mountain View police.

Given Duarte and Figueroa’s association with Varrio Mountain View — or VMV, a Norteño-affiliated gang — police said at the time of the arrest that they believed the shooting was gang-related. “We think the motive was gang-related but a random act of gang violence,” that did not specifically target Fernandez, police told the *Voice* in August 2011.

Though police initially had no suspects in the murder, investigators broke the cold

case in 2011, thanks in part to the FBI’s Safe Streets Task Force. Operating out of the MVPD’s headquarters, the task force re-interviewed dozens of witnesses. The task force also used a grand jury to subpoena witnesses who had previously refused to talk to police and succeeded in making them testify with the threat of perjury charges.

During the trial, the MVPD and the FBI task force were able to convince the jury that Duarte and Figueroa had driven to the S. Rengstorff Avenue area on Sept. 24, 2004, looking for a Sureño gang member with “the sole purpose of initiating a confrontation,” the joint press release said. Apparently Fernandez satisfied their criteria.

“I hope the Fernandez family can breath a sigh of relief knowing that Giovanni Duarte was held accountable,” said police Chief Scott Vermeer, adding he was proud of the result of the extensive and complex investigation. ▀



Giovanni Duarte

EPA TCE

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Four hot spots

The largest hotspot of groundwater pollution, on Evandale Avenue, had shockingly high concentrations — 130,000 parts per billion — higher than anything currently found in the area. For context, the EPA’s drinking water cleanup goal is 5 parts per billion.

Appearing to follow the trace of storm drains and sewer lines, there are a total of four “hot spots” — a second site on Evandale Avenue with 4,000 parts per billion, one on the city’s vacant “Moffett Gateway” site on the western side of Moffett Boulevard, with 440 parts per billion, and one on Leong Drive that was re-sampled in September to find a surprisingly high 110,000 parts per billion of TCE contamination.

Despite the high levels recently found on Leong Drive, the EPA has found only trace amounts of TCE vapors in a hotel above the Leong Drive hot spot.

The responsible parties, including Fairchild descendant Schlumberge Corp., have not taken legal responsibility of the hot spots, but have agreed to clean up the pollution under Evandale Avenue and install special ventilation systems on Evandale Avenue homes that are

found with toxic vapors inside.

What level is safe?

Lee said trace amounts of TCE vapors have been found in other homes, below the EPA’s indoor cleanup threshold of 1 microgram per cubic meter of air — not high enough to be a concern, an EPA official said.

“Concern to who?” asked resident Brian David. He said he was one of the residents who had lower levels of TCE vapors in his home. He was concerned about the effects on his health.

“If you are concerned, it is reasonable for you to ask for mitigation if you’ve got detectable levels,” Siegel said. “It is worth requesting it.”

EPA toxicologist Gerry Hiatt indicated that the EPA even considers low amounts of TCE vapor a cancer risk, noting that the EPA’s 2011 toxicological assessment of TCE lowered cancer risk thresholds from 1.2 micrograms per cubic meter in indoor air of homes to 0.4.

Hiatt said that people generally have a 40 percent chance of getting cancer, and the EPA’s action levels were designed to “create exposures” that would have a one in a million chance of causing cancer over decades over exposure, though pregnant women are at risk from only weeks of TCE vapor exposure.

“These numbers are set to protect the most vulnerable people,” Siegel said. “Don’t panic if you are exposed, but we want you to be protected.”

Cleanup of the Evandale Avenue hot spots would begin in February, EPA official Penny Reddy said. A chemical oxidant will be injected into the ground to convert the TCE into carbon dioxide, cleaning up the sites relatively quickly if all of the TCE can be reached.

For more information, or to request indoor air testing on Evandale Avenue or Leong Drive, visit epa.gov/region09/mew or use the contacts below:

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Funding challenges cloud high-speed rail's future

JUDGE TO CONSIDER IMPACTS OF RAIL AUTHORITY'S FLAWED BUSINESS PLAN

By Gennady Sheyner

With California's high-speed rail system preparing for a groundbreaking in Central Valley, the fate of the \$68-billion project remains clouded by allegations that the agency charged with building it has violated state law — an argument that was at the heart of a Friday court hearing in Sacramento.

The question of whether the California High-Speed Rail Authority broke the law by committing to construction contracts for the first 29-mile stretch of the line before figuring out the cost of the line's first "usable" segment features prominently in the latest lawsuit spearheaded by attorney Stuart Flashman. Flashman previously represented Palo Alto, Menlo Park in Atherton in their own lawsuits against the rail authority.

In late August, the plaintiffs — John Tos, Aaron Fukuda and the County of Kings — scored an early victory against the rail authority when Sacramento Superior Court Judge Michael Kenny ruled that in submitting a business plan that doesn't identify funding for the first usable segment, the rail authority "abused its discretion" and violated provisions on Proposition 1A, which voters approved in 2008 and which allocates \$9.95 billion in state funds for the rail system.

In about three weeks, Kenny is expected to determine what should be done about it.

For Flashman and Redwood City-based attorney Michael Brady, who is working with Flashman on the suit, the rail authority should be forced to rescind and correct its defective business plan before taking on any new financial commitments or compiling further business plans. Specifically, the updated business plan would have to identify how the rail authority would pay for the "initial operating segment" of the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles line.

Under current projections, the initial segment would cost more than \$20 billion and would either stretch from Bakersfield north to San Jose or from Merced south to San Fernando. Instead, the rail authority only identified funding sources for the first "initial construction segment," a 130-mile stretch between Fresno and Bakersfield that carries an estimated price tag of \$6 billion.



COURTESY CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

For Flashman and Brady, that's a key difference. The business-plan requirements of Proposition 1A were specifically designed to give taxpayers assurance that the bond money would be spent wisely, they argued in their opening brief. The rail authority has violated these requirements, and the question of remedy is "key to assuring that the promises made to the voters remain meaningful." The mistakes in the early funding plan, they wrote, "created a 'house of cards' that was due to collapse."

"The remedy for those violations must include not only rescinding the defective funding plan and replacing it with a properly-prepared plan, but also repairing subsequent steps in the approval process that relied upon the defective plan," the brief states.

But even if the court rescinds the business plan, it's not clear what effect, if any, the action would take. In July 2012, the rail authority scored its biggest victory to date when the state Legislature appropriated by a single vote \$2.6 billion in bond funding for the first construction segment, in addition to the \$3.2 billion in federal funds.

At the Nov. 8 hearing, the rail authority's attorney argued that a court order to rescind the business plan would be a moot gesture. The business plan, argued Deputy Attorney General Michelle Inan, was intended to provide Sacramento legislators with the information they needed to consider whether to appropriate the funds. In that sense, it has done its job. Inan argued that "to the extent that there are any protections for costs of taxpayers in the plan, they are exercised through the legislative process." She disputed the plaintiffs' argument, and Kenny's ruling, that the rail authority did not comply with state law.

"There is no non-compliance

with Proposition 1A," Inan said. "There's a finding that certain reporting requirements were not satisfied. But the person who reviewed the entity was the Legislature and it appropriated the funds."

The violation of the reporting requirements of Proposition of 1A, she argued, "do not create an enforceable cause of action in favor of taxpayers like Tos," Inan said. When Kenny asked what would happen if the rail authority were to rescind the business plan, she replied, "Nothing practical happens."

In its brief signed by Inan, Attorney General Kamala Harris and Supervising Deputy Attorney General Tamar Pachter, state officials argue that the court doesn't have the authority to tamper with the Legislature's appropriation. So far, the rail authority has used the funds authorized in July 2012 on two major contracts totaling more than \$1.1 billion — a \$225,900 contract with Caltrans on design work in Fresno and a \$970 million one with Tutor-Perini for design and construction work within the counties of Madero and Fresno. These contracts were based on the federal appropriation on state bonds, according to the Attorney General's brief.

"The authority did not enter into either contract until it successfully obtained that appropriation," the brief states. "As this Court found, the appropriation functions independently of requirements in the bond act that the Authority submit a funding plan before it may ask for an appropriation to spend bond money."

The court, the brief argues, "lacks authority to invalidate contracts validly entered into based on that appropriation merely because of inadequacies in the funding plan that

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Tis the season, already

THE MIDPENINSULA GETS INTO THE HOLIDAY MOOD NICE AND EARLY THIS YEAR

By Rebecca Wallace

Is it really time to run our annual holiday story? The candle-lighting and hall-decking and jingling seem to be starting up awfully quickly this year.

Maybe it's the unusual timing of Hanukkah, which is so early that it begins the day before Thanksgiving. Perhaps people just can't wait to pump up their inflatable lawn Santas. Either way, here are the November holiday happenings in the Midpeninsula. A round-up with many more festive events happening in December will run in next week's issue of the *Voice*.

Art and exhibits

Palo Alto's Cubberley Studios artists open their doors for their annual **holiday open studios** on Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 20 artists work in textiles, collage, sculpture and other media. The studios are in the Cubberley Community Center at 4000 Middlefield Road; more info is at lindagass.com/events.html.

Gallery House's **holiday show and sale** runs Nov. 17 through Dec. 24, with ceramics, jewelry, photography, textiles and paintings. Items are chosen with an eye to giftworthiness in various price ranges; pieces on the \$55



Art Wall all have the same price in honor of the gallery's 55th anniversary. The gallery is at 320 S. California Ave., open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 11 to 3. Go to galleryhouse2.com.

Dance

The "Nutcracker" season starts in November at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, thanks to the Pacific Ballet Academy. Performances of the classic are Nov. 29 at 1 and 6 p.m., Nov. 30 at 1 and 6 p.m., and Dec. 1 at 12:30 and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30/\$26. The center is at 500 Castro St. Go to mvcpa.com.

Potpourri

Young professionals celebrate Hanukkah with the annual "Light It Up!" party at Hillel at Stanford, 565 Mayfield Ave., on Nov. 23 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. This year's theme is "Venetian Ball," with live music, dancing, blackjack and, of course, dreidel. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Go to paloaltojcc.org.

Gift shoppers can buy purses, jewelry, fragrances, hand-woven scarves, Nicaraguan art and other items at the **holiday boutique** at All Saints' Church at 555 Waverley St. in Palo Alto from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23. Proceeds benefit the church's outreach programs. Go to asaints.org.

Woodside's Filoli mansion and gardens starts up the nine-day "Ice Fantasy: New Traditions" holiday fundraiser on Nov. 29, with the historic rooms turned into a holiday showcase. Choral ensembles and other musicians will perform. Ticket prices for events range from \$25 to \$85. Filoli is at 86 Canada Road; go to filoli.org.

Palo Alto lights its Lytton Plaza Christmas tree on Nov. 30 with a **tree-lighting and snowman competition** planned from 4 to 7 p.m. The plaza is at 202 University Ave. Go to cityofpaloalto.org. ■

Right: This rendering shows the view of the project from El Camino Real.

Below: A swimming pool is proposed as part of the apartment complex.

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apartment projects.

“There’s numerous reasons why we’re the only developer proposing retail as part of our plan,” said UDM’s Don MacKenzie. “It’s a very costly thing to do as part of this development.”

He added that the project’s “double-height retail (as high as two residential stories) is what we feel will provide opportunity for retail to be very successful.”

Siegel didn’t like the “industrial and contemporary” architecture and lack of parking.

“We think it’s the kind of contemporary look that the resident we’re trying to attract is interested in,” McKenzie said.

The developer is also betting that apartment tenants won’t have much use for parking, as has been the case in other new apartment projects in the city occupied by tech employees who take shuttles to and from their jobs.

Siegel acknowledged the trend for less parking, but objected to having only one parking space

for each of the 87 one-bedroom apartments. “You are not going to have one person in a one-bedroom the way rents are soaring,” Siegel said. “I don’t know why we want to create a problem five years from now, 10 years from now. I don’t know why we are trying to create Berkeley here, where if you find a parking place you go buy a car.”

‘If there is not enough parking it doesn’t matter what retail you have, that retail is going to fail.’

JOHN MCALISTER

Council member John McAlister and others praised the inclusion of retail space.

“The project is very good compared to everything else,” McAlister said. “I want that retail to be successful. If there is not enough parking it doesn’t matter

what retail you have, that retail is going to fail.”

MacKenzie said the project boasted more open space than other similar projects, 34 percent of the site. He said the project also boasts a more valuable transit package than usual, including shared Zip cars, electric car chargers and free Clipper cards or transit subsidies for residents. He anticipates growing electric car use, noting that the Madera complex on Evelyn Avenue has only two chargers for the six electric cars that tenants have.

The loss of a large oak tree on the site was decried by council member Ronit Bryant, who said it was over 100 inches in diameter.

“That kind of oak tree will take many decades to reach that size,” Bryant said. “Part of quality of life is the trees that we have.”

“We would have loved to have saved that tree,” MacKenzie said. “It’s just right at the epicenter for that corner of the property and that garage.” Saving it “would eliminate a lot of the parking.” ▀

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HIGH-SPEED RAIL

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the Authority was required to submit before requesting an appropriation.”

Flashman and Brady strongly dispute this stance. Even if the contracts aren’t invalidated, forcing the rail authority to rescind the plan and correct it will help ensure that future plans are based on accurate documents that comply with the law. In their view, unless the court takes action, the colossal project will continue to travel

down a slippery slope toward an uncertain future.

“When you find yourself in a hole, the first thing you do is stop digging,” Flashman said at the Nov. 8 hearing, adding that he doesn’t believe the rail authority has gotten that message.

“We feel the court needs to step in and say, ‘You need to stop digging,’” Flashman told Kenny.

Kenny did not indicate on Friday whether he will rescind the business plan. In his prior ruling, he wrote that the court “is not yet convinced that invalidation of the funding plan, by itself, would be remedy with any real, practi-

cal effect.”

Even if the rail authority comes away from the latest legal challenge relatively unscathed, the project’s future remains murky. The funds appropriated by the Legislature so far are just a fraction of the system’s projected cost of \$68 billion. For the balance of the funding, the rail authority is banking on private investments that have yet to materialize and on federal programs that don’t currently exist, such as tax credit bonds. The 2012 business plan that Kenny found deficient acknowledges that “it may take several years

working with other stakeholders in the high-speed rail sector to obtain passage of the desired federal legislation.”

Still, local officials in Palo Alto and elsewhere are bracing themselves for changes that may come to the rail corridors well before high-speed rail is in place. This includes the long-awaited electrification of Caltrain, which will be funded by high-speed-rail dollars and which is expected to be completed in 2019. The project will allow the commuter service to expand the number of trains and provide faster service. Ultimately, the electrified tracks

are expected to support both Caltrain and high-speed rail as part of a “blended system” design on the Peninsula.

Anticipating these changes, the City Council approved on Nov. 5 a study that will consider the costs of building a trench for Caltrain in the southern part of the city and submerging roadways at three rail crossings. Councilman Pat Burt pointed to Caltrain’s expanded service, rather than high-speed rail, as the main reason to commission the analysis.

“I don’t believe high-speed rail is likely to come to the Peninsula,” he said. ▀

Officials investigate Sims fire

By Sue Dremann

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is investigating Sunday's fire at a scrap metal recycling facility in Redwood City that led to "shelter in place" warnings in the area, including in Atherton and Menlo Park.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had an emergency-response team at the site of the fire, the Sims Metal Management scrap yard at 699 Seaport Boulevard near the Port of Redwood City.

The air in Menlo Park and Atherton was filled with foul-smelling, acrid smoke for several hours on Sunday. "We're definitely smelling the toxic smoke from this fire, and are hunkered down in the house with the windows closed," a Menlo Park resident posted online Sunday. "Is anyone else getting a headache from it?"



MICHELLE LE

Sunday's fire at Sims Metal Management spread smoke across several Bay Area counties.

Particulate matter — fine particles of materials including smoke — measured 2.5 micrograms Sunday and was at extremely high levels, said Lisa Fasano, spokesperson for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Such small particles are of concern because they can't be seen

and are breathed into the lungs and enter the bloodstream, she said. The actual components of the particulate materials have not been identified, she said.

"Oftentimes, and I don't know if it is the case in this matter, the fires burn so hot that the materials get burned in the

combustion of the fire. The bigger issue is that the particulate matter causes an immediate health risk," she said. Symptoms include difficulty breathing and respiratory distress.

She said the smoke was trapped close to the ground because of an inversion layer, a weather occurrence in which temperature increases with elevation rather than the other way around.

Sims Metal, which leases land from the Port of Redwood City, recycles scrap metal, cars, appliances and electronics, and calls itself the largest metals recycling company in the world.

In a statement, Sims Metal officials stated the facility was operational and open for business as of Monday morning.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The company stated that it has installed multiple fire hydrants and added and expanded fire lanes and fire access gates to the property in recent years. It also limited the height and quantity of stockpiled material.

Company officials stated that the facility is designed to contain storm water, so none of the water used to fight the fire left the property.

"We always consider adopting additional corrective measures when recommended," company officials said. "We also engage in regular fire prevention training, and inspect our facilities on an ongoing basis, implementing corrective measures resulting from those inspections."

Sims has had several fires at its facilities in recent years. The company has been cited for pollution problems at its Redwood City facility.

In April 2007, a large fire of

burning crushed cars at the Sims site sent clouds of smoke over neighborhoods east of U.S. 101. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District cited Sims after residue (including toxic polychlorinated biphenyls, known as PCBs, and heavy metals) from the plant drifted into adjacent wetlands, according to an agency incident report.

In August of this year, Sims had a huge fire at its Jersey City, New Jersey, facility. The same location had a second fire early in October, according to East Coast news reports.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also halted loading of shredded materials onto container ships by the Redwood City facility in 2011, after inspectors found that PCBs, mercury, lead and other pollutants were spilling into San Francisco Bay, according to an EPA findings report and order.

Soils around the facility had high levels of heavy metals and other hazardous substances, EPA officials said at the time.

Sunday's fire

The "shelter in place" health advisory was lifted around 6:20 a.m. Monday, about 17 hours after the fire was reported burning in an outdoor pile of scrap recyclables.

Menlo Park district and Redwood City firefighters responded to the fire, which was deemed under control around 8:30 p.m. Sunday, but firefighters were still working at the site Monday.

No injuries were reported and no evacuations were necessary. ▀

—Almanac staff and Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

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IDEAFARM

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remain free, albeit on probation. Instead, he informed the judge that he planned to challenge the ruling, saying he knew of a variety of legal “attacks” he could make against the proposed sentence.

Ideafarm’s lawyer, Andrew Tursi, said little while the self-identified “public speaker” recited a number of legal maneuvers he believed he could use to postpone his sentencing and possibly get a new judge to consider the case.

In the hallway after the hearing at the Palo Alto Courthouse, Tursi appeared frustrated as his client held forth about corruption within the Santa Clara

County District Attorney’s Office and among Mountain View officials and police.

Later, in an email to the *Voice*, Ideafarm compared his attorney to Judas Iscariot. “For 30 pieces of silver, he was handing me over to be crucified,” Ideafarm wrote, adding that his lawyer was ready to give up on the case as soon as the judge handed down her verdict, and implying that Tursi didn’t have his entire heart in it. “These people are not called ‘public pretenders’ for nothing.”

After a private conference with lawyers from the city and the DA’s office, as well as with Tursi, Danner advised Ideafarm that his action would result in the withdrawal of the DA’s offer to drop its pending cases against him. An attorney for the city of Mountain

View then said the city would withdraw its offer to drop its cases against him as well. Ideafarm indicated he was fine with this.

The judge also asked him why he intended to stall the sentencing process.

“Because I want to win,” he responded.

Outside the courtroom, after the hearing, Ideafarm told the *Voice* that he welcomes the continuation of the current case as well as the beginning of the pending cases against him — one of which involves his alleged false imprisonment of a woman, whom he believed had tampered with one of his signs.

During that incident, Ideafarm grabbed the woman and told her he was placing her under citizen’s arrest. In the struggle the

pair fell to the ground. He was later arrested by Mountain View police, who said they did not accept the validity of his arrest.

When asked why he didn’t accept a sentence that would have allowed him to stay out of jail, and which would have resulted in the dropping of the two pending cases, Ideafarm said that he didn’t believe he should be put on probation, as it would increase his “vulnerability to police harassment.”

“Those cases are even more outrageous than this case,” he said. “I don’t mind them going to trial. I want them to go to trial. I want them to be publicly viewed.”

He said that then the corruption of the court and the city would become apparent and that the people of Mountain

View might finally wake up and become aware that they are being oppressed.

The way Hendrickson sees it, Ideafarm is not being oppressed. “His behavior suggests, rather than having a message, he really wants to get attention — any kind of attention,” she said.

While the DA’s office has currently withdrawn the offer to drop Ideafarm’s other cases, that doesn’t mean that offer won’t be extended again, should he decide to be cooperative. And that’s not because of any fear over what Ideafarm has to say. Instead it’s more a matter of practicality, Hendrickson said.

“We’ve got other cases we’re trying in Santa Clara County. This is not the ‘Ideafarm courtroom.’” she said. ■

BULLIS

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is warned that it must get back on track within 45 days and make up for past violations. In the meantime, the district will consider “whether BCS’s violations should disqualify it from receiving any offer of facilities for the 2014-15 school year.”

In a response addressed directly to “Doug,” Ken Moore, chair of the BCS board of directors, called the district’s letter “yet another attempt to in a decade-long campaign to deny parents the right to choose the best local public school option for their children.”

Throughout the letter, Moore wrote: “The district has not only refused to support Bullis, it has done everything it can to destroy Bullis. ... When will it end?”

Litany of offenses

The LASD open letter lists a litany of alleged Bullis offenses. According to the document, BCS regularly exceeds student capacity limits at both the Egan and Blach campuses. The charter is also accused of allowing children into rooms and facilities that they should be restricted from accessing due to their age; and, the district claims that Bullis officials have allowed children to play on shared athletic fields when they were not scheduled to do so — causing a conflict with physical education classes at Blach.

In his letter to LASD, Moore called the district’s restrictions on the charter school “arbitrary,” writing that he views them as little more than a tool to “frustrate Bullis’ programs.”

“The only persons that LASD restricts from setting foot on the Blach or Egan sites are the charter public school students,” he continued.

As for the capacity limits on the number of Bullis students allowed on either campus, Moore said they “have no legal or factual support whatsoever.”

surrenders and closes its doors,” Moore wrote. “That is not going to happen.”

Smith defended the rules outlined in the Facilities Use Agreement, which Bullis signed before

‘If they (Bullis) are going to use the facilities, they should use them with the rules that govern that use. We thought about it a lot to make sure that we were giving them a reasonable program.’

DOUG SMITH

Denied space?

Attached to the letter, in a document entitled “Exhibit A,” the charter alleges that BCS is only allowed to use a fraction of the space at the Blach portion of its campus. It also purports that Bullis is denied open space, such as the soccer field, blacktop, the tennis courts and the track, even though those spaces are unused close to half of the day, or more, in the case of the tennis courts.

While Bullis children on the Egan portion of the campus have a jungle gym they may play on, BCS has been unable to build a play structure for its students at Blach. According to Jay Reed, a spokesman for Bullis, Blach kids are not allowed to play on the field at Blach, but must stay on the blacktop next to the grass.

In short, Moore’s letter accuses LASD officials of forcing the charter school into an agreement, knowing full well that they would have to violate the agreement in order to run their programs.

“Your letter only confirms what we have sensed since before our school opened its doors — the district will not stop attacking Bullis until Bullis

In fact, Smith said, the charter had the rules in advance of the school year, and had a chance to design a program that would work within the district’s guidelines. “They still choose to operate their program in defiance of the rules.”

When it comes to rules saying that Bullis may only have a certain number of children on one campus or another, or that primary grades belong at Egan while only middle school-aged kids are allowed at Blach, Smith said there is plenty of research and safety protocols that say those restrictions are sound.

Because Blach is supposed to be the middle school campus for Bullis, the rules say children in fifth grade and below are not allowed on that campus. However, Smith said, Bullis regularly allows primary school kids on the Blach grounds.

This rule also explains why there is no playground on the Blach campus, Smith said, as middle schoolers do not traditionally have play structures on their campuses.

Bad for bond

Smith said the district’s most recent open letter “probably is not good for the bond,” referring to the proposed joint school bond to build two new schools. But, he added, “The district cannot just turn a blind eye to what is happening.”

According to Smith, the best way for the two educational organizations to get back on better terms begins with Bullis “following the rules.”

“Although we believe that the accusations in your letter are baseless,” Moore wrote, “and although the unlawful restrictions that you are imposing are intended only to harm children — not help them — we are going to find ways to live within the restrictions in the (Facilities Use Agreement) within the time frame demanded.”

Moore then struck a defiant tone, vowing that the charter will continue to grow and “continue to be a model of education in the nation.”

“When the dust settles,” Moore concluded, “Bullis shall remain standing — with or without your consent.” ■

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to a study by Seifel Consulting, Inc. Such a lease payment could be used to finance a bond for one of several long-desired city infrastructure project, including a large new city park, council members said the previous Tuesday.

It was found that office and hotel use would bring in more income than other uses, including a big box store.

"We modeled a variety of land uses," said community develop-

ment director Randy Tsuda. "A combination of hotel and office seemed to yield the highest potential return."

Some council members expressed interest in a footbridge from the site to the Stevens Creek Trail, possibly in exchange for allowing a higher density development on the site than specified in the city's general plan.

"If a developer proposed more hotel, we assume that's a possibility," Tsuda said of changing the zoning. "It doesn't seem to be the ideal location for that type of hotel — the type of hotel that

would require a higher density than what's in our general plan."

He said the site is more appropriate for "a three-diamond hotel, not a four-diamond hotel," referring to the level of guest amenities.

Council members decided to add a requirement that developers address labor peace with unions that organize hotel workers in their development proposals, though some council members were wary of making such an agreement a requirement of the project.

The developer and hotel operator "would agree to not interfere with labor and what city would get in return is there would be no labor unrest," said council member Margaret Abe-Koga.

Council members Jac Siegel, Mike Kasperzak and Mayor Inks said they wouldn't support it, having blamed such an agreement for the demise of deals to subsidize a four-star hotel on city land at Charleston Road and Shoreline Boulevard, a situation Kasperzak called a "fiasco." Member Margaret Abe-Koga blamed the recession for the failed deals — one with Google in 2008 and another with Robert Greene in 2010 — saying the council never came to such a conclusion in closed session meetings.

"I missed three hotel development opportunities in my time on the council, it would be nice not to miss another one," Kasperzak said.

Abe-Koga said the flipside to not allowing "card check neutrality" union organizing could be seen at the Hyatt hotel in Santa Clara, which has seen years of picketing by union members.

Corner site to remain undeveloped

The city attempted to negotiate with Caltrans to buy an adjacent 3-acre site that had been a High-

way 101 on ramp roundabout. City officials say Caltrans simply wanted too high a price for the site, \$6 million — an appraisal basing its value on its worth when assembled with the adjacent 6.69 acre parcel.

"Because of the assessed value of the Caltrans parcel and other considerations, including the fact the Moffett Gateway property can be economically developed without the Caltrans parcel, staff does not recommend acquisition of the Caltrans parcel," a city report said.

City officials said it was their belief that the Caltrans parcel would remain unable to be developed, though the city has no jurisdiction over it. There are 104 trees on the Caltrans parcel.

The city is continuing talks with Caltrans to obtain access rights through the parcel, which fronts 486 feet of Moffett Boulevard to allow a driveway through the site from Moffett Boulevard. Without it, there would only be 40 feet of access along Moffett Boulevard at the southern edge of the site, where a driveway would meet Leong Drive's spotlight.

Toxics don't prevent development

Tests found relatively small amounts of the toxic solvent trichloroethylene (TCE) in the soil and groundwater on the site, cleanup of which could be costly for the city if a polluter isn't found.

"It is believed the TCE originates from an off-site source, up gradient," said the city's property manager, Dennis Drennan. The Environmental Protection Agency is investigating the source, and EPA officials said at a community meeting Tuesday night that it "appears" that such mysterious hot spots of TCE in the area have come from leaking sewer lines that run through the site

and along Evandale Avenue and Leong Drive, lines which may have carried the solvent from nearby semiconductor manufacturing sites in the 1960s and 1970s, such as Fairchild Semiconductor on Whisman Road. The investigation is so far not conclusive.

"It potentially could come to the city to clean up the Moffett Gateway property," Drennan said. Without a polluter found to be a "responsible party" the "owner of the property is the responsible party." Raising some eyebrows, Drennan added that "the lessee could become the potentially responsible party" — to which Kasperzak said developers would probably want to be "held harmless" in any development agreement.

Because of the toxics found in the soil, and the site's isolated nature, residential development was not recommended, though zoning allows up to 60 units per acre. Vapor intrusion barriers would be required under any new buildings, as TCE vapors can cause cancer and slew of other health problems from long-term exposures and defects in fetuses when pregnant mothers are exposed to certain levels over a matter of weeks.

A substantial number of trees will have to be cut down. There are 256 trees on the site, and "any viable project would require a majority of the trees be removed," said Alex Andrade, economic development manager. About 203 would have to be removed or relocated, but tree preservation will be a factor in selecting developer bids, city officials said.

The city is set to request developer bids for the site in January, 2014. Bids would be due in March 2014. ■

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discontinue "unfair" practices — such as charging higher co-pays for mental health services as opposed to physical health services, or discontinuing coverage of a rehab after 10 days, even though the standard length of an effective rehab program is eight weeks.

Insurance companies also often required doctors to check in with a doctor employed by the health care provider on a regular basis in order to explain why a patient admitted to the hospital for an overdose or a psychotic episode needed to remain in the hospital, Fitzgerald said. Sometimes the insurer

would require the doctor to check in after the very first day. Some interpreted this practice as a deliberate ploy to force doctors to discharge patients quickly and thus reduce the amount insurers would end up paying to a given hospital.

At the Mountain View branch of CHAC — the Community Health Awareness Council — executive director Monique Kane said she was happy to hear about the finalization of the new law.

"Sounds good!" Kane said.

While CHAC aims to make sure everyone who comes through its doors receives treatment — operating on a sliding scale payment system — Kane said she believes that, with more people on insurance plans

that cover mental health and substance abuse with fair reimbursement rates, her organization will be able to help even more struggling patients.

Fitzgerald said he believes the new law will have another, more general positive effect.

"The big message is the stigma," he said, referring to the fear or shame some people feel that prevents them from seeking help for these conditions.

Having a mental health condition should be viewed the same way as having a heart condition. It's something that can be treated, Fitzgerald said.

"What this legislation says is that it's like any other condition. It's treatable, the treatment really works, and we need to take it out of the shadows." ■

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The art of nature

Local artists capture the great outdoors through stone, paint, leaves ❁

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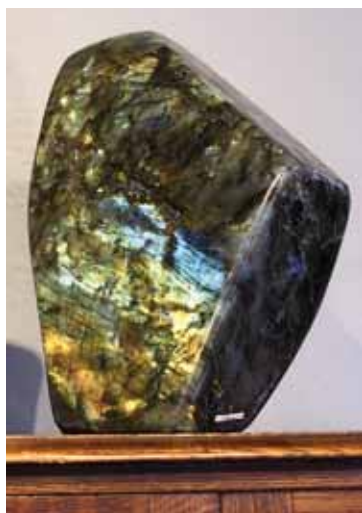
Inside his Mountain View warehouse late last month, Booker Morey was rustling through stacks and stacks of dried leaves.

"The maples — they've got a lovely shape. And the cutleaf birch" — he held a serrated leaf by its stem — "isn't that neat? It looks like a tree."

Morey, a Palo Alto resident, is in the business of giving dead leaves new life — as art. His work preserves the leaves' lacy "skeletons" and shows them off in black velvet shadow boxes, delicately restored to the vibrant hues of autumn: mossy greens, golden yellows and burnt oranges.

Nature has long inspired Morey, but his work with leaves over the past 20 years has only increased his appreciation, he said.

And he's not the only one. From landscape paintings to mineral sculptures to leaf art, local artists frequently find their muse in the nearby foothills and baylands. During the holidays, artwork that brings a piece of nature indoors has made for a



Iridescent labradorite from Madagascar shines in the light at the Nature Gallery in Los Altos.

perennially popular gift, merchants say.

The practice of "skeletonizing" and arranging leaves is an ancient tradition, with examples going back to Persia and China's Ming Dynasty. But Morey, a former engineer, has updated the process with a decidedly high-tech method of removing the leaf's brittle flesh and leaving only the flexible, tubular veins.

"It's an etching process that's sometimes used in the semiconductor industry," the bespectacled Morey said, a tad secretly.

The leaves are then bleached and color added with an airbrush. He and his staff use only natural colors, to celebrate rather than alter nature.

"No purples or pinks," he said. Then the leaves are arranged with birch branches in framed shadow boxes as large as 2 x 3 feet.

Only 1 to 2 percent of leaves on a tree are undamaged and shapely enough to make it as art, according to Morey.

In working with some 30 varieties of leaves, collected from

here to Yosemite, Morey said he's learned a great deal about the fragile foliage that surrounds us.

"The ginkgo is the most primitive leaf that still grows," he said. "The way the veins are arranged, it's like a fan."

If a bug bites the ginkgo leaf near its stem, damaging a vein, it destroys the leaf's ability to feed the tree. But more modern leaves have developed networks of interlocking veins, like mesh, so nutrients can find alternate routes to the stem.

"It's like having a freeway and streets around it," Morey said. "If you look at some Google maps that just show streets, they look so much like the veins in the leaves, it's just uncanny."

It takes about a month to take a leaf from freshly picked to product, he said. In addition to shadow boxes, Morey's Leaf



Alabaster vases, created by Guy Michaels, are sold at the Nature Gallery.

Lines offers leaves in other displays, from coasters to bowls to paperweights. His work is sold in 150 galleries nationwide, including Shady Lane in downtown Palo Alto.

At the Portola Art Gallery in Menlo Park's Allied Arts Guild, Kristen Olson and other artists take a more traditional approach to capturing nature's essence:

painting and photography. Olson draws upon local landscapes and landmarks, from Carmel to Yosemite, for her paintings, using a darker palette and dense strokes that hover between realism and Impressionism.

"I call myself an American Impressionist," said the Maryland native, whose brush strokes mimic the subjects she draws. For



Senada Salihbasic, principal artist at Leaf Lines, crafts shadow boxes of colorful maple and pistache leaves at the company's Mountain View warehouse.



A chunk of **amethyst** and calcite from Uruguay is on display at the Nature Gallery.



Chinese pistache leaves in a shadowbox were created by Leaf Lines.

water, her hand moves in flowing curves; bricks are depicted using firm, short strokes.

As a child — and an active one at that, she said — Olson relished the great outdoors and easily took to riding horses and hiking.

"I always loved nature, and I still do," Olson said. One of her favorite locales is Portola Pastures.

"I love the light that comes early in the morning," she said

recently, pointing to one of her works in which a horse grazes quietly by a eucalyptus tree.

Other artists featured at the cooperative gallery include Steve Curl, whose vivid watercolors depict finely detailed birch trees at Lundy Lake and the pinkish glow of the setting sun on the sand bars of San Gregorio beach.

For those whose tastes run more toward fauna rather than flora, artist Teresa Silvestri uses

watercolor to bring to life rabbits, sheep and pigs.

Larry Calof has turned his camera's lens to animals as well, capturing in one metal print several wild, galloping chestnut-brown horses, the snow flying from under their hooves. In another, a trio of squinting polar bears, their eyes like slits, pad hulkily side by side. Titled "Los Tres Hombres," it was shot in Canada. Calof has also photographed wolves, mountain lions, elephants and technicolor birds.

Often, though, nature's beauty speaks for itself, said Carol Garsten, owner of Nature Gallery in Los Altos, which offers fossils and minerals.

"I bought these because they are works of art by themselves," Garsten said on a recent walk through her store. "About everything here, I ask: 'Is it sculptural?'"

She pointed to some druzy quartz, a knobby gray rock with white veins, that sparkles due to a coating of fine crystals formed on the rock's surface. Next to it, a hefty round stone is actually a fossilized sand dollar from the Jurassic period.

In a display case, a piece of green Chinese fluorite, which grows in cubes, is so smooth and clear, it looks like jelly.

Some minerals and fossils stand alone, but others have been carved into sculptures, boxes and vases or formed into artful jewelry.

Guy Michaels, an El Granada artist, turns Utah alabaster into delicate, translucent orange vases with neat walnut-and-ebony



A paperweight with a red maple leaf was created by Leaf Lines.

inlaid trim. He uses a lathe and his years of experience as a wood turner to achieve a thickness of 3/16 of an inch.

Garsten's gallery features a kids' section, where tiny hands can pull open drawers to find golden pyrite cubes, fossilized shark teeth and spirally ammonites. Bits of tiger eye, onyx, amethyst and more nest in small baskets, some going for as little as a dollar. There are even pointy, oval orthoceras fossils, the 400-million-year-old relative of the squid, from Morocco.

And for the one-of-a-kind gift seeker? An amethyst geode from Brazil, several feet in

diameter, has been cut open, its splayed halves forming the shape of a butterfly. Intended for use as a coffee table, it sells for \$12,875. ■

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EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

City will have to wait on new projects

A poll commissioned by the city sent a clear message that the council was forced to acknowledge last week — residents are not interested in going into debt to pay for big ticket items like a grade separation at Rengstorff and the Caltrain tracks, a new community park, new fire station, new police and fire administration headquarters, and a new emergency operations center.

The bottom line: Any plan to get approval of a multi-million dollar bond issue next year would be doomed, with at best only 56.3 percent voter approval, far short of the 66.67 percent needed to pass.

So instead of sorting out if one or all of the projects on the list should go on a ballot next year, the council was left to ruminate about what they need to do to convince residents that the projects are essential and worth doing soon.

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga had it right: “The reality is the public doesn’t really have these conversations we’ve had about what our needs are.” She blamed a lack of preparation by the city for the poor results.

“A poll with no education done, you are probably going to get these kinds of results. We need to do a better job of educating the public and making a case,” she said.

Pollster Brian Godbe told the council, “There isn’t a pressing need in (voters’) minds for any one of these particular facilities.”

The numbers were clear: two thirds of voters said they would only agree to increase property taxes \$19 a year for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation, far short of the \$24 per \$100,000 to pay for a \$50 million bond issue.

Another finding shared by the pollster was that city residents are not unhappy with city services. In fact, 93 percent said they were “satisfied,” down from 95 percent in 2006. Nevertheless, 93 percent satisfaction is not a bad rate.

Given such glowing results, council member Mike Kasperzak said he believes any thought of a bond issue next year is off the table. Council member Ronit Bryant said, “I think we should not consider raising taxes. Let’s see what we can do with what we have.” She said she would wait a few years. “There’s 2016. I always prefer to wait until it hurts.”

That is a sensible course for the council to follow, while they take steps to shore up existing facilities with funds in the bank now.

For example, staff told the council that the city currently has \$19.8 million in existing funds that could be used to upgrade the community center. Surely, a lot of work could be done on the center with nearly \$20 million.

The council also heard that raising certain user fees, like the business tax from \$60 to \$120 a year, could bring in \$350,000 a year and almost \$1 million could come to the city if the transient occupancy tax charged on hotel rooms is raised from 10 to 12 percent.

Given the mood of those surveyed, 2014 should be a “steady as she goes” year for the council. Voters are simply not ready to incur major debt for projects they do not deem as essential.

LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

JUST SAY NO TO VTA BUS LANES

Councilwoman Abe-Koga, in her Nov. 8 guest opinion piece sought to address concerns about converting car lanes to bus lanes on El Camino. She neglected some critical information.

In April 2012, Kevin Connolly, VTA’s transportation planning manager, spoke at a Los Altos council meeting. He claimed that travel time from Santa Clara to Mountain View would be reduced by only one minute if the plan is implemented. Sound unrealistic? It is.

When pressed, Connolly admitted that losing one lane would reduce capacity by 950 cars/hour. He admitted that the VTA assumes those cars, frustrated by traffic jams, would take a different route, say Foothill or Central Expressway. That would have a major impact on those already-crowded corridors — and on residential streets.

“Road diets” have unintended consequences. When Palo Alto narrowed Arastradero Road, a main artery to Highway 280, traffic volume rose in three areas of the Barron Park neighborhood. The traffic count at Maybell and Pena rose significantly from 2,700 vehicles to 3,348 daily since the changes.

That is a 24 percent increase on just one of the neighborhood streets that frustrated

drivers — and bicyclists — are using to avoid congestion on Arastradero.

To see the what the road diet did to this quiet residential area, check out the videos at <http://tinyurl.com/kg8o7t> and <http://tinyurl.com/lobjh2z>

Constricting a main artery forces cars through residential streets. Like water, traffic will flow around barriers to find the path of least resistance, and it might be your neighborhood. Just say no to this misguided plan.

Pat Marriott
Oakhurst Avenue, Los Altos

MILK PAIL FAN HAS SEEN CHANGE BEFORE

I have lived in Mountain View since 1962 and have seen so much change. I remember when there was a large oak tree where the Dairy Belle is and few buildings existed. Later the Menu Tree and Liberty House moved in and out.

I go to the Milk Pail weekly and wish it could be saved. I suppose it will go the way of Linda’s Drive Inn and become a picture on the library wall. The young couple that recently opened the Japanese restaurant on upper Castro Street are losing their life savings because a huge apartment complex is planned there.

Rita Boland Nutile
Varsity Court

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HAS BUS RAPID TRANSIT OPTION BEEN DECIDED?

One way to make a decision is to start with a blank slate and establish a protocol to ensure that data is gathered on all alternatives without prejudice, and the decision process is objective and fair. On the other hand, one can start with a conclusion and develop an argument to support that conclusion.

Margaret Aba-Koga, a member of the Valley Transportation Agency board, has been an ardent supporter of the dedicated lanes (convert two lanes to bus only) solution. Margaret has made up her mind and doesn't want to be bothered with the facts. How many other VTA board members have already made up their minds?

VTA is talking with the homeless who call the route Hotel 22, teenagers who take the bus to school and Starbucks, and retired persons who take the bus. VTA is not talking to the merchants along El Camino Real who depend on people driving to their businesses. VTA is not talking to those of us who drive along El Camino Real to highways 237 or 85 to get to our jobs because the VTA service is so poor. VTA is not interested in us because we don't take the bus. We are the silent majority.

You don't have to wait until 2014 to hear the results of the study, as I will let you know now. The study document will be very impressive with many pages filled with dialogue, charts and graphs. The important part is the conclusions: First, the dedicated bus lanes (convert two lanes to bus only) will be designated as the optimum solution in that it will improve reliability, reduce travel times, increase amenities, improve safety and access for bus riders, accommodate the demand that future high density projects (another of Margaret's pet projects) will bring by making non-auto travel more appealing. Second,

the alternative of making no improvements (don't fix what isn't broken) will be designated as the worst of the solutions, in that it will not improve bus service (won't hurt those of us who drive). The other five alternatives will be discussed in length with the conclusion that while they all have benefits, they are not as effective as the dedicated bus lanes alternative.

Konrad M. Sosnow
Trophy Drive

CHAC HAS BEEN HERE SINCE '73

Mountain View residents should be proud that a valuable force for good still exists within our community, the non-profit Community Health Awareness Council (usually known as CHAC).

They have been here since 1973, and on Sept. 20 they moved into expanded space on West El

Camino across from Clarke's, thanks to the generosity of the Malek Family of Mountain View. We attended the grand-reopening and were quite impressed with the much-improved facilities and the talented, compassionate people on their staff.

For those who don't know, CHAC provides counseling, support and education for individuals and families. This includes no-cost counseling at local K-12 schools in the school districts of Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Los Altos. They help people who are in need, often in desperate need.

They are so well-respected within the educational community, we feel that they deserve a shout-out from the Voice and people throughout our area. CHAC is a huge force in our diverse and often financially challenged communities.

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Left: Blue Line Pizza's deep-dish pie with spinach, ricotta and feta cheese, mushrooms, onions and garlic. **Right:** The white thin-crust pizza is topped with roasted zucchini, fresh tomatoes and feta cheese over a base of garlic-infused olive oil.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

The dough, re, mi's of PIZZA

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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CRUST, NOT THE TOPPINGS

According to pizza.com, there are more than 61,000 pizzerias in the United States. Americans eat about 100 acres of pizza each day (about 350 slices per second). Pizzerias represent 17 percent of all restaurants in the United States.

Here on the Midpeninsula alone, there are more than 100 restaurants serving pizza between Menlo Park and Los Altos. The upshot is: Muscling into the business isn't easy. But, build a better mousetrap and ...

Blue Line Pizza in Mountain View

hasn't reinvented the wheel. However, it's found a niche that few local pizza restaurants occupy: cornmeal-crust, Chicago-style, deep-dish pizza, with the crust being the crucial element.

Pizzeria Uno, in the Windy City, is credited with inventing deep-dish pizza in the 1940s, but it was Gino's East (after hiring a cook from Uno's) who

popularized the genre and has been a Chi-town hot spot since the 1970s. The Gino's deep-dish never appealed to me: too much dough, heavy, ponderous, a fleet of toppings that sat on the stomach like a cannonball for hours. The yellow gold crust seemed a tad artificial.

Popular belief is that Gino's and



Uno use cornmeal to achieve golden crusts. While their recipes are proprietary, there is some evidence to suggest wheat and malted barley flours and colorings, not cornmeal, gives the golden hue. Some pizza operators use combinations of wheat flour and cornmeal. Not so at Blue Line. Their deep-dish pizzas really do have a cornmeal crust. Wheat flour is used for the thin-crust offerings.

Why cornmeal crust? It is lighter than wheat flour, doesn't have a doughy taste, is less refined and (some say) more nutritious than wheat flour, and delivers good flavor with a nice crunch. It's also easier for the kitchen to handle because the cornmeal is pressed into the baking dish and not rolled out or twirled. It is a very different take on the traditional Neapolitan flatbread pizza.

Open since late June, Blue Line Pizza is an extension of Little Star Pizza in San Francisco, owned by Brian Sadigursky. He teamed with Angela Pace to open Blue Line, which also has branches in Campbell and Burlingame. The name derives from the Chicago Transit Authority train line (CTA) that runs from O'Hare through downtown Chicago, the ancestral home of deep-dish pizza.

"We wanted to expand the



Blue Line Pizza in downtown Mountain View at lunchtime.

scope of our pizza business, lunch in particular," managing partner Angela Pace said. "We added salads, panini, desserts and a children's menu. In the near future, we should have a full bar to compliment our beer and wine business."

Deep-dish pizzas take 25 to 30 minutes to bake. The deep-dish

pizzas are visually deceptive, too, as the diameter is smaller than one might expect. Yet they are inches thick and quite filling. Don't be fooled by the diameter.

On a recent visit, I found the signature Blue Line deep-dish pizza overlaid with rich tomato sauce, spinach, ricotta and feta cheeses, mushrooms, onion and

garlic. The meatball pizza was similar with red bell peppers as well. Both were delicious: compositions of baked-in savory flavors. The crusts had a subtle crunch that added to the depth and character of flavors.

Deep-dish pizza comes in

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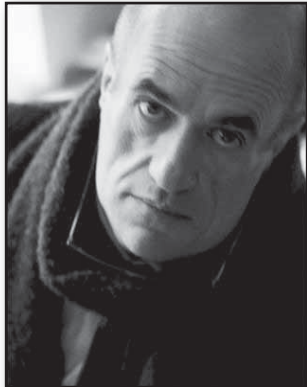
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The caprese salad at Blue Line Pizza.

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six varieties and three sizes: individual (\$8.95), small 9-inch (\$17.85-\$18.95) and large 12-inch (\$17-\$24.25). The thin-crust offerings are similarly priced with slightly different varieties.

The White Pie thin-crust pizza was enticing with its garlic-infused olive oil base, roasted zucchini, feta and fresh tomatoes. The crust was not blistered and the rim was uniformly browned, flavorful and crisp with a slight crunch, just enough to hold the toppings.

Salads are salads, more or less, and I don't devote time describing them in reviews. The Blue Line Mixed Salad (\$6.25/\$9.75),

though, is worth a few words. It had eye appeal and was piled high with crisp organic greens, cherry tomatoes, red bell peppers, red onion, gorgonzola and chopped walnuts, all tossed in a house-made vinaigrette. It amplified the appetite.

Caramel apple bread pudding (\$5.95) was a tasty finish with house-baked bread, spiced apples and caramel sauce, with a side scoop of vanilla gelato.

A children's menu, half-baked pizzas for take-home, and gluten-free crust options are all available. There is no delivery service, but to-go orders can be picked up on Wild Cherry Lane behind the restaurant. Overall, Blue Line is pizza worth diving into. ■



Caramel apple bread pudding comes with a scoop of vanilla gelato.



MOVIE REVIEWS

Blue Is the Warmest Color

★★★★1/2

(Aquarius) IFC Films describes “Blue Is the Warmest Color” as “The story of a young lesbian couple’s beginning, middle and possible end.” While that’s reductive, it does nominally describe the three-stage rocket that is Abdellatif Kechiche’s three-hour film. But let’s not bury the lead: It’s also an NC-17 film with a seven-minute sex scene that has made it cinema non grata in Idaho.

Natively titled “La vie d’Adèle, Chapitres 1 et 2,” this French film won the Palme d’Or at Cannes this year, an honor that also went to leads Adèle Exarchopoulos and Léa Seydoux. Both romance and sexual odyssey, Kechiche’s film takes the point of view of Adèle (doe-eyed Exarchopoulos), who’s 17 going on 18 and bi-curious, if not simply gay-repressed. After a literary lesson in the power of a “love at first sight” glance (via Marivaux’s “La Vie de Marianne”), lo and behold, Adèle experiences one for herself in passing the provocatively blue-haired Emma (Seydoux) on the street.

Before long, the two meet again and strike up a conversation that’s charged with possibility. Out-and-proud Emma has a few years on the tentative Adèle, which sets the scene for a gentle sexual education. Despite intimations that Emma is a wild child on the lesbian scene, she instantly intuits, and welcomes, the need to try a little tenderness with Adèle.

Kechiche (whose last domestic import was 2007’s “The Secret of the Grain”) captures that moment when the rest of the world goes away; he and his cast are totally successful at evoking the first blushes of emotional intimacy (chased by the physical intimacy of that sex scene). The film’s own emotional intimacy is its strongest asset: Kechiche gets in close with tight close-ups that afford us the almost “possessive” privilege to be right there, as close as Adèle and Emma are to each other, as each spills into the other’s eyes and soul.

After that beginning, the film’s middle explores the complications to Adèle of embarking on a lesbian relationship: meeting Emma’s cheerily accepting parents, dodging the truth as Emma meets Adèle’s seemingly unready parents, and enduring the third degree she’s given at school by her “friends.” (One of the film’s interesting cultural assertions is a double standard of accepted gay male versus

repellent lesbian female.) Adèle’s inability to care less about these social stigmas contributes to a bisexual confusion.

Wisely, the film’s complicated “possible end” concerns itself less with sexual orientation and much more with the universal strains of a naturally aging relationship: jealousies, differing needs, divergent directions by which to drift apart. Earlier in the film, a teacher of “Antigone” ominously notes, “Tragedy is the unavoidable,” a preparation for a rift — that may or may not take — between these two people who love each other but may not be able to share their whole lives with each other.

The literature Kechiche self-consciously references demonstrates his own priorities to tease out the provocative and liberating properties of art. Add extraordinary, emotionally generous performances, and “Blue Is the Warmest Color” grasps enough moments of truth to justify its extensive reach.

Rated NC-17 for explicit sexual content. Two hours, 57 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

The Armstrong Lie

★★★

(Palo Alto Square) “Doping” and “duping” go hand in hand these days when it comes to discussing Lance Armstrong, the world-famous cyclist whose success approached miracle status. After beating long-odds cancer, Armstrong took an unprecedented seven Tour de France titles, but the hero now stands disgraced, caught in what a new documentary calls “The Armstrong Lie.”

The title of Alex Gibney’s film derives from a now-infamous 2005 headline (“Le Mensonge Armstrong”) in the French sports newspaper “L’Equipe.” The paper directly alleged what many had already assumed must be true: that banned substances had fueled Armstrong’s extraordinary endurance and speed. “L’Equipe” was ahead of the curve, of course: Armstrong’s insistent denials maintained the lie his fans and the media so urgently wanted to believe, until that became impossible in 2012.

In the film, Gibney explains via narration that he had intended a film about Armstrong’s 2009 comeback to the Tour de France after four years of retirement and at the age of 38. What a story that could be: “The Road Back,” he called it. Like Armstrong’s blinkered fans, Gibney had heard all the accusations, and though he didn’t discount them entirely, he

wanted to believe (or so he says). Then new allegations set off a chain reaction that culminated in Armstrong being stripped of his titles and publicly confessing to Oprah.

Due to the changing nature of the story, Gibney frames his film as being somewhat catch-as-catch-can, and it is. He explains to us his revised methodology in the film itself: He was forced to reexamine his all-access footage from 2009 in the new light of the exposed “Armstrong lie.” He also weaves through the film expert commentary from cycling journalists and former teammates, as well as interviews with Armstrong from before and after being barred for life from cycling.

It’s a bit odd hearing Gibney make himself part of the story, even as marginally as he does, but he positions himself as both fan surrogate (“He had lied to me too,” Gibney says in his director’s statement) and privileged journalistic observer (“To my face, even”). And it’d be fair to ask why this subject is worthy of two full hours of investigation, especially as Gibney winds up belaboring some of his points at that length.

But the film does make an impression as a face-to-face character study of Armstrong’s all-consuming ambition (what one wag dubs “that urge to dominate”) and the confident charisma, if not sociopathy, that enabled his prevarications.

Gibney also educates about the details of doping, the “moral relativism” so pervasive in the age of juiced athletics, and the willful ignorance that attends it. As Armstrong’s former teammate Floyd Landis puts it, “Look, at some point, people have to tell their kids that Santa Claus isn’t real.”

Rated R for language. Two hours, three minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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MOVIE TIMES

Sunday movie times for the Century 20 theater were not available by press time.

12 Years A Slave (R) ★★★1/2

Century 20: 12:40, 3:45, 7, 10:05 p.m.

Palo Alto Square: 1, 4, 7 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 10 p.m.

About Time (R) ★★

Century 16: 10:05 a.m. & 1:05, 4:05, 7:10, 10:05 p.m.

Century 20: 11:05 a.m. & 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35 p.m.

All Is Lost (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 20: 11:10 a.m. & 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45 p.m.

Guild Theatre: noon & 2:45, 5:30, 8:15 p.m.

The Armstrong Lie (R)

Palo Alto Square: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 10:10 p.m.

The Best Man Holiday (R)

Century 16: 10:15 a.m. & 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 p.m.

Century 20: 10:50 a.m. & 12:15, 1:40, 3:05, 4:30, 5:55, 7:25, 8:50, 10:20 p.m.

Blue is the Warmest Color (NC-17)

Aquarius Theatre: 12:30, 4:15, 8:15 p.m.

Captain Phillips (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 10 a.m. & 7:30, 10:35 p.m. Fri-Sat also at 1:10, 4:20 p.m.

Century 20: 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)

Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 1:35, 4:05 p.m.

The Cocoanuts (1929) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 5:45, 9:05 p.m.

The Dallas Buyers Club (R)

Century 16: 10:25 & 11:55 a.m. & 1:25, 2:55, 4:25, 6:20, 7:35, 9:15, 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 10:45 a.m. & 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:25 p.m.

Ender’s Game (PG-13)

Century 16: 10 & 11:25 a.m. & 12:55, 2:25, 3:55, 5:25, 7, 8:25, 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m. & 12:55, 2:20, 3:50, 5:10, 6:40, 8:05, 9:30, 10:45 p.m.

Enough Said (PG-13) ★★★

Aquarius Theatre: noon & 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 p.m.

Free Birds (PG)

Century 16: 10:20 a.m. & 3:10, 7:55 p.m. In 3D 12:45, 5:35, 10:20 p.m. Sat only at 10:20 a.m. & 3:05 p.m. In 3D 12:45 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m. & 1:30, 4, 6:50, 9:10 p.m. In 3D 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10 p.m.

Gravity (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 10:10 a.m. In 3D 12:35, 3, 5:25, 7:50, 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 10:55 a.m. & 1:15, 3:40 p.m. Fri also at 6, 8:25, 10:45 p.m. In 3D noon & 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40 p.m.

The Great McGinty (1940) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Sat-Sun also at 4:10 p.m.

Hunger Games double feature (PG-13)

Century 16: Thu 5:20 p.m.

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R)

Century 16: 11 a.m. & 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50 p.m.

Century 20: 10:40 a.m. & 1, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35 p.m.

JFK (1991) (R)

Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Wed 2, 7 p.m.

Last Vegas (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 11:10 a.m. & 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45 p.m.

Century 20: 11:20 a.m. & 2, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50 p.m.

Ram Leela (Not Rated)

Century 16: 10:10 a.m. & 2:10, 6:10, 10:10 p.m.

Royal Ballet: Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland (PG)

Century 16: Fri 7 p.m. Sat 7 p.m. Sun 7 p.m. Mon 7 p.m. Tue 7 p.m. Wed 7 p.m. Thu 7 p.m. Century 20: Fri 7 p.m. Sat 7 p.m. Tue 7 p.m.

Rush (R) ★★

Century 20: 6:55, 9:55 p.m.

Rush: Clockwork Angels Tour (PG-13)

Century 20: Mon 7 p.m.

Thor: The Dark World (PG-13)

Century 16: 10:45 a.m. & 12:15, 1:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:45, 10:45 p.m. In 3D 10 & 11:30 a.m. & 1, 2:30, 3:15, 4, 5:30, 7, 8:30, 9:15, 10 p.m.

Century 20: 10:40 a.m. & 1:20, 2:45, 4:15, 7:10, 8:35, 10 p.m. In 3D 11:50 a.m., 5:40 p.m. In XD 11:10 a.m. & 2, 4:55, 7:50, 10:40 p.m.

UFC 167: St-Pierre vs. Hendricks (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri 7 p.m. Sat 7 p.m. Sun 7 p.m. Mon 7 p.m. Tue 7 p.m. Wed 7 p.m. Thu 7 p.m. Century 20: Fri 7 p.m. Sat 7 p.m. Tue 7 p.m.

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HIGHLIGHT

READING DAY

Reading Day at the Mountain View Public Library will include a puppet show, musical storytime for babies and toddlers, crafts, children's authors, firefighters reading aloud, middle school students sharing spooky stories, read aloud in English, Spanish and Mandarin, celebrity readers and a Friends of the Library book sale. Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/default.asp

ART GALLERIES

'Art Meets Technology' Art Meets Technology" presents work by 10 individuals whose accomplishments reside at the intersection of art, science, mathematics and technology. The exhibit draws on manuscript collections from the Stanford University Libraries. Ongoing every day through Jan. 15, 2014. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Peterson Gallery and Munger Rotunda, Green Library Bing Wing, 459 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. www.events.stanford.edu/events/391/39145/

Exhibit: 'Diversity' by Judy Miller Johnson Paintings, etchings, jewelry and watercolors by Judy Miller Johnson are on display at Gallery 9 in Los Altos. The artist will provide etching demonstrations on select Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m.: Nov. 9, 16 and 23. Oct. 29-Nov. 24, Gallery 9 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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale

Friends of the Mountain View Library is hosting a book sale. The sale usually has more than 5,000 books, DVDs, CDs, videos and games to choose from, most of which are \$1 or less. Nov. 16 and 17. Saturday: 9-9:45 a.m., members-only sale (join now or at the door); 10 a.m.-4 p.m., general sale. Su Free. Mountain View Public Library - bookmobile garage behind the library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7031. www.mvlibraryfriends.org

Parkinson's Women Support Holiday Bazaar

An event featuring hors d'oeuvres, desserts, drinks and a silent auction; 100 percent of the proceeds go to The Parkinson's Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides basic and clinical research, clinical trials and a movement disorder patient clinic for Parkinson's disease. To RSVP, email darcyblake@me.com. Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m. \$25 per person. 1017 Guinda St., Palo Alto. Call 415-285-7141. www.facebook.com/events/148934128649725/

Spaghetti Supper for Scholarships Foothill College hosts a "Spaghetti Supper for Scholarships" with cocktails, a buffet dinner, live band, DJ, dancing and a silent auction. Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m. \$30 per person (fair market value is \$10; the remaining \$20 is tax-deductible). Los Altos American Legion Hall, 347 First St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-7001. www.foothill.edu/news/newsfmt.php?sr=2&rec_id=3107

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Managing Parental Stress Learn effective strategies for preventing and managing parental stress with parent coach Susan Stone Belton. Sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library and Parents Place on the Peninsula. Nov. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/default.asp

Dawn Clark: 'Clearing Toxic Emotions at Core' Speaker and author Dawn Clark will lead this two-day class about clearing toxic emotions and healing one's self. Nov. 16: 5-8 p.m.; Nov. 17: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$175. Early bird discounts available for weekend package. Palo Alto JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.dawnclark.net/more-clearing-toxic-emotions/

Senior Driver Safety Program Presented by the California Highway Patrol, topics include myths about older drivers, rules of the road, safe driving tips and confidential self-assessment. Certification of completion may be given to insurance provider for possible discounts. Registration required. Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-2436. www.avenidas.org

Fall Floral Arrangement Workshop

Learn how to make a fall floral arrangement with a representative from the Whole Foods Palo Alto floral department. All supplies will be provided, and participants can take home the arrangement they make in the class. Nov. 16, 11 a.m.-noon. \$7. Whole Foods Market Palo Alto, 774 Emerson St., Palo Alto. Call 650-326-8676. www.fallfloralworkshop.eventbrite.com/

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Learn How to Create A Garden The De Anza Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will feature this program by Bob and Judy Mathey about their Harmony Woods garden, located in Mendocino, Calif., and its creation. For information on the garden see www.christiansenarnersculpture.com/landscape-design/stone-bridge/. Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. Free. Hillview Community Center - Room 12, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. www.deanza-ars.com

The Energy Solutions VC Pitch At this VC Taskforce program, entrepreneurs seeking capital will have two minutes to give pitch a panel of venture capitalists. To present a pitch prior to registering, please contact Ashish Mahashabde amahashabde@gmail.com or call 916-390-9233. Nov. 19, 6-8:30 p.m. \$45 VC Taskforce; \$55 Affiliates; \$75 General (+\$10 if at door). Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, 650 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto. Call 916-390-9233. www.vctaskforce.com/content/view/1143/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSMA Afternoon Jazz Jam The Community School of Music and Arts hosts a Community Jazz Jam, open to all intermediate-advanced jazz players. To register: send an email to CSMAjazz@arts4all.org two weeks prior to date of jam. Include name, instrument, years of experience playing jazz. Vocalists welcome. Nov. 17, 1:30-4:30 p.m. \$20 payable at door. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/

Cubberley Artists Open House Join the Cubberley Artists at an open house. There will be art in the studios, refreshments, hands-on activities and more. Wings E, F and U. Nov. 16, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-327-2371.

Handmade4handup Craft Fair This craft fair that allows local artists to showcase and sell their products while supporting Freedom House, a San Francisco support facility for survivors of human trafficking. Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. First Christian Church Palo Alto, 2890 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-391-9360. www.handmade4handup.weebly.com/

Los Altos Boy Scouts Ceremony Los Altos Boy Scouts Troop 33 will recognize five new Eagle Scouts at this event. Keynote speaker is Joe Simitian, Santa Clara County Supervisor. Nov. 17, 3 p.m. Free. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Mountain View.

CONCERTS

Jazz Saxophonist Loren Schoenberg Loren Schoenberg, saxophonist and artistic director of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, offers conversation and music excerpts in a Stanford Live Informance at the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA). Nov. 20, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

DANCE

Mates & Dates Harvest Ball Mates and Dates is a club in Silicon Valley for couples who like ballroom dancing. This event will feature dancing and dinner. Advance reservations required. Nov. 15, 7-11 p.m. \$65/couple. Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-938-3720. www.matesanddates.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Author Rosanne Parry Rosanne Parry will be at Linden Tree Books to read from her new novel, "Written in Stone," about a young Native American girl who lives on a reservation in Alaska. Nov. 21, 4-5 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com/

Author Tim McCanna Local author Tim McCanna will lead a musical storytime, as well as read and sign his new book "Teeny Tiny Trucks." Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Linden Tree Books,



Peninsula Youth Theater: 'Peter Pan' Peninsula Youth Theatre performs the musical "Peter Pan." Nov. 9-17, Friday-Sunday, 7-9 p.m. \$16-20. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-8798. www.pytnet.org

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Reading: 'Mission: Mars' Pascal Lee, co-founder and chairman of the Mars Institute and author of "Mission: Mars," will read from his new book. Nov. 16, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Waldorf High School Tour Waldorf School of the Peninsula hosts a tour of its high school, during which prospective students and parents can visit and observe classes, meet faculty and students, view student work, tour the campus and participate in a question and answer session. Nov. 20, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Waldorf School of the Peninsula, 180 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-417-7600. www.waldorfpenninsula.org/admissions/attend-a-tour/high-school-open-houses-tours/

Waldorf Open House Waldorf School of the Peninsula hosts an open house for its nursery and kindergarten programs. Nov. 16, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Waldorf School of the Peninsula, 11311 Mora Drive, Los Altos. Call 650-209-9400. www.waldorfpenninsula.org/admissions/attend-a-tour/early-childhood-open-houses-and-tours/

FILM

San Francisco International South Asian Film Festival This film festival showcases more than 20 films from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Canada and the United States. Four films will play at the Aquarius Theater in Palo Alto throughout the day. Check website for details and times. Nov. 16, 12-7:45 p.m. \$10-\$12. Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto. Call 650-327-3241. www.thirdi.org

Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival: Closing Night The last night of the Silicon Valley Film Festival in Palo Alto will feature a screening of "Dorfman in Love," about a young single woman living in L.A. A reception and opportunity to meet actor Elliott Gould will follow. Nov. 17, 5 p.m. \$25. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.svjff.org/film-fest2013/filmsvenue.shtml

LIVE MUSIC

'Mordecai Shehori' The Steinway Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in piano performance and music education in the Bay Area, presents a live concert by Israeli-American pianist Mordecai Shehori. Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. \$30-\$58. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.steinwaysociety.com

Park Avenue Jazz Concert Morocco's Restaurant in Mountain View hosts this jazz concert, with pianist David Samuels playing. Nov. 15, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.Parkavenuejazz.com

ON STAGE

'The King's Legacy' This play, by local playwright Elyce Melmon. is about King James I (Elizabeth's heir and Mary's son). Nov. 1-24, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$35. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave. #6, Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. www.thepear.org

Los Altos Stage Co.: 'The Sunshine Boys' The Los Altos Stage Company's production of "The Sunshine Boys" is the story of Lewis and Clark, two longtime comedy partners whose career and friendship came to a sudden and acrimonious end. Nov. 21-Dec. 15, Wednesday-Sunday, 8 p.m. \$26-\$32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

PA Children's Theatre: 'Little Red Riding Hood' Local high school performers will perform "Little Red Riding Hood" at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. This audience-interactive experience is designed for parents and children ages 3 to 6. Nov. 16-17, 10 a.m.-noon. \$12-14. Palo Alto Children's Theater Magic Castle Stage, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4970. www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

'Doors to Dreams' A musical performance by students of Crittenden Middle School in Mountain View. Ice cream and desserts cabaret from 7-7:30 p.m. before the show. Ticket price includes build-your-own ice cream sundae; tickets can be purchased at the door. Nov. 22 and 23, 7 p.m. \$8 adults; \$4 students with ID and children 12 and

under. Crittenden Middle School - multi-purpose room, 1701 Rock St., Mountain View.

'God of Carnage' A Palo Alto Players comedy by Yasmina Reza, translated by Christopher Hampton and directed by Jeanie K. Smith. While gathered around a coffee table sporting imported tulips and liberally covered with art books, two married couples meet to amicably resolve a playground altercation between their 11-year-old sons. Nov. 1-17, Thursday-Sunday, 8-9:30 p.m. \$23-\$45. Lucie Stern Community Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-0891. www.paplayers.org

SENIORS

Affordable Care Act Presentation This Mountain View Senior Center presentation is about the Affordable Care Act - content of the law, the process for signing up and more. Nov. 21, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

How To: Digital Photos This class will teach attendees how to upload photos to websites that allow users to print, create albums and more. Nov. 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Jollytologist at East-West Bookstore

Allen Klein, a motivational speakers and "jollytologist," will speak at East West Bookstore in Mountain View. Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. Free East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. www.eastwest.com/

SPORTS

MVHS Spartan Turkey Trot Mountain View High School's 4th annual Spartan Turkey Trot Thanksgiving run, jog or walk will benefit MVHS athletics. Sign up at www.mvhsturkeytrot.shutterfly.com. Nov. 28, 8:30-11a.m. \$20 adults; \$10 students; under 5 are free. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-964-7704

LECTURES & TALKS

John Burley at Books Inc. Mtn. View

John Burley will discuss his debut novel, "The Absence of Mercy." Following the brutal murder of a local teenager, Dr. Stevenson uncovers dark secrets that could potentially shatter his quiet community and force him to confront a haunting truth. Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/

Jon Bonne: 'The New California Wine'

Jon Bonne, San Francisco Chronicle food and wine writer, will speak about his new book, "The New California Wine." Some winemakers will be present as well. There will also be wine tastings. Nov. 19, 7-8:30 p.m. \$25-\$32 Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 408-280-5530. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2013-11-19/jon-bonn%C3%A9-new-california-wine

Pauline Frommer of Frommer Travel Media

Pauline Frommer, editorial director for Frommer Travel Media, will discuss travel tips. Nov. 21, 7-8 p.m. \$10-\$15 Oshman Family JCC - Schultz Cultural Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 408-280-5530. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2013-11-21/pauline-frommer

Sean Lynch at Books Inc. Retired Lieutenant Sean Lynch shares his debut thriller, "Wounded Prey." When recently retired San Francisco Police Inspector Bob Farrell hears of the return of a brutal killer striking after a 20-year break, he's on the case. Nov. 21, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net/

SFMOMA & Los Altos Library Art Series Kickoff

This SFMOMA docent-led presentation will highlight the eight Mark di Suvero sculptures currently on display at San Francisco's Crissy Field through May 2014. This is the first in a series of five SFMOMA and Los Altos Library art events. Nov. 18, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.sccil.org

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Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/05/1994. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on October 15, 2013. (MVV Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2013)

Checkin Pilot
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 583951
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Checkin Pilot, located at 254 Polaris Ave. Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Corporation.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MailFin, Inc.
254 Polaris Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 583722
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Mt. View, CA 94043
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PAN AMERICAN BODY SHOP
C & C BODY SHOP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 584268
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AP SEMINARS SILICON VALLEY, LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 584536
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 584714
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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997 All Other Legals

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Date of Filing Application: October 24, 2013
To Whom It May Concern:
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Notice is hereby given to the Creditors of: JANE'S BEER STORE LLC, Seller(s), whose business address(es) is: 720 VILLA STREET, City of MOUNTAIN VIEW, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California, 94041, that a bulk transfer is about to be made to: MIHO OKADA-NISHINO AND EIICHI NICHINO, Buyer(s), whose business(es) address is: 720 VILLA STREET, City of MOUNTAIN VIEW, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California, 94041.
The property to be transferred is located at: 720 VILLA STREET, City of MOUNTAIN VIEW, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California, 94041.
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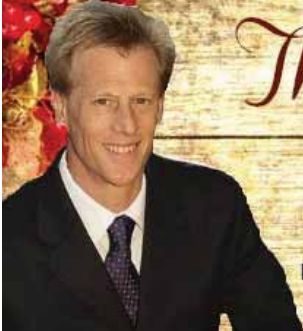
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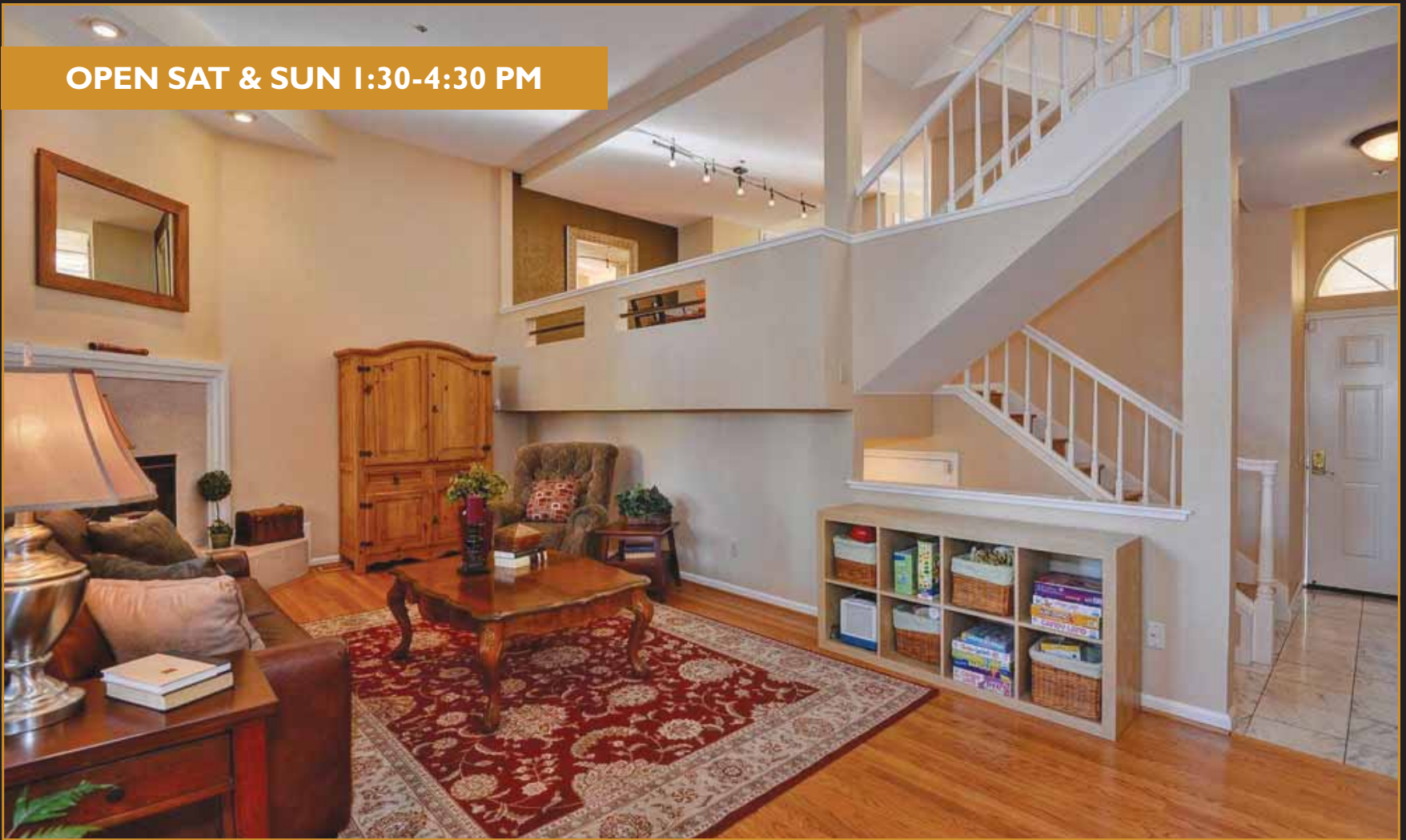
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