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NATALIA NAZAROVA

LinkedIn volunteer Michael shows two homeless shelter residents how to create a LinkedIn profile at a job-search seminar hosted at LinkedIn's Mountain View campus.

LinkedIn offers job-search help for the homeless

By Daniel DeBolt

A group of 55 homeless people paid a visit to LinkedIn's Mountain View headquarters Friday where dozens of LinkedIn employees helped them with their LinkedIn profiles.

The group was brought in from various local homeless shelters by InnVSION Shelter Network. The group, wearing their best clothes, lined up to have professional headshots taken for their LinkedIn profiles. Most seemed to be inspired to be at LinkedIn's

headquarters, as they enjoyed the free food and ping-pong tables in the cafeteria.

"I am so computer illiterate, this world to me is like I'm on another planet," said an older out-of-work construc-

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El Camino pulls the plug on dialysis

HOSPITAL CLOSING FACILITIES; PRIVATE SPECIALTY COMPANIES
TAKE OVER IN KIDNEY SERVICES

By Kevin Forestieri

Two down and one to go. El Camino Hospital recently closed its Oak Pavilion dialysis center and is slated to shut down its last dialysis center — Rose Garden — by the beginning of next year, ending over 20 years of outpatient dialysis services.

El Camino Hospital is following the footsteps of many other hospitals that have ditched dialysis for financial reasons. The blood-cleaning procedure, needed by people with a loss in kidney function, has lost the hospital millions of dollars each year.

According to El Camino's annual budget report, the hos-

pital lost \$4.7 million in the 2011-12 fiscal year, followed by \$6.9 million the next year and \$5.8 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30. The budget for the current 2014-15 fiscal year projects a lower, \$2.2 million loss before the last outpatient facility finally closes in January.

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Community activist to run for City Council

LENNY SIEGEL HAS FOUGHT FOR RENT CONTROL,
SAVING HANGAR ONE, TCE CLEANUP EFFORTS

By Daniel DeBolt

Longtime community activist Lenny Siegel, who spearheaded the new group Campaign for a Balanced Mountain View, has announced that he will run for City Council this fall.

Siegel has the biggest name recognition among the field of 10 non-incumbents vying for three open seats on the City Council. He's been politically active in Mountain View since the 1970s, when he led two consecutive attempts to institute rent control in Mountain View. In recent decades he's led the charge in campaigns with wide support, including the successful effort to save Hangar One at Moffett Field and the community's push to clean up toxic TCE pollution left by early chip makers in Northeastern Mountain View as the director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight.

This year Siegel, 66, has been a force to be reckoned with at City Hall as founder of the Campaign for a Balanced Mountain View, which aims to educate residents about the city's increasing imbalance between a high number of jobs and relatively few places for employees to live. Siegel says that since the 1970s, City Council members have been irresponsible in allowing large amounts of office and industrial development without zoning for adequate housing growth in the city, driving up competition and demand for a limited number of homes, and pushing workers into longer commutes. The city has zoned for fewer than 8,000 new homes by 2030, but office development for over 35,000 new

jobs in Mountain View is already on the horizon.

If sentiments expressed in recent City Council meetings are any indication, the campaign appears to have succeeded in shifting public opinion. Regular opposition to housing developments appears to have subsided, replaced with calls for more housing and concerns about intense office growth.

"It's harder for someone who only has three minutes at the



Lenny Siegel

podium to promote constructive alternatives," said Siegel, a downtown resident who says he has no "personal ambitions," just a desire to correct a problem that he says has reached "crisis stage" in Mountain View. It is easy to "get frustrated when things go to the council and you can't say anymore," he said.

Siegel ran for City Council three times, in 1976, 1980 and 1982, losing all three times, eventually getting appointed to Mountain View's environmental planning commission in the 1980s. "The first time I was an unknown with no experience and the next two times I was associated with rent control and landlords spent a lot of money trying to defeat me," Siegel said.

Now, given the feedback he's received, "I'm convinced that I'm electable," he said. "The issues I've been working on for the last 20 years are issues which have majority or consensus support. And I'm a lot older — maybe that makes me less threatening to people," he said with a laugh.

Siegel attended Stanford during the 1960s where he was a prominent figure in the anti-war movement as a member of the radical

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Photos and interviews by Cooper Aspegren and Natalia Nazarova.

Have you had any close calls involving a bicycle?



"Once when I was five, I almost got run over by a pickup truck. That was a traumatic experience, but somehow I was able to get up and keep riding."

Arjun Dubashi, Palo Alto



"I haven't really had problems with cars or pedestrians or anything, but I was riding with no lights (at night) one time and I ran a bunch of stoplights and I got pulled over by a police officer."

Mary Garrett, Mountain View



"(The bicyclists) don't stop. Sometimes, there's a green light, they can go. Sometimes, they have a red light, they cut in front."

Manjinder Singh, San Jose



"I fell one time because I was just trying to do a trick on my bike, and as I was getting up, a car almost hit me. I thought he clearly saw me, but apparently not."

Sam Gil, Mountain View



"One day, I was coming from Sunnyvale to Mountain View on Evelyn (Avenue) ... one cyclist was driving (like) a snake. Sometimes, he came to the car lane; sometimes, he went to the cycle lane. It was very dangerous."

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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that processing of vote by mail ballots to be counted will commence on Friday, October 24, 2014.

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CRIME BRIEF

MAN HITS OFFICER AFTER CONFRONTING GOOGLE EMPLOYEES

A Southern California man was arrested outside a Google office building last Monday after an argument with Google employees over a YouTube video allegedly escalated into a fight with police officers.

The man, identified as 27-year-old Antonio Hutchinson, is a Southern California rapper originally from North Carolina. Hutchinson claimed that someone stole his lyrics and posted a video on YouTube using them as the poster's own. He was upset about the video and wanted Google to take it down, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

Police do not know if Hutchinson came to

Mountain View solely to get the video taken down.

Hutchinson allegedly confronted Google employees at 1950 Charleston Road at around 4 p.m. He was told the company would not take down the video, and he became aggressive with Google security when they asked him to leave the campus. Security then requested assistance from the police department.

When an officer arrived, Hutchinson spotted him and aggressively charged him, Jaeger said. During the struggle that ensued, Hutchinson allegedly struck an officer. He also threatened officers with physical violence.

Hutchinson was arrested and booked into San Jose Main Jail on charges of threatening a police officer and battery on an officer.

Kevin Forestieri

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Due to a production error, the category title was omitted from the Best of Mountain View listing for Gorgeous Nails and Skin Care, which won top votes as our readers' favorite place for a manicure.

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Rescued egrets fly free at Google campus

By Cooper Aspegren

The calls of egrets that nest in trees within Google's Mountain View headquarters are louder than the shuttle buses and bikes that pass through campus.

If the migration patterns of egrets at the colony are any indication, more voices will soon join those that are already there.

Six orphaned snowy egrets were released at Charleston Slough on Tuesday, July 15, at the end of a rehabilitation effort that began soon after they fell from trees on the campus earlier this year.

The egrets' release was a collaborative endeavor between city of Mountain View officials, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and the Wildlife Center

of Silicon Valley.

According to the Audubon chapter's executive director, Stephanie Ellis, over 40 egret nests are in trees along Shorebird Way within Google headquarters. Mountain View city biologist Philip Higgins said the population is regionally significant and one of the largest within the southern Bay Area.

According to Higgins, both snowy egrets and great egrets have taken up residence at the aptly named Shorebird Way for at least nine years. They typically arrive around March at the beginning of their nesting season and leave around August at the season's conclusion. Snowy egrets have yellow feet and black



COURTESY SHONDA RANSON

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A rescued egret is released back into the nesting colony on the Google campus.

LASD bond measure on the horizon

NEW SCHOOL CAMPUS A POSSIBILITY, BUT LIKELY NOT IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Kevin Forestieri

Faced with growing enrollment, packed campuses and difficult shared-space agreements with Bullis Charter School, the Los Altos School District is looking to the November ballot for some relief.

Over the next two weeks, the district will finalize the language of a bond measure, to be voted on in the November election, that would allow the district to build new facilities — including a new

school site. The bond amount is likely to be \$145 million, with a maximum of \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value per parcel.

The district board will vote on placing the measure on the ballot, and the specific ballot language, on Aug. 4.

The district will also hold two special meetings, on July 28 and July 30, to discuss the bond language.

Board President Tamara Logan said district staff looked at a wide

range of options for a new school site. She said that while there is no readily available or perfect site for a new school, the city of Los Altos has offered up a few potential spots. McKenzie Park, near Loyola Elementary School, and Rosita Park are sites that are on the table as of July 22.

Logan said ideally she would want the new campus to be located in Mountain View, where the school district is experiencing the highest level of growth. She said

Mountain View students within the Los Altos School District have to cross El Camino Real to get to school, and have the hardest time with transportation.

Despite the circumstances, Logan said, a new school campus in Mountain View is not likely. She said the district has asked the Mountain View City Council on multiple occasions to help establish a school in the region, but haven't received a positive response.

Logan said the district is not considering the Hillview Community Center as an option for a new school site. She said the city of Los Altos has other uses for the area, including a senior center,

a library and a sports field. She said the city does not believe it's feasible to have school facilities at that location.

If the district succeeds in passing a bond measure for new facilities, Logan said, Bullis Charter School would be likely get its own school. She said that a separate campus would alleviate a lot of disputes that go on between the charter school and the district.

"The school district needs more space, and shared-space facilities makes things difficult," Logan said.

It is still unclear whether the charter school would get

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Water district race heats up

SILICON VALLEY CEO ANNOUNCES BID

By Kevin Forestieri

Gary Kremen, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur and founder of the dating site Match.com, has entered the race for the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Competing with incumbent Brian Schmidt, Kremen is running for a seat to represent District 7, which includes the cities of Mountain View and Los Altos.

Kremen is the current president of the Purissima Hills

Water District Board of Directors, which serves 6,400 residents in Los Altos Hills. Kremen has served on the board for nearly four years.

In his bio page on the Purissima Hills district website, Kremen is described as an "entrepreneur, an inventor and a thought leader." He says he invented the idea of online dating back in 1993 and wrote the original business plan.

Kremen said he is also a cleantech entrepreneur and engineer.

In 2006 he founded Clean Power Finance, which provides financial services and software for the solar industry.

Kremen said his background prepared him for a spot on the water district board because he's able to understand and handle complex engineering issues, which he said is essential in understanding how water is moved.

During his time on the Purissima Hills board, that district completed the multi-year, multi-million dollar Neary Tank Utili-

zation Project, which upgraded the water supply network throughout Los Altos Hills. The project replaced the existing, aging water distribution system, according to the district website.

As a businessman, Kremen said he is also "well-acquainted with fiscal responsibility."

Kremen opposed rate hikes in favor of cost-cutting to balance the Purissima Hills water district's budget. In 2012, he wrote an open letter to district staff stating that the board needs to consider more ways to reduce costs, and rate hikes should be seen as a last-ditch effort.

He advocated a reduction in salaries for some Purissima Hills

water district staff positions, refinancing debt and leasing out unused or underused property.

Kremen said the current board members of the Santa Clara Valley Water District are not doing enough to deal with the drought, including current incumbent Brian Schmidt.

"Schmidt is very nice, but our job is to protect the water," Kremen said.

Kremen said the district is still running advertisements on buses warning about floods amidst the intense drought, which he said is a sign that the current board is not taking the

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Gary Kremen

El Camino takes on postpartum depression

By Kevin Forestieri

Pregnancy and childbirth can an exciting time for expecting parents, but it can also be a time of depression and anxiety. Postpartum depression and other pregnancy-related mood disorders are prevalent and often untreated, and El Camino Hospital is reaching out to let people know the warning signs so new mothers can get the help they need.

The Maternal Outreach Mood Services program, or MOMS, is a behavioral health program at El Camino Hospital designed specifically for women who are experiencing pregnancy-related mood disorders. The program recently released a list of “warning signs” that women may be suffering from postpartum depression.

The warning signs include mood swings, lack of energy and body aches to feelings of hopelessness, guilt and thoughts about suicide. Anywhere from 10 to 20 percent of women are affected by postpartum depression.

The list of warning signs is, in part, a response to a recent New York Times article about a woman who struggled with postpartum depression, and ultimately jumped to her death with her 10-month-old child.

Nirmaljit Dhami, medical director of MOMS, said that despite the prevalence of postpartum depression, many people don’t recognize the symptoms, or don’t understand the link between childbirth and depression.

“There’s this misconception that women are happy and

glowing after having a child.” Dhami said. “It’s really a time for increased vulnerability.”

Dhami said there’s a lot of things going on in a woman’s body during and after pregnancy — like hormonal changes and sleep deprivation — that can trigger these mental health problems. While depression can crop up for the first time following childbirth, women are at a much higher risk if they have a history of depression.

The symptoms of postpartum depression are somewhat similar to the “baby blues” that Dhami said affects 80 percent of women after childbirth. While the blues are very common, the symptoms are short-term, mild and generally don’t require treatment. People may mistake it with postpartum depression, adding to misconceptions about the mental illness.

In some cases, new mothers can experience the rare but serious postpartum psychosis, which includes symptoms of hallucination, delusion, mania and “scary thoughts” of harming themselves or the baby, according to Dhami. Psychiatric hospitalization is required for postpartum psychosis, and rates of suicide and infanticide are at 5 percent and 4 percent, respectively.

Dhami said mothers in the program with unstable cases of postpartum psychosis are accepted as inpatients at El Camino Hospital.

Since MOMS began in 2008, hundreds of women have gone through the program every year for support. The treatment program includes group, individual and couples counseling, as well

as medical evaluations to diagnose any mood disorders. The program allows patients to come in up to four days a week for counseling.

MOMS was the first therapy-based treatment program specifically designed for prenatal and postpartum depression in the Bay Area, and the second nationwide, according to the hospital website.

Dhami said prior to the start of the program, there was an unmet need in the community for maternal behavioral health services. A study conducted by the Santa Clara County Community Benefits Coalition in 2007, one year before the program launched, found that depression and mental health issues, especially maternal depression, was a problem that needed to be addressed.

Dhami said it’s important to identify and treat postpartum depression and other pregnancy-related mental disorders because of its effect on infants and spouses. She it’s important to develop a working attachment between the mother and the child that may have suffered because of postpartum depression.

Dhami said MOMS has a lot of room to grow, and they’re trying new ways to measure feedback. For example, they can videotape interactions between the mother and child at the beginning and the end of treatment to see how well the treatment has improved the mother-child relationship, which Dhami said provides real-time feedback on how well the program works.

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Simitian aims to put county services within reach

By Daniel DeBolt

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian has a plan to make social services more accessible to North County residents.

This week Simitian proposed creating “satellite offices” for county social services staff at local nonprofits that serve struggling residents — such as Mountain View’s Community Services Agency, which provides food and financial assistance to those in need — complementing the county’s own services for the poor.

Simitian has proposed up to six such “satellite offices” in the county’s fifth district, which includes Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, Cupertino, Saratoga and parts of Sunnyvale and San Jose. County staff would be

on site a day or two every week in those locations.

Simitian blames a lack of easy access as the reason that certain social services are under-used.

“California has the nation’s lowest participation rate for federally-funded SNAP benefits (formerly “food stamps,” known here as CalFresh),” Simitian wrote in an op-ed piece for the *Voice* this week. “Only half of those eligible for the program are signed up. The hurdle of transportation is one reason why.”

“At our offices, we’re already seeing clients that receive or qualify for county-administered benefits like CalFresh or CalWorks,” said Mila Zelkha of InnVision Shelter Network. “It just makes good sense to put as many services as possible in one place.”

Simitian said his proposal

would require no vote of approval by the county’s board of supervisors.

“If the (county) administration is supportive — and they are — this is something that can be done administratively,” Simitian said, adding that he is hoping to implement it by September or October.

The county got some experience with such an arrangement at the start of the year, Simitian said, when county social workers needed a place to work while the county’s North County social services building was being moved from 100 Moffett Boulevard in Mountain View to 1330 West Middlefield Road in Mountain View.

“In many respects this grew out of when social services staff

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District OKs hiring 'enforcers' to combat water-wasters

By Elena Kadvany

The Santa Clara Valley Water District board of directors on Tuesday night unanimously approved the hiring of up to 10 temporary water enforcers who will be charged with investigating water waste throughout the county.

Water district spokesman Marty Grimes said Wednesday, July 23, that the team of temporary hires, who could start enforcing water regulations in about a month, will not have the authority to cite people or issue tickets. "They will be more of an edu-

cational resource to respond to complaints or reports that we get or that get referred to us of water waste," he said. "We'll go out and investigate and let people know what the rules are. If they're breaking them, we'll maybe offer referrals to services they might be eligible for, like a water-wise house call or a rebate program to replace some irrigation equipment."

The district's effort comes a week after the State Water Resources Control Board approved an emergency regulation to increase water conservation throughout the state. Starting Aug. 1, up to \$500-per-day fines will be issued to people

caught using drinkable water to hose off sidewalks and driveways, watering lawns or gardens to the point of causing runoff, washing cars without a hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle and using potable water in fountains.

Grimes said the creation of a water-conservation enforcement team stemmed from the district's desire to "ratchet up our efforts" to combat California's ever-worsening drought.

He said Santa Clara County has only cut its water use by 12 percent since last year.

"Our target is 20 percent, so we have a long way to go. Obviously everything that we've done to date has not gotten us to the goal, so the board has been really interested in doing more.

"We have limited abilities to

do things like mandate water restrictions, so this is one thing that we can do," he said.

Grimes said he also sees the temporary water enforcers as performing a service that resource-strapped cities and water companies who also receive complaints or reports about water waste cannot.

"Not only do we think we can help save water, it's also just helping empower people to do something because ... a lot of people are doing everything they can in their own water use, and they're now trying to help out by addressing the water waste that they see around them. They can't do it on their own, and water companies and cities don't have the staff to do it on their own, so we want to be a service to them to be able to follow up on these calls."

The district has never implemented a program like this before, Grimes said, estimating it will take about a month to recruit, hire and train the team of enforcers. The board voted 6 to 0 Tuesday to authorize a \$500,000 budget to support the program.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is Silicon Valley's largest water provider, supplying 15 cities and private water companies. Water providers in Santa Clara County that purchase water wholesale from the district include the San Jose Water Co. — by far its biggest customer — and firms in the cities of Mountain View, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Morgan Hill and Gilroy, according to Grimes.

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LINKEDIN

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tion worker who seemed to be moving towards an uncertain future with a laugh and a smile on his face. He added, "What do I got to lose?"

Among the group was an older man who said it had been tough to find a job even though he'd just finished school to become an X-ray technician. He didn't want to keep imposing on friends by sleeping on their couches, so he started staying at the InnVision shelter on Maple Street in Redwood City.

"To get your resume professionally reviewed could cost anywhere from \$50 to \$200," he said, calling the event "a win-win situation."

He reflected on how much times had changed. In the past, "I'd sit across from a man at a desk, and we'd talk, shook hands and I got the job. Nowadays you got resumes with your picture, and media sites chronicling your life that companies review. There's pictures going onto resumes, which is astounding to me." Despite his troubles, he seemed sure that he'd prevail. "It's just matter of time," he said.

Another attendee was a former operations manager who blamed her situation in part on a drug addiction, from which she is recovering.

"The hardest part of doing a job search these days is doing another application that just goes into cyberspace," she said. "You can apply for 30 jobs and you might get nothing back."

A group of 40 LinkedIn employees and a 15 other volunteers hoped to change the

odds by volunteering to help the group stand out among LinkedIn's 300 million members. Sitting around tables with laptop computers, folks were helped one by one, as new LinkedIn profiles were created and others were improved. The group was led through how to create professional identity, find connections to build a network, how to get recommended and how to research jobs on the site.

Creating a profile allows you to "control who you are and control your identity" online, said Ryan McDougal, LinkedIn's marketing manager. Create a good profile and "you can have an unfair advantage in the job market. If you don't have a professional identity, LinkedIn can't work for you, it can't create that unfair advantage for you."

The group was encouraged to add volunteer work they've done to their profiles. "Half of all managers consider volunteer work equivalent to paid work," McDougal said.

The group was also encouraged to connect with potential employers on LinkedIn, where many have profiles, and to use the site to network with existing employees at those companies.

InnVision has been partnering with young employees at LinkedIn and other tech companies to form NextGen, an advisory board of so-called millenials who have a sense of how new technology could help the InnVision's clients, primarily through building resumes and using the Internet to find jobs, said InnVision CEO Karae Lisle.

"You give somebody a job, then they have the money they need to find a place to rent

and get back on their feet," McDougal said, explaining why he was on the board. Not just finding a job, but the right job to allow career progression, he added.

"The purpose of the advisory board was to be young because of the way they see the world," said Lisle, who is over 50. "My age group does silent auctions and galas and things like that to help people. This generation says, 'We're going to create a mobile app to help you find a job.'"

One homeless couple had received not just job training, but a job opportunity. LinkedIn's kitchen manager heard that they both had an interest in climbing the ranks in the food service industry and gave them both job applications. Despite income from Ronnie Martinez's part-time work as a cook and his partner Arianna Pena's financial aid from studying hospitality in college, the couple can't afford to rent a one-bedroom apartment in San Jose, and they are one of the first couples to be allowed to live together in an InnVision shelter, where men and women usually live separately.

"We want to go to work," said Martinez about himself and Pena. He said he loves to cook, but finding enough work and at decent pay has been tough, he said. He was offered an assistant manager job at \$10 an hour, but, "You can't even survive off \$10 an hour."

He said he was excited about the opportunity of possibly working in the kitchen at LinkedIn, saying "I want to feel like I'm in a great place."

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One injured in two-alarm house fire

By Kevin Forestieri

A two-alarm house fire broke out on Elmwood Street in Mountain View last week, leaving one injured and causing significant damage to the home.

Mountain View emergency dispatchers received multiple reports of a fire at the single-family residence on the 200 block of Elmwood Street around 7:20 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15. When firefighters arrived on the scene, there was heavy smoke in the area and flames coming from the house, according to a press release from the Mountain View Fire Department.

Three people were in the home when the fire broke out, and were able to escape the building before fire crews arrived, according to fire spokeswoman Jaime Garrett.

While firefighters worked to extinguish the flames, they treated one of the residents for

smoke inhalation. The resident was transferred to a local hospital with minor injuries. Fire crews remained on scene through the night to protect the site and extinguish hot spots. A fire investigator was sent to determine the fire's cause, and remained on the scene Wednesday morning.

Though the fire did not spread to neighboring homes, it caused significant damage to the residence. Garrett said there is no damage estimate yet, but the residence is "unlivable."

The damaged home's residents have been displaced, and are being provided with temporary housing and necessities by American Red Cross.

The fire department received assistance from the Mountain View Police Department, NASA Ames Moffett Field Fire Department, Palo Alto Fire Department, and the Santa Clara County Fire Associates. ■

SIMITIAN

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were camping out at the community services agency in Mountain View — they were gracious hosts, as was the Mountain View-Los Altos School District's adult education office." He said county officials realized that there are real benefits of having county staff and nonprofit staff in the same place. "There's a much better chance you'll put together a comprehensive package of services that fits a particular case."

Simitian said the satellite offices would be particularly helpful to residents farther away from the North County social services

office in Mountain View. The only other place to access such services is in San Jose.

"If you are a person of modest means from Cupertino or Sunnyvale, getting to that office is going to require two to three bus trips and a few hours," Simitian said.

"We have clients who are juggling work, childcare and limited transportation access," said Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto of West Valley Community Services in Cupertino. "Right now, we have to tell them to go to another office in another city to access county programs. A one-stop shopping approach would help them tremendously." ■

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SILICON VALLEY BEER WEEK CELEBRATES
CRAFT BREW WITH LOCAL EVENTS

by Lena Pressesky

The second annual Silicon Valley Beer Week will kick off Friday, July 25, with brew-centric festivities lasting through Aug. 2. A total of 75 local venues, restaurants and breweries will host more than 200 events from tap takeovers and food pairings to educational forums and more.

In addition to celebrating the region's vibrant brewing and culinary traditions, the week-long event, sponsored by San Jose restaurant Naglee Park Garage and newspaper Metro Silicon Valley, will provide beer novices and brew masters alike with much to learn, sample and experience.

Chris Esparza, owner of Blackbird Tavern in San Jose and producer of Beer Week's opening and closing events, said the multitude of venues will "light the whole South Bay peninsula with things to do."

"All venues will bring their creative spirit," he said.

In addition to food and beer pairings, venues will aim to prove that beer goes well with music, movies, burlesque dancing and variety shows, to name a few.

Refuge in San Carlos, for example, will host a movie night during which they will screen old cowboy flicks in conjunction with a new brew collaboration called Spaghetti Western, while other venues like Tied House Brewery in Mountain View will go low-key with special food and beer flight pairings.

In addition to venues curating their own spin on the celebration, there will be "a lot of rarity," Esparza said. Seldom-seen

quaffs will make local appearances, such as Russian River Brewing Co.'s Yvan the Great, a Belgian-style blonde to be poured at St. Stephens Green in Mountain View, or Allagash Brewing Company's Odyssey, a dark wheat beer aged in oak barrels, which will be available at Steins Beer Garden in downtown Mountain View.

In addition to cult favorite Russian River, Beer Week venues will host other West Coast brewing darlings like Ninkasi from Eugene, Oregon; Hangar 24 from Redlands and San Francisco-based Speakeasy Ales & Lagers.

Esparza said he hopes the events will attract a wide variety of people, from parents of small children or the senior crowd to young, trendy 20-somethings, home brewers, master brewers and casual sippers alike.

Ultimately though, the festival is about enjoying the brew.

"It's a beer lover's paradise," Esparza said.

Beer Week events

Special events will punctuate Beer Week on either end. A kick-off party will be held on Friday, July 25, at Blackbird Tavern in San Jose. Blackbird Tavern's chef, along with the kitchen head from Naglee Park Garage, are preparing a menu to pair with specialty beers available for free tasting. Beer Week will culminate with the Summer KraftBrew Fest, which will feature more than 60 American craft beers, Belgian and German imports, home brews, food, craft beer panel discussions and more at Gordon Biersch Brewery in San Jose.

Below are just a few of the local events that will take place during

Silicon Valley Beer Week. More information is at svbeerweek.com.

Vino Local (431 Kipling St., Palo Alto)

This downtown Palo Alto wine bar wants in on the brew fun. Vino Locale will give a special nod to local brewer Palo Alto Brewing Company, pairing tapas with a tasting flight that will spotlight favorites like the Hoppy Ending Pale Ale and Cool Beanz Coffee Porter. Come taste on July 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; admission is \$5.

Stein's Beer Garden (895 Villa St., Mountain View)

Craft breweries Allagash and The Bruery will join forces to take over the taps at this Mountain View beer garden on July 28. With a total of 14 guest taps from the two breweries, Stein's will be pouring specialty brews with names like Sucre, White Chocolate and BeRazzled from 5 p.m. until the beer runs out.

Stein's will also host a pop-up dinner on July 30 from 5:45 to 11 p.m. featuring beer from Redlands-based Hangar 24. Favorites like the Farmhouse saison and chocolate porter will be paired with a specially curated prix fixe menu. There are a limited number of seats available for this one-night-only event, so make a reservation by emailing Brittany@steinsbeergarden.com or by calling 650-386-1367. Seating times are available from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

St. Stephens Green (223 Castro St., Mountain View)

This popular Mountain View Irish pub will tap special beers every night from Monday to Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. Come Monday for Yvan the Great, a special release from Santa Rosa's Russian River Brewing Company, and stay all week long for Sierra Nevada's Southern Hemisphere IPA (and

IPA-battered fish and chips), Hangar 24's Orange Wheat and Speakeasy's Metropolis Lager. On Thursday night, the pub will serve samplers of all four of these Beer Week brews.

Molly Magees (241 Castro St., Mountain View)

Ninkasi dominates at the Irish pub from July 27 to 30, 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Come join like-minded zealots in a worship of the popular Eugene, Ore. craft brewery or just stay for a five dollar pint. Molly Magees will tap Ninkasi's Total Domination IPA, the Oatis

Oatmeal Stout the Believer Double Red Ale.

Tied House Brewery and Cafe (954 Villa St., Mountain View)

The Mountain View micro-brewery will pair new menu items with flights of its own beer from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on July 28. Diners can taste combinations like stout-braised lamb shank with the brewery's Oatmeal Stout or house-made sausages served with a malty American amber.

—Online editor Elena Kadvany contributed to this story.

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PRIDE ON PARADE

Donna Yeager, who hosts the show "On the Move" produced at KMVT, gets ready for the Disability Pride parade in downtown Mountain View on Saturday, July 19. "They told me I'd never drive. I told them, 'Watch me!'" said Yeager, who drives a custom van and has gone surfing and skiing. Chanting, "We're here, we're loud, we're disabled and proud," participants made their way down Castro Street in the annual celebration of the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The festival included a resource fair for aging, veterans and disabilities, as well as activities, games and live performances. More photos from the parade are online at mv-voice.com.



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The people behind the puppets

THEATREWORKS' 'THE GREAT PRETENDER' IS REFRESHING, FUNNY AND SWEET

By Karla Kane

Theater Review

I've enjoyed many shows at Palo Alto's Lucie Stern Theatre over the years, but "The Great Pretender," making its world premiere with TheatreWorks, took me by surprise and may just be my favorite yet.

"The Great Pretender" brings audiences behind the scenes at a long-running children's television show (think "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," "Sesame Street" and "Lamb Chop's Play-Along"). Mr. Felt (Steve Brady) is the kindly host, who talks directly to his young viewers, teaches them crafts, songs and lessons, and banters with his sassy puppet sidekicks, including Carol the Pony and Pudge the Pig. The show is on hiatus, its future in question, after the tragic death of Marilyn, the lead puppeteer and Roy Felt's wife. Co-star Carol (Suzanne Grodner) wants to carry on

without her, while genial director Tom (Michael Storm) proposes replacing her with Jodi (Sarah Moser), a lifelong Mr. Felt super-fan with uncanny vocal imitation skills.

Roy, still reeling from his personal and professional loss, isn't sure what to think, but Jodi soon wins him over with her enthusiasm, talent and awkward charm. As Jodi attempts to fit in among her childhood idols, Roy is forced to confront his unresolved grief. For Roy, the line between Marilyn and her character became blurred after years of togetherness, and his chemistry with someone new proves unnerving. Ultimately, Roy has to decide between holding on and letting go.

Part of TheatreWorks' New Works Festival last year, "The Great Pretender" was penned

by Canadian David West Read. No doubt much of its success is due to his sharp writing. Deftly directed by Stephen Brackett, the show also features a few convincing original songs by Read, presented alongside pleasant piano and ukulele renditions of Beatles tunes. The adorably retro set was designed by Daniel Zimmerman, and wonderful puppet creations are by David Valentine.

Kudos to the cast, and especially to Moser, Brady and Grodner for their expressive work with the puppets. Brady strikes all the right notes as Roy, both in his saintly TV incarnation and as the real man off-screen. Moser gives oddball Jodi an effective mix of goofiness and vulnerability that saves her from becoming an ingenue/"quirky girl" cliché; Grodner steals scenes as abrasive, manic Carol. It took me a while to warm up to the

■ INFORMATION

"The Great Pretender," by David West Read, presented by TheatreWorks at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. The show runs through Aug. 3. Evening performances are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 7 p.m. No evening performance on Aug. 3. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and on Wednesday, July 30. No matinee performance on Aug. 2; no performances on July 29. Audio-described performances for blind and visually impaired audiences on Aug. 1-3; post-show discussions on Wednesdays. Tickets are \$25-\$74. Go to theatreworks.org or call 650-463-1960.

character, but she won me over with her brilliantly impassioned pitch for a movie about a baseball-playing feline.

Roy's at his best when interacting with the puppets as his television persona and finds real life more difficult to navigate. So, too, the play's strongest moments come when depicting episodes of the TV show. I could have done with a bit more of that and a bit less of Carol/Tom dialogue, but as it is we get a sense of why legions of fans like Jodi would grow up taking comfort in Mr. Felt's cozy, but fictional, world.

It would be easy for the show to veer too far into cheesy, saccharine territory, or to get mean-spirited and mocking, but instead it strikes just the right warmhearted tone. If you, like me, could never quite get used to Kermit the Frog's "new" voice, it may make you wax nostalgic about your own childhood favorites — and perhaps consider them in a new light. And no spoilers, but anyone not left with a lump in his or her throat after the final scene must be made of stone. "The Great Pretender" is a genuine gem.

DIALYSIS

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The losses from dialysis hardly put a dent in the hospital's gross revenue, which increased from \$2.3 billion to \$2.5 billion in the same time frame. According to hospital spokeswoman Jennifer Thrift, there is a "challenging financial and competitive landscape" in the world of dialysis, and Medicare reimbursements is one of the culprits.

If a Medicare patient has kidney failure and requires dialysis services, the hospital gets a certain dollar amount reimbursed for the procedure. For example, the government might reimburse El Camino Hospital \$250 for a single session of hemodialysis. If that doesn't cover the full cost, the hospital has to shoulder some of the bill.

Losing money on Medicare patients isn't unusual for hospitals like El Camino Hospital, which typically receive 86 cents in reimbursement per dollar spent on hospital care for Medi-

care patients, according to the American Hospital Association. But these low reimbursement rates are significant in the context of dialysis services, because over 80 percent of all dialysis patients are on Medicare.

Things looked even more bleak for dialysis when the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed a 9.4 cut to dialysis funding late last year, meaning even less revenue from those Medicare reimbursements. CMS eventually delayed the cuts, which will be phased in starting in 2016.

The "competitive landscape" that Thrift mentions refers to the handful of companies in the Bay Area that specialize in dialysis and other kidney services, and have an edge over El Camino Hospital in the dialysis market.

Hospital spokeswoman Chris Ernst said these specialty companies, like DaVita Healthcare Partners Inc. and Satellite Healthcare, are able to net more money for the same services because they don't have to deal with the overhead costs associated with being part of a big hospital.

Satellite spokeswoman Kim Hernandez said specialty companies like hers also have to deal with the same, flat dollar amount reimbursed by Medicare, but are able to cut costs and handle the lower payout better than general hospitals like El Camino.

"Because we specialize in (dialysis) we've taken measures to work more efficiently," Hernandez said.

Consequently, El Camino Hospital's dialysis centers are closing at the same time private specialty companies are opening up shop in Mountain View. Satellite Healthcare, a not-for-profit company, opened the doors to its new Mountain View location two months ago. The dialysis center is about a mile north of the recently closed Oak dialysis center, and includes a home dialysis facility.

There are also plans to build a DaVita dialysis center at 412 East El Camino Real — the location of the long-closed Big Burger Freeze. In a phone conversation, a DaVita spokesman said the company did not want to discuss any information regarding the

new facility in Mountain View.

El Camino Hospital will continue to help dialysis patients in its new, joint-venture partnership with Satellite Healthcare. According to Ernst, both El Camino and Satellite will share costs and revenue, with El Camino providing the patient base and Satellite providing the equipment and facilities.

"There are many fantastic solutions for dialysis which are convenient and are specialized in dialysis treatment," Ernst said in an email.

Following the closure of Oak last April, the *Voice* could only find one dialysis center remaining in Mountain View — the newly-opened Satellite location.

While the closure of three centers may seem like it would leave a big need for dialysis services here in Mountain View, that may not be the case. Two of the sites being closed down weren't in the city to begin with — they were in San Jose.

A 2012 audit by Harvey M. Rose Associates found that the two San Jose dialysis centers, along with El

Cmaino's Los Gatos campus, are well beyond the boundaries of the area that El Camino Healthcare District serves. The audit goes on to say that these far-away sites do not operate for the benefit of the district and the people served by the district.

Without traffic, a drive from Mountain View to either of the two San Jose sites would take anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes. Compounded by the fact that most patients need to undergo dialysis three to four times a week, studies show that longer travel time to dialysis centers is linked to increased mortality, lower quality of life and decreased treatment adherence.

Following the closure at Oak Pavilion, El Camino Hospital plans to renovate the first floor of the building to relocate and expand the hospital's cancer center, which is currently in the Melchor Pavilion. Hospital administrators noted a growth in cancer patient volumes and an increasing need for more space than the Melchor Pavilion provides. ■

LASD BOND

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the new campus or an existing school site.

District staff members do not think the school district can afford two new schools with a bond measure due to high costs. Instead, options might include

one new school and new facilities at existing schools, or one new school and a switch to grades K-5 elementary schools and 6-8 middle schools.

Putting the bond measure on the November ballot will be a collaborative effort between the school district and the charter school, according to a proposed five-year agreement between the

two parties.

Though both boards still need to approve the agreement, which was drafted earlier this month, the terms include Bullis' cooperation with the district to place a measure on the ballot, and both parties' working together "to draft and finalize the ballot language."

A Bullis representative was not

immediately available to comment on the charter school's role in drafting the bond measure.

The July 28 district meeting will include not only a discussion about bond language, but a vote to approve the terms of the five-year agreement between the district and the charter school. Among other things, the agreement would end all litigation

between the two parties, end disputes over enrollment numbers and open up new space at Blach for the charter school.

Logan said the five-year agreement does not hinge on voters passing the bond measure this November.

"The bond is a solution to problems that go beyond those five years," Logan said. ■

CANDIDATE

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group Students for a Democratic Society. Siegel has anti-war posters from the era framed in his office, and helped organize the group "Voices for Peace" which held anti-war rallies in Mountain View during the Iraq war. Siegel was labeled a "militant" during the rent control fights of the 1970s, a label he embraced in a recent interview. Nevertheless, he's gained the respect of a wide range of people over many years, including many members of the military and government officials involved in toxic cleanup at Moffett Field.

Siegel has yet to organize an election campaign but he says "housing and development issues" would be his top priority. He advocated for substantial new housing and limited office growth in the San Antonio shopping center area and in North Bayshore near Google headquarters, but not with high-rise buildings. He's repeatedly called for "family friendly" development with new schools and transportation connections. He says downtown residents will probably need a permanent parking permit program soon, and doesn't agree with people who say Castro Street should be closed to car traffic, as it's too important a traffic artery.

He says he still believes in rent control, but has chosen not to focus his energy fighting that battle given how much money landlords have to fight it. He says he is "generally pro labor" but also supports having rainy day funds in the city budget.

"I would see my campaign and my service as a way of bringing renters in Mountain View into the political process without sacrificing the concerns of longtime homeowners," said Siegel, who is a homeowner himself.

When it comes to raising money for his campaign, Siegel says he isn't totally opposed to taking money from real estate interests. He mentioned that Prometheus Real Estate Group, the large Mountain View landlord and apartment developer, recently attended a Campaign for a Balanced Mountain View meeting.

"Google supports some of things I'm doing," Siegel said. "It may be some people (who) support some of what I'm saying will give me money, but my principles are pretty clear. I'm not expecting much from business sources. I'm expecting support from Google employees. Google does some good things in the community but it's also the source of our problems, so I don't know how the official corporate management will view my candidacy. They are saving Hangar One, so

they do some good things."

Siegel said he isn't compromising in his opposition to the city's job-rich, housing-poor development pattern. In the past he's criticized that pattern as the "fiscalization" of land-use planning. Housing is seen by officials as a drain on a city's budget, while job growth is seen as a boon. Siegel has said the result of that pattern is an "environmental and social disaster."

"These are issues which require somebody to stick their neck out, that's what I'm known for doing," Siegel said. "When council members talk about the jobs-housing balance being a regional problem, what they seem to be saying is other cities should be solving the problem. With Mountain View as ground zero with Google, it needs to take the lead. I'm hoping that Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Cupertino will adopt similar policies. There are active groups in some of those cities that haven't framed the issue the way we have around balance."

Siegel says two other candidates have been attending meetings for the Campaign for Balanced Mountain View, Greg Unangst and Ken Rosenberg.

"I'm expecting that by the time the election rolls around all the candidates will say they want to do something about the jobs-housing imbalance, but most of them have not been outspoken and clear on the issues that the Campaign for Balanced Mountain View has been raising," Siegel said. "I'm hoping that my candidacy will force other people to take firmer stands."

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EGRETS

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beaks; great egrets have black feet and yellow beaks and are generally bigger than snowy egrets.

Since the beginning of June, 15 egrets have reportedly been rescued after falling from their nests at the Shorebird Way colony. According to Ellis, many of the falls result from sibling fratricide, in which the older, more robust egret chicks push their younger and weaker siblings out of the nests. Ellis said that sibling fratricide is a natural behavior, given the limited availability of food.

"It ensures that at least some of your chicks will survive rather than having to feed them all at once because they're developing," Ellis said.

Google officials who spot fallen egrets notify city officials, who, with Audubon representatives, determine whether the egrets can stay on site or require rehabilitation.

"If they're uninjured and they can fly, we leave them alone," Higgins said.

If the egrets are young, injured or otherwise vulnerable, either the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority, Wildlife Emergency Service or the Audubon Society transport the birds to Wildlife Center.

At the Wildlife Center, it's determined whether the egrets can be nursed back to health. Of the 15 rescued egrets, two have been humanely euthanized, according to wildlife rehabilitation supervisor Ashley Kinney.

After employees check them for any parasites, the egrets are trans-

ferred to a confined area. The center provides medical support the egrets and staff ensure they develop the ability to fly, scavenge and hunt live prey on their own.

"We want them to be fully self-sufficient before we release them," Kinney said.

According to Ellis, the six egrets released last week had temporary bands attached to their legs that will wear down over time.

"Most of the wild population is not banded," Ellis said. "Just to be able to track these individuals as individuals will tell us a lot."

Higgins said that many of the injured egrets city officials pick up suffer broken legs or wings, and that the concrete underneath the trees poses a serious safety hazard. Kinney said that most of the egrets taken to the wildlife center are too young to care for themselves.

"The majority of the egrets that come in are orphaned and only a small percentage are actually injured," Kinney said.

As of July 22, seven egrets remain at the Wildlife Center, according to Kinney. Kinney said she expected more egrets rescued from the Shorebird Way colony to arrive shortly, and she hopes to release more rehabilitated egrets within the next few weeks to make room. Some egrets get transferred to International Bird Rescue Research Center for this reason.

Earlier this year, Google and city of Mountain View officials agreed to close a section of Shorebird Way to motor vehicles at the recommendation of Audubon Society environmental advocate Shani Kleinhaus, according to Ellis. The closure came as a result

of concerns that motor vehicles could run over fallen egrets, killing them, injuring drivers and damaging vehicles. Higgins said that one egret at the colony was killed by a motor vehicle last year.

City officials said they hope to re-open the closed section of Shorebird Way in mid-August at the end of nesting season.

According to Higgins, it is unusual for egrets to nest in an urban area like Shorebird Way—they typically nest in areas closer to water.

Ellis said she believes the egrets' choice of residence within Google headquarters is an exciting natural anomaly.

"I'm honestly thrilled that these birds nest in such an urban environment because it gives most people who don't even know what an egret is an opportunity to view them up close," she said.

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drought seriously.

Kremen also criticized the amount of money the district spends, especially on big projects.

"They waste an insane amount of money, way beyond the pale," Kremen said.

Kremen mentioned that the water district also mishandled the proposed flood plan that would have built a flood detention basin at the Cuesta Park Annex in Mountain View. The flood basin was eventually pulled from the plan due to public outcry. ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Charter school-district accord a welcome step

There was good news earlier this month from the Los Altos School District about the possible signing of a five-year agreement with Bullis Charter School. Could it be that the sometimes embarrassing squabbling between these two parties may be coming to an end?

The proposed agreement, drafted by board members of both the district and the charter school, includes the promise of a 9,500-square-foot space for the charter school at Blach Intermediate School in Los Altos. That would mean that the district must end its lease with the Stepping Stones Preschool now located there, and the space will be available to Bullis beginning in the 2015-16 school year.

Perhaps the most important provision of the agreement pertains to litigation. The accord would put an end to existing litigation, and would require the use of mediation and, if that fails, arbitration for any disputes arising during the five-year term of the agreement. Over the years, money that could otherwise have been spent on educating kids has been used instead for legal battles over facilities, so a compromise on dispute resolution is a profoundly positive development.

Another provision worth noting is likely to placate many who have criticized Bullis for its enrollment policy, which, they say, gives some of the district's wealthiest families more access to the public charter school than it offers the less affluent. As with many charter schools, enrollment preference is given to returning students, and then to siblings of current students. But once those spots are filled, all children in the district may apply, and if there are more applicants than there are openings, a lottery takes place. Under Bullis' existing rules, 50 percent of those remaining spots are reserved for students primarily from wealthy Los Altos Hills neighborhoods, leaving fewer spots for children from less privileged families.

Under the proposed agreement, the 50 percent preference will be phased out, beginning in the 2015-16 school year. By the 2019-20 school year, it will be eliminated completely — a welcome change that will create a far more equitable approach to enrollment in the high-achievement charter school.

When charter schools were first authorized in California, a major goal of their supporters was to create test-lab environments to improve public school education. Unfortunately, all too often the efforts by parents and innovative educators trying to establish charter schools have been met with resistance from school district boards and administrators, and resulting conflicts have prevented productive collaboration between a school district and its "test lab," from which ideas for improvement might otherwise ferment.

That kind of collaboration may be possible with the end of the conflict between Bullis and the school district. Fortunately, adults were in the room when board members from both parties hammered out the proposed agreement, which will be voted on during a special meeting on Monday, July 28. We hope the ink is at the ready and the proposed agreement becomes a reality that night.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SYSTEM DOESN'T SERVE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY

The disgraceful statistic is out now that over 12 percent of California's homeless are military veterans. My own Iraq War combat hero son was one of those 12 percent for six months before being arrested in April for offenses triggered by his PTSD, TBI (traumatic brain injury) and combat flashbacks. In spite of my son's being 100 percent disabled from combat and receiving a generous monthly disability check from the VA, what most people who don't have someone like my son in their families don't fathom is that many, if not most, of these homeless vets have drug and alcohol abuse issues that result in their disability money going for the wrong things. This cannot be blamed on the wounded warriors because they are so profoundly damaged at an emotional level it precludes their ability to make rational choices in their best interest.

So there's the issue of how we Americans can provide decent affordable housing for our homeless vets, and then there's the overriding issue of the responsibility of our federal government to change the law concerning the present inability of the VA to force veterans with serious psychological and

emotional and substance abuse issues into rehab.

For two solid years after my son returned from combat in 2012, I fought relentlessly on his behalf to make sure the VA provided the finest treatment for him that they can provide. I secured power of attorney in order to take a proactive role in advocating for him in all matters. I made a pain-in-the-butt out of myself with the VA in Palo Alto to make sure my son was not one of the many caught up in the gigantic scandal the VA is going through right now. I bugged Congress people, Pentagon people, wrote many letters to newspapers, and I hired a lawyer who specializes in VA issues. And I made allies within the VA who took personal interest in my son's case.

But in the last analysis, because the VA has no power to mandate vets like my son into treatment, vets like my son who lack the rationality to realize they need treatment are able to walk away from any programs and not get the treatment they sorely need. It's the proverbial catch-22 taken to the level of insanity.

Less than 1 percent of Americans defend the rights of all of us, yet this is the abominable way we treat those veterans?

*Jeffrey Van Middlebrook
Easy Street*

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Time for county Social Services to 'take our show on the road'

By Joe Simitian

For many, Silicon Valley is the very picture of prosperity. That image, though, can sometimes mask the reality that many of our neighbors struggle to make ends meet. And right now, we're compounding their struggle by making it harder than it needs to be to access the support services that could help them get by.

One of the major duties of our Santa Clara County government is providing "safety net" services for our most vulnerable residents. The county Social Services Agency administers important programs like the food benefits of CalFresh, the welfare-to-work assistance of CalWorks, and health care coverage through Medi-Cal.

We don't weave that safety net alone, of course. We've built strong partnerships with nonprofits that provide services like emergency financial assistance, housing help, and training and education. These services go hand-in-hand with our county programs.

Unfortunately, even though we know these complementary nonprofit and public programs serve many of the same people, we don't always make it easy to take advantage of these services all in one place. Every day, our nonprofit partners (like the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos, for example) see clients at their offices, then have to tell those clients they need to make another trip to another location to get help with county programs.

We're requiring those with the least resources to take time away from work (or from seeking work), juggle childcare, and pay for gas or bus fare to travel to a county office to receive vital support services. We can and should be making it easier, not harder, for people to access these programs.

That's why I've asked the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency to "take our show on the road."

I'm proposing that our county Social Services Agency set up a trial program to send county staff to the facilities of our nonprofit partners a few days each week. By creating satellite offices for the county, throughout the North County district I represent, we can serve clients where they already are, instead of asking them to come to us.

This approach, more formally called "co-location," is one that helps similar agencies in other places — and we've seen it work here, too.

During the past year, I worked with our Social Services Agency to find a new North County office in Mountain View when the lease on the old office couldn't be renewed. Our efforts were successful, and we've retained an important service center for North County residents. But there was another benefit as well.

During that transition, county staff took up temporary residence in the offices of local nonprofits. While there, they were able to serve clients who normally would have had to travel to our

county offices. It saved the clients time and money, made it easier to coordinate service with our nonprofit partners, and helped the county reach more people.

I'm gratified that the new North County office is now up and running, but I know that it's still a lot to ask those without reliable, affordable transportation to travel there or to San Jose during work hours, particularly clients coming from the seven other communities I represent in addition to Mountain View.

Increasing access to county-run programs by co-locating with community nonprofits can make a big difference. California has the nation's lowest participation rate for federally funded SNAP benefits (formerly "food stamps," known here as CalFresh). Only half of those eligible for the program are signed up. The hurdle of transportation is one reason why.

Here in Silicon Valley, we talk a lot about the need to "think outside the box." In this instance, "getting out of the box" translates to "getting out of the office." By pushing our social services out into the community, we can help the county serve more people, more easily, and more effectively.

We've got willing partners in our community nonprofits. Now we just need to take our show on the road.

Joe Simitian is a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. He represents the Fifth District, which includes Mountain View.

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COUNCIL'S DECISION ON GAME-DAY PARKING IS BAFFLING

I find the Mountain View City Council's decision to limit parking to three hours on event days at the 49ers' Levi's Stadium baffling. Whereas I am sympathetic to residents who live near the downtown Mountain View light rail station and their fears of a great influx of cars into their neighborhood, this vote, in one fell swoop, eliminates the incentive for fans to utilize public transportation to travel to and from the games.

With most games on Sunday afternoons, when vehicle and

foot traffic are usually light around downtown, I don't foresee a significant inconvenience for local residents, even with the additional fans attending the games. It would be no worse than the farmers' market on Sunday mornings or a weekend SF Giants game.

The domino effect this vote has will be to either further increase congestion around Levi's Stadium itself, or cause it to overflow into Mountain View neighborhoods "downstream" from the downtown light rail station, outside of the time-limit radius. I wonder if the City Council thought through all the ramifications before they voted.

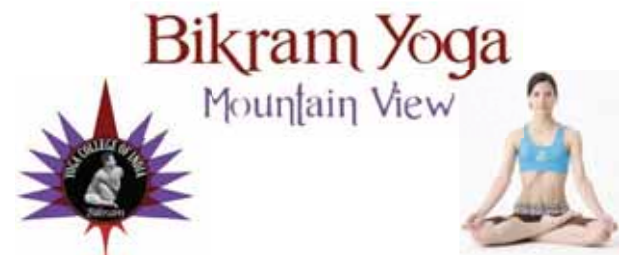
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WELCOME TO THE chef's TABLE

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■ FOOD FEATURE

MONTHLY POP-UP DINNERS
AT PALO ALTO'S GARDEN COURT
HOTEL CHARMING, IF A BIT UNEVEN

Pssst. There's a room in Palo Alto where foodies gather once a month around a long, communal table to experience an intimate, specially curated meal. The menu is unique, different and unpredictable, entirely in the hands of the chef each time. People have been returning again and again for more.

The meal is served in a surprising setting: the Garden Court Hotel in downtown Palo Alto, which has no official restaurant, as it is not affiliated with Il Fornaio, which occupies the large dining space on the first floor of the Cowper Street building. But it does have an official chef.

Clive Berkman, an experienced chef who hails from South Africa, came to the hotel by chance last year after helping out at an event. He's

From top: Dessert at the recent 520 Chef's Table dinner included a tres leches cake topped with a raspberry; the "Seven Cs" amuse-bouche came with a challenge to diners to guess the ingredients; scoops of blood orange sorbet with grilled nectarines were a surprise palate-cleanser between courses.



been in the kitchen ever since, in charge of the hotel's in-room dining and events (corporate dinners, weddings and the like). So these monthly pop-up dinners, which started in March, are meant as a platform to showcase his talents (and of course, bring more people into the hotel).

Dubbed 520 Chef's Table (a play on the hotel's address), these dinners are not a cheap treat. Tickets are \$155 (\$119 per person plus a 20 percent service fee and 8.75 percent state tax) and include a multi-course, one-night-only dinner along with a starter cocktail, wine pairings throughout dinner, interaction with the chef and a 30-person cap to keep it "intimate." If you care about food and food experiences, you'll be getting your money's worth; otherwise, the price might not be right.

Berkman crafts a different dinner for the third Thursday of each month based on whatever might be inspiring him at the moment, oftentimes with a personal tilt. One month, it was dishes from the favorite places he's eaten around the world (South Africa, England, France and America).

This month, the menu paid homage to new foodie film "Chef," in which Jon Favreau plays Los Angeles chef Carl

Casper, once hailed for being daring and ground-breaking but now creatively stifled by his restaurant's owner, who just wants him to "cook what works." Casper quits in a very public video that quickly goes viral, and he starts a food truck so he can cook the way he really wants to.

"He's a great chef; however, he's tied and constrained by the conditions in which he works," Berkman told the diners at the beginning of the July 17 dinner. "And all of a sudden he's taken to a place where he's freed from the burdens of having to live up to a certain standard ... with reviewers, reporters, with modern technology, where information can be immediate ... you can imagine the nervousness and how we feel being in an industry where we're always on stage."

Favreau's character purchases a beat-up taco truck in Miami and drives it across the country, stopping to sling his new food (Cuban sandwiches, barbecue sliders, beignets, arroz con pollo) in New Orleans, Austin and back to Los Angeles.

Berkman — who also dreams of owning a food truck one day — said the film's message spoke to him, and he created a menu to further the story and meaning. He's owned or worked at restau-



Diners tuck into the "Seven Cs" amuse-bouche at 520 Chef's Table in Palo Alto.

rants in or near the cities Casper stops: Miami, New Orleans and Houston.

Upon entering the Garden Court Hotel's "Terrace Room" — a beautiful dining room with French doors that open onto an enclosed terrace — diners could choose from a weak Cuban mojito cocktail or wine. Appetiz-

ers were mini "reconstructed" Cuban sandwiches. These tiny summer-vegetable choux pastries filled with goat cheese and apricot chutney could not be more unlike the traditional flat bread Cuban sandwiches Casper makes on a panini press in his truck, but they were delicious. Who knew something of barely one-inch diameter

could be so packed with flavor? Everyone eventually found their seats at the farmhouse table. Each setting had two spoons, three forks, two knives, two wine glasses and print-outs of the menu, topped with a carefully folded white napkin topped

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Above: Chef Clive Berkman explains his concept for the evening's meal to diners at 520 Chef's Table at the Garden Court Hotel in Palo Alto. **Top right:** Smoked porterhouse steak with yucca hash browns. **Bottom right:** Fried quail with black beans, a rice cake and plantain mousse.



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with a tiny spring of lavender. Baskets of foot-plus-long savory bread sticks, hand-braided by a member of the kitchen staff, were set out with small bowls of olive oil mixed with Berkman's own special spice mixture.

Perhaps the best part of 520 Chef's Table is hearing from Berkman himself. He came out with each course to talk about the dish and interact with guests. The amuse-bouche, the "Seven 'Cs' soup" with lobster, came with a delicate croquette, looking lonely in a large white bowl. Waiters doused it with soup made from curry, coconut milk, cumin, chili

oil, corn and chives. It also came with a challenge: name all seven of the ingredients in the dish that start with the letter "C." The prize: a packet of Berkman's special spice mixture to take home. Diners quickly whipped out iPhones to make lists of ingredients.

Next up was roasted black cod from Half Moon Bay topped with jicama and on the side, tiny scallops, a roasted-pepper mojo sauce and small cubes of deep-fried bread pudding. Berkman talked about how the dish exemplified his "three Ts" model for cooking—taste, texture and temperature—with the fish served closer to room temperature than piping hot and the crunch of the bread

cubes adding a texture contrast with the soft fish.

Berkman disappeared and then returned with a surprise before the second course.

"I've always threatened to serve dessert" between courses, he said.

Scoops of palette-cleansing blood-orange sorbet appeared, with a grilled nectarine hiding beneath — the perfect stop-gap between a seafood and meat dish.

"If I left you with the taste in your mouth ... of say, bananas, and then came right off that with tomatoes, your mouth (would) clench," Berkman said. "Really great menus are the ones that flow into each other."

As the first meat of the evening

came out — fried quail with stewed black beans, rice cake and a plantain mousse — Berkman quickly warned that someone in the kitchen had been too generous with the salt shaker. The quail was incredibly salty; not inedibly so, but enough to overpower the meat or the spicing. The beans and rice cake were excellent, though, and plain enough to balance out the heavy dose of sodium.

The main course — a smoked porterhouse steak served with one long, snake-like purple bean; yucca hash browns, topped with

roasted Brussels sprouts and pancetta; and a large piece of flash-fried chard — was grand. The meat was rolled out on a cart with a metal heat lamp and carved at the table. Berkman said he wanted it to be reminiscent of hotels he cooked at during the 1970s that would make an almost theatrical act out of serving meat. The meat was smoky, soft, sweet.

Wine and dessert, however, were disappointing. The two wines, a St. Supery sauvignon blanc from Napa Valley and J pinot noir from the Russian River Valley, were excellent and generously served throughout the dinner, but there was no mention of either one or explanation of how they paired with the food.

And though Berkman called dessert "the greatest course" of any meal, the three he served were nothing to write home about. A beignet was too soft, almost under-fried and a chocolate lava cake and tres leches cake sadly underwhelming. Ironically, a lackluster chocolate lava cake is also Casper's downfall in "Chef."

But it didn't matter, because everyone was enjoying themselves immensely. The whole table chimed in to sing "Happy Birthday" to one of the diners. Throughout the evening, strangers got to know each other over the food, lingering well past dessert and coffee.

For more information on 520 Chef's Table, go to gardencourt.com/events-calendar. The next dinner is set for Thursday, Aug. 21, and they run through December.

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MOVIE OPENINGS



COURTESY IFC FILMS

Ellar Coltrane in "Boyhood."

BOYHOOD ★★★★★

(Aquarius) You've watched actors grow up on screen before, whether it be Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor or Jerry Mathers (as the Beaver). But Richard Linklater's "Boyhood" makes cinematic poetry of the experience by presenting us with a single narrative consumable in one sitting, shot (on 35mm film) in 39 days over 12 years with the same cast.

True to his own form, Linklater fashions this inherently remarkable material with considerable restraint and trusty intuition hitting the jackpot in the casting of Ellar Coltrane as the film's central character, Mason. When we first meet Mason, at age 6, it is "Aspiration Day" at the grade school, and Mason's choice is to aspire the clouds, lying in the green grass, cherubic face up, on a blue-sky day. In the first of many pointed cultural-timeline markers, Linklater rather fearlessly uses an ultra-familiar pop song to underscore this near-universal experience of American childhood: Coldplay's "Yellow" ("Look at the stars, see how they shine for you..."). Indeed, the world — and the film — are Mason's oysters: The possibilities are endless, and the perspective belongs to him.

Along comes Mason's mother Olivia (Patricia Arquette in a career-best role), and soon enough we meet his vivacious (read bratty) sister Samantha (Lorelei Linklater, the director's daughter) and their father Mason Sr. (Ethan Hawke), divorced but re-involved with his kids after a stint working in Alaska. Others come and go — most notably two more unfortunate husbands for Olivia — but this is the story of a (fractured) family of four over the period of a childhood, culminating in a young adult's release into the wild, a bookend of the opening scene's endless possibility as a new phase of life stretches to the horizon.

An authentic performer, Coltrane crucially provides a nat-

ural, resonant presence giving anchor to an intentionally slippery narrative. "Boyhood" is a film of moments on the path of child development: some of them obvious (a birthday, a graduation day) but most of them ordinary, though meaningful to Mason (talks with Olivia, outings with Mason Sr.). Some are likely to resonate with just about any male (leering at models in a catalog, feigning sickness in an attempt to stay home from school); others are more specific to Mason's emerging character, including semi-autobiographical elements mined from Coltrane's own development.

When Mason Sr. expertly skips a stone across a lake, it's an unspoken metaphor for the passage of time and the film itself. At the film's quiet emotional climax, a reedy, self-possessed, 18-year-old, college-bound Mason asks a fretful Olivia, "Aren't you jumping ahead by, like, 40 years?" The meta moment, with a heart-breaking response I won't spoil, describes life's great anxiety: the ways in which it seems to skip ahead on us. Linklater evokes this feeling by seamlessly editing through the annual gaps in filming. No title cards announce the passage of a year, the characters simply pass into a new frame one year older.

"Boyhood" does leave something to be desired, but so does life. I wish that the acting were less stilted in spots, and suspect that a bit more shape would have made for a richer, yet more thought-provoking experience. But as that greatest of screen rarities — a potentially mainstream experimental film — the writer-director earns a bit of slack in gratitude for the strange and wonderful gift of "Boyhood," putting Shakespeare's proverbial "mirror up to life" that is art's highest function.

Rated R for language including sexual references, and for teen drug and alcohol use. Two hours, 45 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



MOVIE REVIEWS

Sex Tape ★★

There's a sequence early on in "Sex Tape" during which the married couple played by Cameron Diaz and Jason Segel try repeatedly to rekindle their sexual flame, only to be frustrated each time. That's a little like the experience of watching the only sometimes amusing R-rated comedy. Diaz's Annie, owner of the "Who's Your Mommy?" blog, recalls the days when she and her husband, Jay (Segel), were as frisky as jackrabbits. Now that they're married with children (Sebastian Hedges Thomas and Giselle Eisenberg), Annie and Jay are too tired and over-scheduled to have sex more than once in a blue moon. But when a toy company for some reason decides to buy Annie's blog, she knows how she wants to celebrate: drop the kids at mom's and get down with Jay. When the pair fail to get their groove back, an idea occurs to Annie: they could film themselves. And so they do, but Jay — who works in radio — allows his complicated syncing app, and practice of giving away used iPads, to send the sex tape into the cloud where friends and family (and the mailman) can see their homemade porn. Thus begins a quest to find and erase all copies of the sex tape. The team of Segel and Nicholas Stoller rewrote Kate Angelo's screenplay, but none of the three writers brings much to the game in plotting, characterization or comic invention. Ironically, "Sex Tape" works best as a rather sweet look at a loving couple trying to keep its sex life active. *Rated R for strong sexual content, nudity, language and some drug use. One hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes ★★★★★

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" is the latest in a series of Hollywood action reboots which aim to transform a campy movie into a gloomy and serious film. "Cloverfield" director Matt Reeves' latest film, the second in a series of prequels to the 1968 classic "Planet of the Apes," follows this recent trend. The film envisions the breakout of a virus that ravages most of humanity and leaves survivors scattered and largely disconnected from each other. The virus is the result of a drug, designed to cure Alzheimer's, that in 2011's "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" is used to genetically enhance the intellect of apes that serve as test subjects. While a human community led by Dreyfus (Gary Oldman) lives in the ruins of San Francisco in near hopelessness, the apes enjoy near utopian prosperity under the leadership of the first genetically modified simian, Caesar (Andy Serkis). In his first leading role since "Zero Dark Thirty," Jason Clarke exhibits charisma as a virus survivor who must negotiate with the apes to bring electric power to the humans. The film's chief cinematic assets are its apes, portrayed by actors in motion capture suits, which hunt deer, fight grizzly bears and speak to each other in sign. The film succeeds in disturbing viewers because it makes an effort to be plausible. The steps the apes take to acquire power from humans are logical and don't leave behind plot holes. *Rated PG-13 for intense sci-fi violence and brief strong language. Two hours, 10 minutes.* — C.A.

MOVIE CRITICS

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MOVIE TIMES

22 Jump Street (R) ★★ Century 16: 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Fri & Sat 2:10 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05 & 10:45 p.m.

A Most Wanted Man (R)

Century 16: 10 a.m., 12:55, 4:05, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m.

And So It Goes (PG-13)

Century 16: 9:45 a.m., 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45 & 10:10 p.m.

Begin Again (R) Aquarius Theatre: noon, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.

Boyhood (R) ★★★★★ Aquarius Theatre: 11:50 a.m., 3:20, 7 & 9:40 p.m. Guild Theatre: 1, 4:30 & 8:15 p.m.

Chef (R) Century 16: 9:45 a.m., 12:50, 3:45, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.

Palo Alto Square: Fri 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) ★★★★★

Century 16: 9:50 a.m., 1, 4:10, 7:20 & 10:25 p.m. In 3-D at 11:15 a.m., 2:40, 5:45 & 9 p.m. Century 20: 10:25 a.m., 1:30, 4:35, 7:40 & 10:40 p.m. In 3-D at 11:55 a.m., 2:55, 6 & 9:10 p.m.

Earth to Echo (PG)

Century 20: 10:35 a.m., 1:05, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m.

Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13) ★★★★★

Century 16: 7:35 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 8 & 10:40 p.m.

The Fault in Our Stars (PG-13) Century 20: 12:20 & 6:50 p.m.

The Fluffy Movie (PG-13)

Century 16: 9:30 a.m., 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 p.m. Fri & Sat 12:10 a.m. Century 20: noon, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.

Hercules (2014) (PG-13)

Century 16: 12:15, 5:25 & 10:35 p.m. Fri & Sat 12:10 a.m. In 3-D at 9:35 a.m., 2:55 & 8 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m. In 3-D at 10:20 a.m., 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15 & 10:45 p.m.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) ★★★★★

Century 16: 9:10 & 11:45 a.m.; 2:20 & 4:55 p.m.

Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:15, 6:55 & 9:30 p.m.

I Origins (R) Century 16: 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m.

Land Ho! (R) Century 16: 9:25 & 11:50 a.m.; 2:30, 4:55, 7:25 & 10 p.m.

Lucy (R) ★★★★★ Century 16: 9, 10:10 & 11:20 a.m.; 12:30, 1:40, 2:50, 4, 5:10, 6:20 & 7:30 p.m. Century 20: 10:40 a.m., 1, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05 & 10:30 p.m. In X-D at 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:35, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

Maleficent (PG) ★★

Century 20: 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975) (PG)

Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.

Planes: Fire & Rescue (PG) Century 16: 9:40 a.m., 2:15 & 7 p.m. In 3-D at noon, 4:40 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 2, 4:25, 7:05 & 9:25 p.m. In 3-D at 10:30 a.m., 12:50, 3:05 & 5:25 p.m.

The Purge: Anarchy (R) Century 16: 9:05 & 11:40 a.m.; 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 10:50 a.m., 12:10, 1:25, 2:45, 4, 5:20, 6:40, 7:55, 9:20 & 10:35 p.m.

Sex Tape (R) ★★

Century 16: 10:05 a.m.; 12:40, 3:10, 5:05, 5:35, 8, 9:35 & 10:35 p.m. Fri & Sat 11:45 a.m. Century 20: 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:20 p.m.

The Sound of Music (1965) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Sat & Sun 3 p.m.

Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13)

Century 20: 3:15 & 9:50 p.m.

Wish I Was Here (R) ★

Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.

Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:05 p.m. Sat & Sun 11:30 a.m.

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

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

HIGHLIGHT

'DESPICABLE ME 2' AT EAGLE PARK

Mountain View will screen "Despicable Me 2" at Eagle Park for the next installment of its Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series. The movie will begin at 8:30 p.m., or when it gets dark. Attendees should bring a blanket or lawn chairs. July 25, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Eagle Park, 652 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/summermovie.asp

ART GALLERIES

'Flowers' by Charles Halleck Bay Area artist Charles Halleck will have on display a series of color photographs of flowers, depicting a variety of flower colors and types. July 1-26, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Judi Keyani exhibit Recent works by Bay Area artist Judi Keyani will be on display at Gallery 9; they include pastel, oil paint and sketch pieces. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Aug. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 29-Aug. 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Still Gardening in a Drought' In this workshop, Master Gardeners will revisit the topic of watering a garden in a drought, thinking about conservation strategies and irrigation options, including drip irrigation. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions. July 30, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Foothill College Fall Quarter registration Foothill College Fall Quarter registration will be open on the school's website beginning July 21. Classes will run from September 22 to December 12. Students are encouraged to register early for the best course selection. July 21-September 22. \$31/unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.

Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.fhda.edu/admissions.php

Health care programs orientation At this workshop for those interested in health care careers, information will be provided on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and what programs are offered through the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School. July 30, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlae.net

Urban Bike Class This one-hour class will teach bicyclists their rights and how to bike safely in urban areas. Please register on the website. July 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. San Antonio Shopping Center, 565 San Antonio Road, Suite 21, Mountain View. www.bayareabikeshare.com/events

CLUBS/MEETINGS

ESL Conversation Club Those learning or improving English speaking skills are invited to come practice at club meetings with casual conversation and friendly company. All levels are welcome, no registration required. Wednesdays, year-round, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

Sew Sew Saturday The library invites community members to come sew on Saturday mornings; four Baby Lock (Grace model) sewing machines and one serger are available for use. Please register on the website. No instruction will be provided. Saturdays, year-round, 10:15-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6337. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

COMMUNITY EVENTS

linkAges TimeBank orientation Red Rock Coffee will welcome linkAges to discuss the concept and practices of TimeBanking. The event will help attendees discover opportunities in the community for exchanging services, create service offers and requests, and sign up. July 31, 6-7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. timebank.linkages.org

Lizards at the Library The Mountain View Police Department's own Sergeant Saul Jaeger will share his personal collection of lizards, snakes and other creatures with library visitors. All ages are welcome. Registration is appreciated but not required. Aug. 2, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

MVHA 60th anniversary Summer BBQ The Mountain View Historical Association will hold its annual Summer BBQ, where it will celebrate its 60th anniversary. The organization will serve its version of the long-gone but famous Linda's Parisian Burger. Please RSVP by July 27. Aug. 3, noon. \$10 general; \$5 child. The Old Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. www.mountainviewhistorical.org

Rengstorff Arts Festival Works by local artists in watercolor, oil, photography, print and fiber will be on display at this month-long show in the Rengstorff House. Featured works will be by students in the Arts in Action Program at the Community School of Music and Arts. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays 1-5 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. www.r-house.org

Safe Routes to Downtown Los Altos At this public event, transportation engineers will discuss ways of making intersections on Foothill Expressway safer and more attractive for pedestrians and bicyclists. Attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the ideas presented. July 29, 6-8 p.m. Free. 242 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-812-2602. www.saferoutestodowntown.com

EXHIBITS

'Fearless Genius' The Computer History Museum will have on display a photography exhibit by Doug Menuz called "Fearless Genius: The Digital Revolution in Silicon Valley, 1985-2000." It consists of 50 photographs documenting innovators at Apple, Leiner Perkins, Adobe and other companies. Wednesday-Sunday, July 9-September 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$15 general; \$12 student/senior/military. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

'Huangshan and Zhangjiajie, China' The exhibit "Huangshan and Zhangjiajie, China: Photographs of Land and Culture" will be on display at the Krause Center for Innovation. June 23-September 26, center hours. Free. Krause Center for Innovation, 12345 El Monte Road, Building 4000, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7318. www.incredibletravelphotos.com/krause-innovation-center-2014/

'Traveling Stitches' Mountain View City Hall will have on display in its rotunda an exhibit of quilts made at the Day Worker Center of Mountain View called "Traveling Stitches." July 7-31, City Hall hours. Free. Mountain View City Hall Rotunda, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-4102. www.dayworkercentermv.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Helix summer sessions Helix will offer summer camp sessions for ages 5 to 14 where kids can learn about the world through investigation. Participants can explore exhibits and spend time learning in the workshop. Monday-Friday, July 7-August 15, 1-4 p.m. \$200 member; \$250 nonmember. Helix by Exploratorium, 316 State St., Los Altos. helixlosaltos.org/helix-summer-sessions

FILM

'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2' at Stevenson Park The next film shown for Mountain View's Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series will be "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" at Stevenson Park. Movie will begin at 8:30 p.m., or when it becomes dark. Attendees should bring a blanket or lawn chairs. August 1, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Stevenson Park, 750 San Pierre Way, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/summermovie.asp

FOOD AND DRINK

Friday Farmers' Market The Oshman Family JCC will hold a weekly Friday Farmers' Market with fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, performances, Shabbat surprises, food trucks and more. Fridays, through August, noon-5 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2014/05/02/community-events/friday-farmers-market-at-the-ofjcc

Pop-up Dinner with Hangar 24 Steins Beer Garden & Restaurant will host Hangar 24 Craft Brewery for a dinner from Chef Colby with beer pairings from the guest brewery. July 30, 5:30-9 p.m. \$75. Steins Beer Garden & Restaurant, 895 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-386-1367. steinsbeergarden.com

Silicon Valley Beer Week at Tied House Tied House Microbrewery and Cafe will celebrate Silicon Valley Beer Week with a special beer pairing menu featuring new menu items and Tied House's award-winning beers. July 25-Aug. 2, business hours. Prices vary. Tied House, 954 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-965-2739. www.tiedhouse.com

Tap Takeover at Steins At this event, Steins Beer Garden & Restaurant will welcome Allagash Brewing Company and The Bruery to offer 14 guest beers on tap. July 28, 5-11 p.m. Prices vary. Steins Beer Garden, 895 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-963-9568. steinsbeergarden.com



DAVID ALLEN

'South Pacific' Foothill Music Theatre will put on a production of the Broadway musical "South Pacific," by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. Thursday-Sunday, July 24-August 10, 7:30-10 p.m. \$10-\$32. Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. www.foothillmusicals.com

LIVE MUSIC

Divisa Ensemble As part of the Rengstorff Arts Festival, the Divisa Ensemble quintet will perform Baroque, Classical, romantic and contemporary music on the flute, oboe, violin, viola and cello. Aug. 3, 2-3 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. www.r-house.org

ON STAGE

'The Wizard of Oz' The Los Altos Stage Company and Los Altos Youth Theatre will perform the classic musical, "The Wizard of Oz," following Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion and Toto as they seek to find Dorothy a way home. Thursday-Sunday, July 18-August 3, 7:30 p.m. \$15 youth/senior; \$20 adult. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 660-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings followed by talks on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, July 22-Sept. 23, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. msb.org

SENIORS

'Driving Safely' Rosemary from the the Department of Motor Vehicles' Senior Driver Ombudsman program will provide important information about driving as a senior citizen. The talk will cover myths about older drivers, license renewal options, compensating for changes that come with age and transportation alternatives. July 31, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/rec/senior/default.asp

LECTURES & TALKS

'Cats in the Community' Leonor Delgado from the Palo Alto Humane Society will give a talk about having cats as pets, as well as a stray cats in local communities. Aug. 2, 2:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. goo.gl/ouxUmd

Akamai CEO Tom Leighton Akamai Co-founder and CEO Tom Leighton will join Jim Hollar in conversation about his career and the Internet infrastructure company. Please register on the website. Aug. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

Author Andrew MacRae on 'Murder Miscalculated' Local author Andrew MacRae will share his new book, "Murder Miscalculated," sequel to "Murder Misdirected," in which a federal agent coerces Gregory Smith into revisiting

his past life as a master pickpocket. Aug. 6, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/08/16/month/all/all/1

Author Katherine Maxfield on 'Starting Up Silicon Valley' Katherine Maxfield, author of "Starting Up Silicon Valley: How ROLM Became a Cultural Icon and Fortune 500 Company," will read from and sign her book. The event will include anecdotes and ideas from Silicon Valley leaders and the story of an influential company. July 31, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. goo.gl/sYlWic

Authors Mimi Real and Bob Gabriner on 'Risking Everything' Civil Rights activists Mimi Real and Bob Gabriner will discuss "Risking Everything: A Freedom Summer Reader," which tells the story of the 1964 Freedom Summer with 44 original documents. July 30, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/07/17/month/all/all/1

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Author Gene Lang on 'The Shadow Hero' Eisner Award-winner Gene Yuen Lang will share his latest visually striking and funny comics adventure for teens, "The Shadow Hero." Aug. 8, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/08/17/month/all/all/1

TV Studio Production Camp In this camp for students in grades six to eight, participants will learn a variety of skills needed to produce, direct and act in television shows in a professional studio. July 28-August 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$450. Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-8686 ext. 27. midpenmedia.org

Youth Claymation Camp In these weeklong camps for ages 10 to 14, students will learn how to create clay animation with the stop-motion techniques used in such movies as the Wallace & Gromit films and "Chicken Run." Small groups of students will come up with a story, mold, animate and edit a film for their final projects. Monday-Friday, July 7-August 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$325. KMTV 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org

Youth Studio Production Camp This summer KMTV 15 will hold weeklong camps for students ages 10 to 14, where they can use professional studio equipment to gain skills in camera work, directing, sound design, acting and producing. By the end of each camp, students will have produced segments which will be broadcast on cable Channel 15. Monday-Friday, June 9-August 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$369. KMTV 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org

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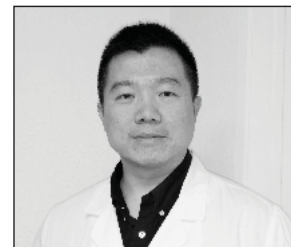
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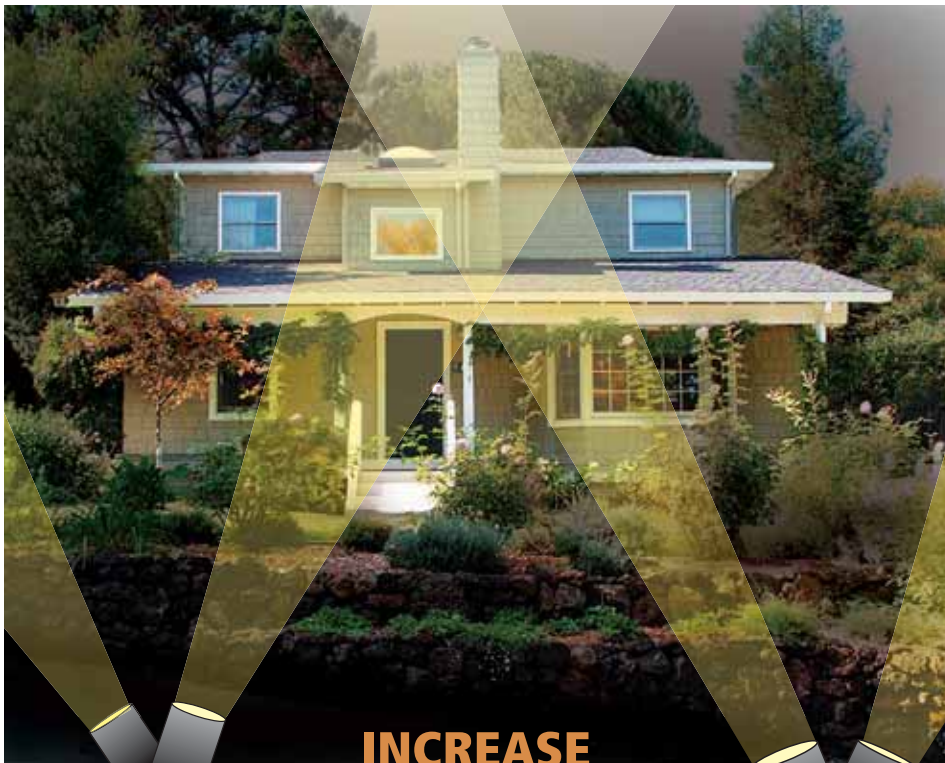
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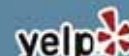
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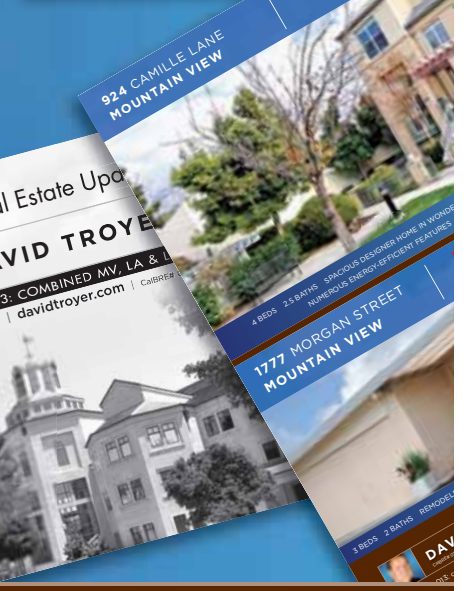
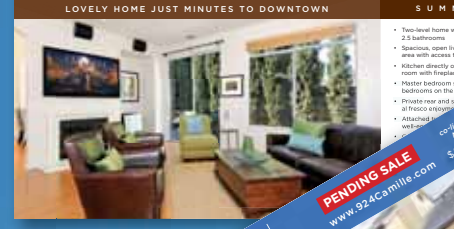
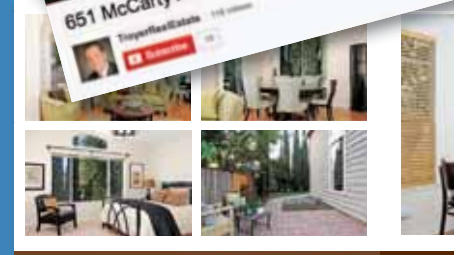
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191 FAIRCHILD DRIVE

- 3 bedrooms and 3.5 baths
- Approximately 1,654 sq. ft.
- Stunning kitchen
- Bright with soaring ceilings
- Highly regarded local schools

LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	DOM*
\$2,198,000	\$2,700,000	8
\$2,150,000	\$2,300,000	6
\$2,448,000	\$2,250,000	87
\$1,758,000	\$1,810,000	8
\$1,850,000	\$1,801,000	58
\$1,595,000	\$1,800,000	7
\$1,498,000	\$1,800,000	9
\$1,425,000	\$1,700,000	9
\$1,499,000	\$1,657,500	8



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OPEN SAT/SUN 1:30-4:30 PM

This extensively remodeled Los Altos home is a gem! The spacious floor plan offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, in 1928 sq.ft. (per county records) on a 13,939 sq.ft. lot (per county records), at the end of a cul-de-sac. Gleaming Brazilian cherry hardwood floors flow through the home. The stunning eat-in chef's kitchen features vaulted ceilings, skylights, custom cherry cabinets, abundant storage, granite counters, and all stainless steel appliances including a six burner Viking gas cooktop and 48 inch Kitchenaid refrigerator/freezer. The vaulted family room with fireplace opens to the huge private yard with lush lawn, vibrant plantings and mini fruit orchard with a variety of apple and citrus trees. The master bedroom suite has a walk in closet and completely remodeled bath with marble and sandstone finishes. Other amenities include inside laundry and an oversized two car garage with abundant storage. Top Los Altos schools include the ultra-desirable Oak Elementary (API 987) just a short walk away, plus Blach Middle School (API 958) and Mountain View High School.

offered at \$1,890,000

1751 Oak Ave, Los Altos
Oak Ave Gem in a Top School District



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468 Loreto Street, Mountain View

On one of Downtown's most desirable streets

- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1400+ square feet
- Living room with fireplace, charming built-in cabinets, inlaid hardwood floors, and detailed ceiling
- Formal dining room with inlaid hardwood floors and French door to cozy porch
- Large kitchen, lots of cabinets, gas stove, pantry, glass door overlooking backyard
- Many charming features, picture rails, glass door knobs, inside laundry, ample closet space, partial basement
- Located in a walk-able Downtown location, near shops and restaurants, parks, library, Performing Arts Center, post office, year-round Farmer's Market, Steven's Creek Trail, train and light rail stations

3 Bdrm/1 Bath

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1943 Mount Vernon Court Mountain View

2 bed | 2 ba | 1,200 sq ft
Remodeled condo with open floor plan, fireplace, master suite, new flooring, fresh paint, inside laundry & balcony

List Price TBD

COMING SOON



Brea Terrace Sunnyvale

3 bed | 3 ba | 1,513 sq ft
9 year new townhome with separate dining, high ceilings, private patio, balcony, hardwood floors & 2 car garage

List Price TBD

COMING SOON



614 Arcadia Terrace Sunnyvale

2 bed | 2 ba | 1,160 sq ft
Well appointed condo with fireplace, inside laundry, storage space, high ceilings & detached 1 car garage

List Price TBD

PENDING SALE



274 Pamela Drive #21 Mountain View

2 bed | 1 ba | 751 sq ft
Updated top floor condo with remodeled eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, inside laundry & 1 car garage

List Price \$445,000

Received 4 offers!

PENDING SALE



979 Belmont Terrace #3 Sunnyvale

3 bed | 3 ba | 1,363 sq ft
Totally remodeled townhome with expanded kitchen, dual master suites & 2 car tandem garage

List Price \$642,000

Received 9 offers!

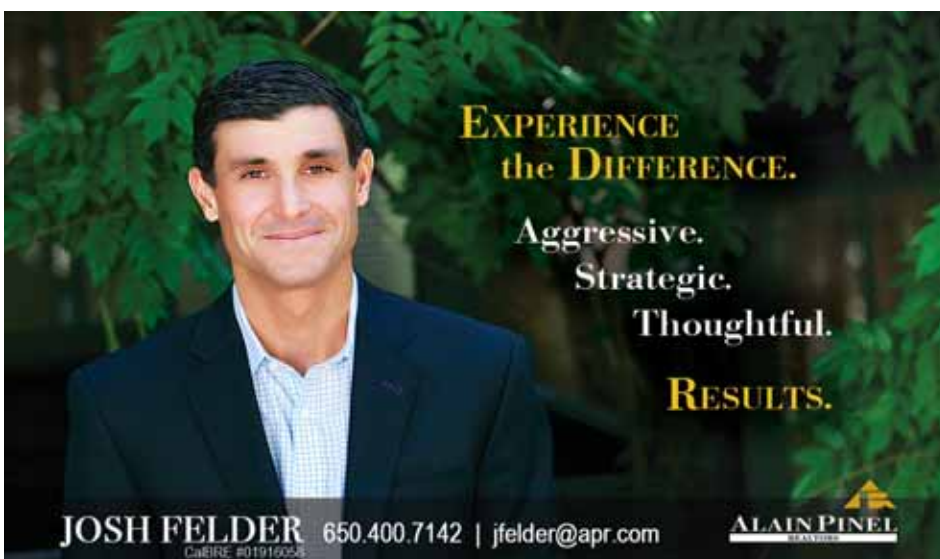
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LOS ALTOS Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$4,950,000**
789 Manor Way 6 BR 6.5 BA EXCLUSIVE Outstanding new construction! Lots of impressive features throughout home!
Rod Creason CalBRE #01443380 650.325.6161



PALO ALTO By Appointment only **\$4,788,000**
759 E Meadow Dr 7 BR 7.5 BA This 7BR/7.5BA 10year new English Tudor is a timeless delight.
Judy Shen CalBRE #01272874 650.325.6161



HILLSBOROUGH Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$3,499,888**
115 Glengarry Way 5 BR 5.5 BA Meticulous attention to detail! Wrought iron decorated dbl glass front doors! Formal entry
Eppie Lum CalBRE #01150959 650.941.7040



LOS ALTOS HILLS Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,100,000**
24797 Northcrest 4 BR 3 BA Away from it all! Glorious views. FR, Gym, wine cellar. Remodeled kitchen and baths.
Nancy Goldcamp CalBRE #00787851 650.325.6161



PALO ALTO Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,998,000**
4339 Miranda Ave 6 BR 3.5 BA Cul-de-sac location with tranquil creek side setting.
Dorothy Gurwith CalBRE #01248679 650.325.6161



MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 12 - 4:30 **\$1,385,000**
468 Loreto St 3 BR 1 BA Full of Charm: inlaid wd flrs, huge kitchen, frplc, sep din rm w/French dr, cozy porches
Nancy Adele Stuhr CalBRE #00963170 650.941.7040



MENLO PARK Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,295,000**
371 Hedge 3 BR 2 BA Beautiful Suburban Park home. 1st time on market in 50 yrs. Hdwrd floors, fresh paint.
Colleen Cooley CalBRE #01269455 650.325.6161



MOUNTAIN VIEW Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,295,000**
836 Jackson St 3 BR 3 BA www.836jacksonst.com Near downtown MV. Energy efficient, gourmet kitchen. Treat yourself!
Francis Rolland CalBRE #00896319 650.941.7040



SUNNYVALE Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,195,000**
833 Fife Wy 4 BR 2 BA Great Central Bird land location. New Kitchen w stainless steel appliances and more!
Vicki Geers CalBRE #01191911 650.941.7040



EL GRANADA Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,049,000**
231 Columbus St 3 BR 2 BA Lot envy! Level 12,500 lot w/amazing gourmet kitchen & updated home. Lower El Granada.
Deniece Watkins Smith CalBRE #01295757 650.941.7040



MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$789,888**
2091 San Luis #1 2 BR 2.5 BA Private end unit town home, Granite countertops with Two Master Suites!
Gordon Ferguson CalBRE #01038260 650.325.6161



SAN JOSE (CAMBRIAN) Sat 1 - 4 **\$788,000**
4976 Yucatan Way 3 BR 2.5 BA Lovely Cambrian Home! Great location, tree-lined street. Hardwood floors. Amenities!
Karen Quaid CalBRE #00892519 650.941.7040



SOUTH SAN JOSE Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$499,000**
2988 Grassina St #330 2 BR 2 BA On top of Communication Hill, well maintained, upgraded approx 1200 sf unit
Dan Daly CalBRE #01712004 650.941.7040



SAN JOSE Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$475,000**
821 Modern Ice Dr 2 BR 2.5 BA In perfect condition to move right in. Kitchen w/granite counter tops, stainless steel app
Ulli Rieckmann-Fechner CalBRE #01831140 650.941.7040



SAN JOSE Sat 1 - 4 **\$335,000**
283 Tradewinds Dr #9 2 BR 2 BA Gorgeous ground floor 2/2 unit, double pane window, A/C, pool, spa, tennis court & more.
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