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Nurse Practitioner Whitney Block watches Tessa, 4, eat applesauce after her food allergy clinical session.

A nut a day keeps the doctor away

CLINICAL TRIAL SHOWS KIDS A NEW WAY TO FIGHT SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

By Kevin Forestieri

Tessa sat on a second-floor hospital bed at El Camino Hospital eating a cup of applesauce, as her mother and two nurses stood by, waiting for an allergic reaction. The applesauce contains only a placebo this time — oat flour — but if it had peanut, sesame or egg in it, the nurses

would need to be ready to jump in and save Tessa's life.

That's because Tessa, along with millions of other children in the United States, suffers from severe food allergies. In an effort to help kids overcome such allergies, the Sean N. Parker Center for Allergy Research is running 11 groundbreaking clinical trials to desensitize kids like Tessa to

the foods that could kill them.

In a process called oral immunotherapy, kids eat very small doses of the food they're allergic to, like peanuts, and slowly work up the dosage without triggering an allergic response. By the end of the trial, kids can eat up to eight

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Landlords hid big election spending

LATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PAC FUNNELED \$85K INTO CITY COUNCIL RACE

By Daniel DeBolt

Landlord advocacy group effectively hid from voters big expenditures in Mountain View's November City Council election, new records reveal.

According to disclosures filed with the state last week, the California Apartment Association — which represents landlords

and is involved in local politics — funneled \$90,000 through the "Neighborhood Empowerment Coalition," a mysterious political action committee (PAC) that sent out an unusual number of mailers in support of three candidates opposed to rent control during the election: Pat Showalter, Ken Rosenberg and Ellen Kamei.

Most of the apartment association's funding of the Neighbor-

hood Empowerment Coalition, or NEC, went unreported until Jan. 25, long after voters had filled out their ballots for the Nov. 4 election. Prior reports indicated association contributions of only \$5,000.

"Now we know for sure who the Neighborhood Empowerment Coalition represented in

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Council reverses course on North Bayshore housing

CITY TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING THOUSANDS OF NEW HOMES NORTH OF HWY. 101

By Daniel DeBolt

In response to an apparent mandate from voters, on Tuesday night the City Council moved to take plans for North Bayshore in a completely different direction from just two months prior.

On Tuesday, City Council members unanimously supported studying the possibility of allowing development of thousands of homes in North Bayshore, the neighborhood that's home to Google, LinkedIn, Intuit, Microsoft and others.

The move was spurred by the election of three new members who made North Bayshore housing a top issue of their election campaigns last year: Pat Showalter, Ken Rosenberg and Lenny Siegel. Despite growing support for housing

during the election, last year's council council continued to plan for office development only in North Bayshore, approving a precise plan for developers that excluded homes. With opponents to housing in North Bayshore all termed out of office, the council is now unanimous in its support for studying housing.

"It's a happy day for Mountain View and those of us who have been working to bring jobs and housing back into balance in Mountain View," said former city manager and resident Bruce Liedstrand at the meeting.

Even Mayor John McAlister

supported the study of housing in North Bayshore. McAlister, who has opposed significant housing growth elsewhere in the city, kept his position under wraps during the election season, when North Bayshore housing and the city's jobs-housing imbalance took center stage. As a small business owner, he expressed interest in having adequate housing to support small businesses in the area.

"This discussion has been a long time coming," said council member and longtime community activist Siegel, who was elected on a pro-North Bayshore housing platform in November.

"I really think we have a marvelous opportunity now to address what I consider to be a long-term weakness in" city planning," Siegel said.

COUNCIL MEMBER KEN ROSENBERG

Council members also expressed interest in allowing new housing in the Whisman area, to be discussed in a few months. Whether all of it will be adequate to meet the area's job growth remains to be seen.

Speaking for the company that owns nearly all of North Bayshore's property, Google's John Igoe said Google continues to support housing in North Bayshore. "We still believe that makes sense," he said.

Igoe had previously said that Google was interested in having 5,000 homes built in North Bayshore.

"It would be wrong to designate

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Voices

AROUND TOWN

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Rachel Lee.

What do you think the impact has been from recent protests?



"I strongly support the police departments, but I am grateful that some sensitivity is bound to come out of all of this."

Claudia Foster, Monterey



"I think that protest is important. I did student protests when I was young and I think it's a right of passage, but I think it's caused problems for BART and other places and I feel for them, too."

Lisa Inouye, Mountain View



"I think it's brought to people's attention what people are really concerned about. I think that protests are a good way to go about voicing their concerns."

Kathryn Hirt, Salinas



"They're pretty effective in terms of being heard, but I feel like we could do much more just to make sure we are heard."

Julisa Lopez, Menlo Park



"I just find it unfortunate that we have such big problems in our country."

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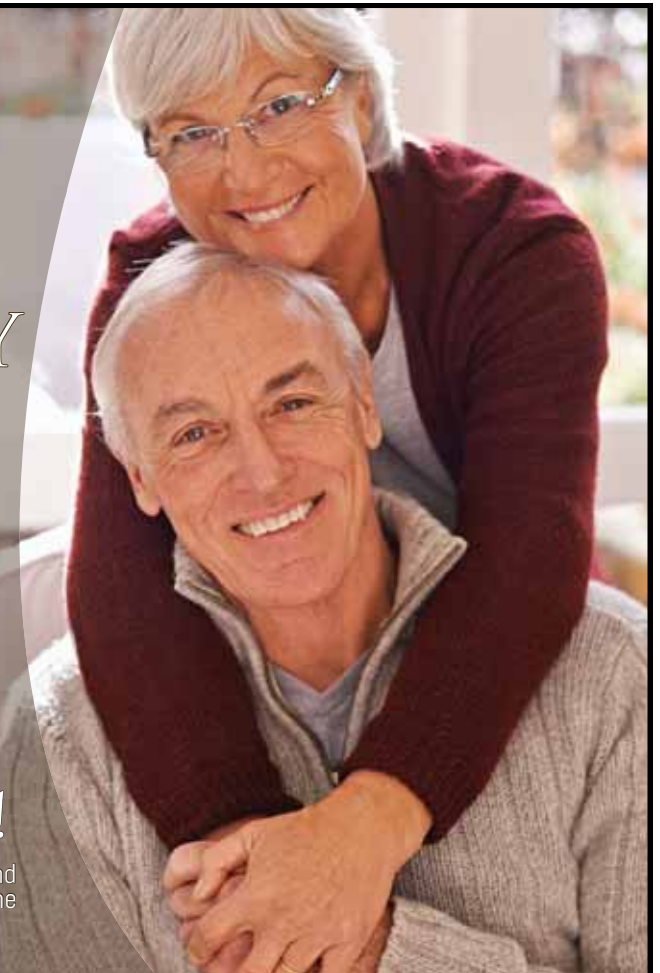
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CRIME BRIEFS

DEATH ON TRAIN TRACKS

The coroner's office identified a Palo Alto resident as the man who was struck and killed by a Caltrain south of the Mountain View Caltrain Station Thursday afternoon, Jan. 29.

On Friday, the man was identified as Daniel Snyder, a 28-year-old resident of Palo Alto, according to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroners Office. The death was ruled a suicide, said a spokeswoman for the coroner's office.

Snyder was a 2005 graduate of Palo Alto High School, where he played on the tennis team.

The train struck the man at around 4:30 p.m. near the intersection of Pioneer Way and Evelyn Avenue. Caltrain tracks were closed in both directions in the area, causing up to an hour and a half of delays. Northbound tracks were re-opened at 5:10 p.m. and southbound tracks just before 7 p.m., according to Caltrain spokeswoman Christine Dunn.

Normal service was restored by 8 p.m., Dunn said.

ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON

Police arrested a woman after a domestic violence incident where she allegedly attempted to hit her boyfriend with her vehicle last week.

The woman, whose identity is not being released, allegedly tried to hit the man in a parking garage on the 2200 block of Showers Drive, near the San Antonio Caltrain Station, a little after midnight on Thursday, Jan. 29.

The reason for the attack is not clear to police based on statements from both parties, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. The man did not suffer serious injuries, but did get small abrasions on his hands and had pain in his leg, Jaeger said.

Because the incident was considered a domestic violence case, police are not releasing additional information.

—Kevin Forestieri

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Foothill College is hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop Saturday, Feb. 7, to walk current and future college students and their parents through the financial-aid application process.

Financial-aid professionals will be at the annual event to provide line-by-line help on

the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The event is ideal for high school and college students who currently attend or plan to attend a California community college, California State University or University of California campus, private university or vocational/technical school.

There will also be free pro-

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POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

2600 block Charleston Rd., 1/30
 600 block N. Whisman Rd., 2/1

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

2200 block Latham St., 1/27

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

200 block Castro St., 2/3

GRAND THEFT

500 block San Antonio Rd., 1/30
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300 block Castro St., 1/28

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PUBLIC NOTICE FORMER NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD

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February 2015

The next regular meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for former Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field will be held on:

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The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities underway at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement. **To review documents** on Moffett Field environmental restoration projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6337.

For more information, contact Mr. Scott Anderson, Navy Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator at (619) 532-0938 or scott.d.anderson@navy.mil.

Visit the Navy's website: http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/brac_bases/california/former_nas_moffett_field.html

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Students from Los Altos High School, Mountain View High School, and Foothill College join in on a rally to protest international human rights violations.

Students protest racism, war crimes

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP URGES CITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

By Kevin Forestieri

Students who marched in December to protest police killings of unarmed black men took to the streets again last week, shifting their focus to fight international racism, war crimes and abuse of power.

More than 30 students from Mountain View and Los Altos high schools descended on Civic Center plaza in front of Mountain View City Hall on Jan. 28 with signs calling for prosecution of the CIA and an end to torture around the world. The student group, called the Youth Alliance for

Justice, planned to hand in a petition calling for the Mountain View City Council to pass a resolution in favor of the United States joining the United Nations' International Criminal Court.

Seth Donnelly, a teacher

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Police release suspect sketch in Shoreline shooting death

Police have released sketches of the suspect who shot and killed a man backstage at a Wiz Khalifa concert at Shoreline Amphitheatre last August.

Detectives at the Mountain View Police Department contacted witnesses who were able to describe the gunman who shot 38-year-old Eric Johnson of Oakland during the concert, according to a police press release. Johnson suffered multiple gunshot wounds during the shooting and was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

The sketches include two possible appearances of the same suspect — one with hair, and one without. The shooting occurred at night, and it was hard to see the details of the suspect, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. Police



COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

The suspect in the backstage shooting death of a man in August is depicted with two different hairstyles.

believe the two sketches with different hairstyles might give them a better chance of finding a suspect, Jaeger said.

Police are urging anyone with information on the crime,

including any video or photos of the backstage area leading up to the shooting to call 650-903-6298 and refer to case number 14-4346.

—Kevin Forestieri

Candidate spends over \$500K on water district seat

WINNER GARY KREMEN OUTSPENT INCUMBENT BRIAN SCHMIDT BY 24-TO-1

By Kevin Forestieri

The newest Santa Clara Valley Water District board member, Gary Kremen, won the seat with a slim 50.8 percent of the vote and spent well over half a million dollars on his mostly self-funded campaign.

According to campaign finance disclosures for the period from Oct. 19 to Dec. 31, Kremen spent an unprecedented total of \$534,902 on the election to oust Brian Schmidt from his seat on the board representing residents in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Gatos. About \$133,000 of that total was spent in the final two weeks leading up to election day — mostly on campaign consulting services.

The final report for the year shows that Kremen's campaign was almost entirely financed through his own pocketbook. Of the \$534,902, over \$500,000 came from loans to his own campaign. But he did get some campaign contributions, including a last-minute contribution of \$1,500 from the DLA Piper PAC, a political action committee representing lawyers and law firms.

Kremen's spending dwarfed that of Schmidt, who spent a little less than \$22,000 on his campaign. While Schmidt's war chest was substantially smaller than Kremen's, it was still higher than other water board candidates running for a seat representing the South County, who spent between \$6,000 and \$10,000 during the same election. Throughout the election, Schmidt spent most of his funds on campaign literature and postage, but after Oct. 19 he spent most of his money on member communications, as well as civic donations to the Sierra Club, the California League of Conservation Voters and the League of Women Voters.

In an email to the Voice Schmidt said the finance

reports show a "glaring" need for more campaign finance reform at every level of governance. He said Kremen didn't break any campaign rules spending more than half a million dollars on his campaign, so it might be time to look at re-assessing those rules for future elections.

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BRIAN SCHMIDT

Schmidt said he told his supporters the election results remained a "moral victory" despite the loss. He said it's important for people to support Kremen as the new board when he promotes good policies, and voice opposition when they disagree.

Kremen was not available to comment by the Voice's Wednesday press deadline.

Curing the campaign, the candidates agreed on a range of issues. Both believe flooding is a serious issue, including the looming threat that the San Francisco Creek dividing Menlo Park and Palo Alto could spill over into nearby communities, and both vowed to support strong water conservation policies during the severe California drought.

Despite the common ground, the election wasn't cordial. Kremen accused Schmidt of having a conflict of interest because he used to work as an environmental lawyer for the Committee for Green Foothills, which he said could have benefited from district board decisions. Schmidt, likewise, said Kremen's role as a board member for a "smart" water meter company could just as easily pose a conflict of interest.

The Neighborhood Empowerment Coalition, an orga-

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Gary Kremen



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Lucinda Bustos, Foothill College student, marches down El Camino Real with the Youth Alliance for Justice towards the Mountain View Civic Center Plaza.

STUDENT PROTEST

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at Los Altos High School who helped coordinate the protests, said the Senate's CIA torture reports came out right around the time of the student-led Dec. 10 protest. He said the students met over the winter break and decided that they couldn't just look at domestic abuse of power by police when high elected officials are breaking the law.

"They're really challenging (U.S.) impunity and abuse of power," Donnelly said.

Kiyoshi Taylor, a senior at Los Altos High School, said the goal of the Youth Alliance for Justice is to raise consciousness about social injustice issues in their privileged community. He said that as a young black man, he's tired of being followed around by police as if it's a crime to be black.

To Taylor, that also means rais-

ing awareness of international crimes. Quoting Martin Luther King Jr., he said that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

"We call for an end to impunity from the law on all levels," Taylor said.

Students said they brought signs to the protest showing the faces of people who were killed due to racism, human rights violations and illegal acts by the U.S., both at home and abroad.

Signs included Salvador Allende, the Chilean president who was the target of a CIA-sponsored coup, as well as Victor Jara, a Chilean political activist who was killed during the subsequent military takeover of the country by Augusto Pinochet. The mix of signs also included Eric Garner and Trayvon Martin.

Los Altos High School senior Mehr Singh spoke at the rally and said people need to acknowledge racial injustices both in the U.S. and globally. Singh said she experienced racism growing up in a Sikh family, and noticed that they were treated differently than other ethnicities. When a Sikh man is attacked by police officers or vigilantes, she said, they are given sympathy from the media, whereas Latinos and African Americans are subject to an extra level of scrutiny.

Donnelly said the students originally planned to stage an all-night vigil and personally hand the petition for a resolution to city officials. But the students were unable to get a permit and decided, as a group, not to go through with the vigil and get arrested.

The protesters at the plaza were met with cheers and songs by the activist group the Raging Gran-nies, who staked out a spot long before the protesters got there to support the students.

Other speakers included San Jose State professor Akubundu Lott, who said the U.S. is taking on a distinctly imperialist role by sending troops to countries requesting humanitarian aid, and killing thousands of people dismantling dictatorships across the globe. Lott also called out the U.S. government for setting up what he called an apartheid state in the Middle East within the Israeli Palestinian conflict.

The problem, Lott said, is that the U.S. finds itself immune and exempt from the International Criminal Court. Students at the protest said their local push to support the international court would be a first step towards breaking down that impunity.

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The workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Building I at Foothill's Middlefield Campus, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 650-949-7710, email CorraoSarah@foothill.edu or go to foothill.edu/aid.

—Elena Kadwany

FREE TAX HELP

United Way Silicon Valley is teaming up with a group of financial institutions and non-profit and government agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, to bring eligible local families to free tax services through its Earn It! Keep It! Save It! program. These tax preparation services will be organized

by trained, IRS-certified volunteers at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) locations in Santa Clara County, including in Mountain View.

People who earned \$53,000 or less in 2014 qualify for the free tax service. These tax preparation services are available in a variety of languages, including English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Farsi and Arabic.

United Way Silicon Valley is working with the IRS to provide "drop-off" and "do-it-yourself" sites. These "drop-off" locations permit tax filers to drop off their tax information and then volunteer tax preparers will work on those returns while in between tax appointments. The "do-it-yourself" sites provide computers and someone to assist and answer questions for those who are filing their own taxes.

An online resource for tax preparation services is offered to those who are earning \$60,000 or less. To access the online service, go to <http://myfreetaxes.org>.

"Trained volunteer tax preparers can help you file your taxes as well as claim any tax refunds or credits you may have coming," said Carole Leigh Hutton, presi-

dent and CEO of United Way Silicon Valley. "For example, if you earned less than \$47,000 last year, you might qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, which could mean a significant refund. This could be a big help to families struggling to pay their bills. These tax refunds also bring millions of dollars back into the local economy."

Along with free tax preparation services, some VITA sites will provide help to those applying for certain public benefits and referrals to financial education and credit counseling services.

Those who meet the qualifications can find the nearest VITA site by dialing 2-1-1, United Way's Information and Referral line, or by visiting www.211sc.org.

In Mountain View, there are two sites. The Saint Athanasius Catholic Church site is located on 160 N. Rengstorff Ave. and is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon until April 11. The San Antonio Place site is located at 210 San Antonio Circle and is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. from Feb. 28 to April 4.

—Rachel Lee

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nization that funded mailers supporting candidates during the election, also spent \$30,500 on attack ads against Brian Schmidt. The ad included a pre-recorded message that likened the use of "potable," or drinkable recycled water to drinking toilet water. Schmidt has been an outspoken supporter of using recycled water for potable reuse, and the ad encouraged voters to "say no to toilet water; say no to Brian Schmidt." Kremen made a Facebook post saying he "disavowed" the mailing, which he said mis-characterized his position on recycled water use.

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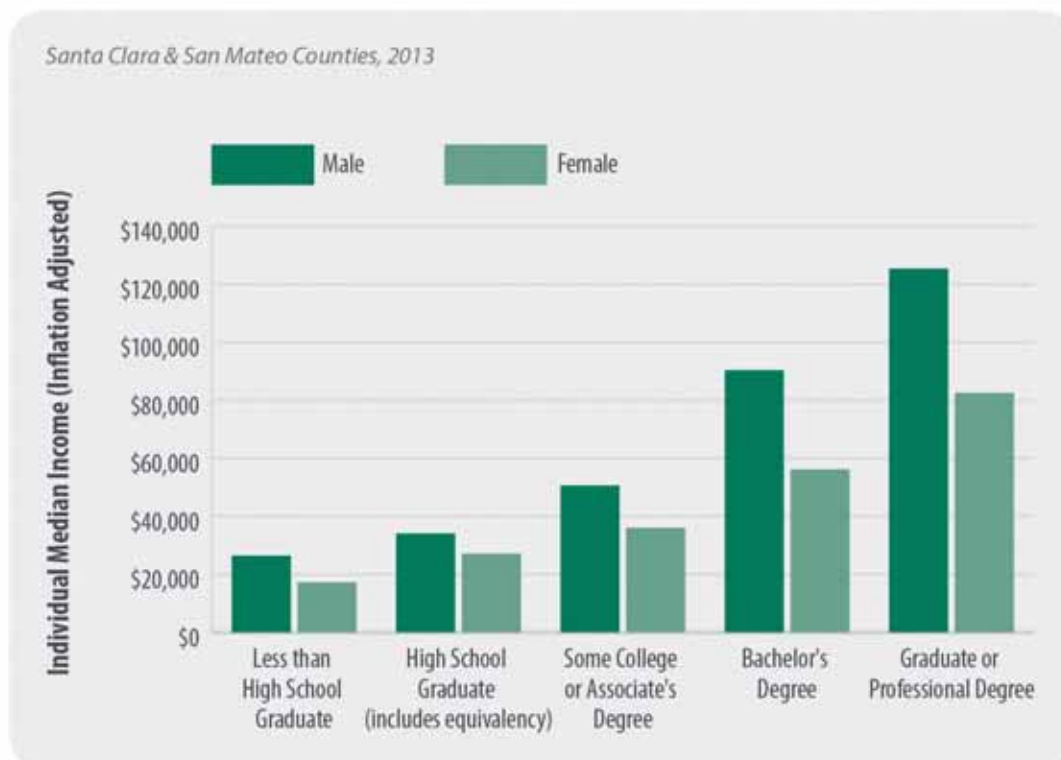
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Report highlights Silicon Valley's uneven prosperity

NEW SURVEY OF SILICON VALLEY DETAILS RISING GROWTH, GAPING INEQUALITY

INDIVIDUAL MEDIAN INCOME BY GENDER AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



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COURTESY OF JOINT VENTURE SILICON VALLEY

By Gennady Sheyner

Fueled by a sizzling tech sector, strong population growth and low unemployment, the Silicon Valley economy has grown rapidly since the doldrum days of the 2008 recession. So, too, have the income gaps between the region's wealthiest and poorest residents, between its men and women, and between its white and black residents, according to an annual report released Tuesday by the Joint Venture Silicon Valley.

The 2015 Silicon Valley Index presents a largely positive picture about the regional economy, with San Francisco's growing tech sector leading the charge. Venture capital investments spiked in 2014; the number of patents filed continues to rise; median household income and average wages both increased; housing prices are on the rise; and the job growth rate of 4.1 percent is the highest since 2000. These factors prompted Venture Silicon Valley CEO Russell Hancock to declare in his introduction to the Index that "the world's hottest regional economy keeps getting hotter" and to proclaim that this kind of growth is "a thing to celebrate, surely."

Yet the report also emphasizes the region's rising inequality, which pertains not just to differ-

ent job sectors but also to gender and ethnicity. Black residents continue to lag behind other ethnic groups when it comes to income, and the gap between women and men also grew in 2013. Hancock noted that even as the Valley is "proliferating high-wage and low-wage jobs, we're steadily losing share in the middle."

"It's as if the economy has lost its spine, and this has important implications for the kind of community we become," Hancock said.

So what does a strong economy with a fractured spine look like? According to the new report, it means heaps of freshly minted but unevenly spread wealth. In many ways, the wealth is a cause to be celebrated. According to Hancock, Silicon Valley is "poised now to blow through all the employment, venture capital and patent records that were set during the crazy dot-com period, only this time we haven't spiked into it. We've arrived here through a steady five-year process of incremental growth, each year more impressive than the last."

The overall job numbers are particularly impressive. According to the Index, the total number of jobs in Silicon Valley has grown by 14.4 percent since 2010. In San Francisco, the job growth has been 15.3 percent, well above the

state and national rates (8.7 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively). The city is also hogging a growing share of the state's venture capital, receiving 36 percent of the state's total, a huge increase over the 4 percent it secured in 2007. This is due in large part to major deals made in 2014 by San Francisco-based newcomers such as Uber, Dropbox, Lyft and AirBnB.

Yet the report also makes clear that the region's overall growth can't be attributed solely to tech. With the exception of "other manufacturing," which saw its employment numbers drop by 1.1 percent between the second quarter of 2013 and the second quarter of 2014, just about every sector has added jobs.

In the category "community infrastructure and services," Silicon Valley added 40,096 jobs between the second quarter of 2013 and the second quarter of 2014. In education, the region added 15,607 jobs; in "health care and social services" the number was 10,875; and in "innovation and information products and service," the figure was 18,445.

The rising economy also means more development, which in turns means more people and more traffic. Approved non-residential development, according to the report, was at a higher level

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From ex-con to entrepreneur

Going from a life of drugs and incarceration to entrepreneurship and company ownership sounds like a difficult climb, and it's exactly the kind of rags-to-riches story Google supported last week at competition in Mountain View. Ex-convicts from around the Bay Area vied for favor and financial support from a panel of local venture capitalists that included Tim Draper of Menlo Park, with their ideas for starting a new company.

Google partnered up with Defy Ventures, a New York-based nonprofit that helps train people who have been previously incarcerated to be successful in the business world, to put on the event. Google has also supported Defy Ventures in the form of a \$600,000 grant to bring their program here to the Bay Area — and the event last week is just the start.

Winners from the competition include Jaime Flores, 34-year-old Hayward man, who spent his teenage years smoking and selling marijuana until age 25, when he was caught and sentenced to five years in prison. Flores called his time in jail a “spiritual awakening,” according to a written biography, and said he has since turned his life around. He pitched his idea for a baseball apparel and lifestyle brand, and won an award for “most improved” of the candidates.

Another competitor, San Jose resident Steve Stout, was recently divorced and in deep financial trouble when he decided to



Top: Jamie Flores, right, celebrates with his 5-week old daughter after winning the “most improved” award after facing a panel of venture capitalists with his business idea. Steve Stout, left, founded his own 3D photography company after doing time for marijuana possession.

escape his problems by buying 25 pounds of marijuana in Humboldt County. Driving back to his home, he was stopped by police and arrested, and served three years in prison. Now, Stout

is looking to start a company that creates 3D digital objects and designs through photography, and is seeking \$20,000 to get things started.

—Kevin Forestieri

Sutter Health, Blue Shield come to agreement

Health care provider Sutter Health and Blue Shield of California have finalized a new two-year contract, according to an announcement Friday, Jan. 30, by Sutter Health.

Following the agreement, patients at Sutter Health facilities, which include Palo Alto Medical Foundation locations, will experience no lapse in coverage. The new agreement will honor all Blue Shield programs which Sutter has accepted in the past, which include HMO, PPO and Covered California products.

“We sincerely regret the frustration our patients experienced as the negotiations took longer than necessary — especially when the final agreement is extremely close to the reasonable offer we made to Blue Shield several months ago,” said Sutter Health Chief Medical Officer Steve Lockhart in a press release.

Hundreds of thousands of peo-

ple were told that they would need to switch doctors due to a contract dispute between Sutter Health and Blue Shield when notices were sent to customers warning that as of Jan. 1, the health insurer was canceling coverage for all hospitals and medical providers affiliated with Sutter Health. The letters informed patients that they can continue using Sutter providers until June 30, with some possible increase in out-of-pocket costs and after June 30, if no new contact was reached, Sutter would become an out-of-network provider and out-of-pocket costs would increase substantially.

The new agreement, however, continues to call for arbitration of all disputes, “leaving language unchanged that has been in place between Sutter Health and Blue Shields for many years,” according to a press release.

—Palo Alto Weekly staff

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in fiscal year 2013-14 than in any other year over the last decade with a net floor-area equivalent to 224 football fields. Housing construction has also been on the rise, particularly when it comes to multi-family developments. The recent growth has not, however, made up for the lack of building during the recession. With housing still at a premium, median home prices jumped by 7.5 percent from 2013 to 2014, reaching a median of \$757,585.

This growth, however, is far from egalitarian. According to the report, the gender inequality gap remains large and is getting worse, particularly in Silicon Valley. Men in Silicon Valley earn considerably more than their female peers and the gap is “getting larger over time,” the Index states.

The large gender gap applies to all education levels but is particularly pronounced among those with graduate or professional degrees. According to the Index, for residents with a bachelor's degree (220,000 men and 250,000 women), the individual median income in 2013 was 61 percent higher for men than for women. This is compared to a 20 percent differential in San Francisco, 41 percent in California and 48 percent in the United States. For those with a bachelor's degree, the gender gap in Silicon Valley increased by \$5,000 between 2012 and 2013, rising from \$29,090 to \$34,233.

Per capita income in the region rose slightly between 2012 and

2013, going up by \$89 to \$75,100 in 2013 when adjusted for inflation. The increase applied to all racial and ethnic groups except black residents, according to the Index. White residents had the highest per capita income in 2013, while Hispanic and Latino residents earned the lowest, despite modest gains.

But according to the report, per capita incomes in 2013 for black and Hispanic residents in Silicon Valley (San Mateo and Santa Clara counties) were well below the pre-recession levels, down 20 percent and 12 percent, respectively, since 2007. During the same period, however, San Francisco saw an increase of 8.5 percent in per capita income for Hispanic and Latino residents, the report notes.

Furthermore, the report's good news about job growth is somewhat offset by the stagnant wages. In most industries, the wage growth in Silicon Valley has failed to keep up with inflation. The report notes that inflation-adjusted median wages for management, business, science and art occupations went down by 2.3 percent between 2010 and 2014. The greatest losses were in arts, design, entertainment, sports and media occupations, which saw a decrease of 10.6 percent since 2010. And despite a 6.2 percent increase in the number of jobs, service occupations in Silicon Valley's major metropolitan areas saw a decline of 9 percent in median wage since 2010, with personal-care occupations suffering a 14.4 percent decrease.

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OBITUARY

WILLIAM H. PAWEK

William H. Pawek, a longtime Mountain View resident, died of an aggressive form of ALS on Jan. 28. He was 87.

Born April 22, 1927, he was the eldest child of Leo W. and Hope F. (Field) Pawek. The family moved to Oakland in 1930 and he attended Glenview Elementary School and Oakland High School. In 1950 he earned a secondary teacher's credential for physics, chemistry and mathematics at the University of California at Berkeley.

He married Jean Lacrampe on Sept. 5, 1948 at St. Jarlath's Church in Oakland, while both were students at Cal. After teaching at Anna Head School, in 1954 he was drafted by the Army and became an ecologist at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah. The Paweks next served as Lay Mission-Helpers in Afri-

ca for the diocese of Mzuzu, Malawi, where they made up the science department of Marymount Girls' Secondary Boarding School for 20 years. In addition, he did publicity photography. The diocese bestowed papal “beni merenti” medals to both, an award given for 10 years of service to the Catholic church, family members said.

Returning to California at age 50, the couple settled in Sahara Village in Mountain View, where William Pawek worked as a movie photographer for United Technologies. At age 60, he prepared for his third career with H&R Block by attending DeAnza College for his associate's degree in accounting and tax preparation.



William H. Pawek

As a photographer, he covered major activities at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mountain View. He produced several digital books, including “Henry Field” for his mother, and a partial history of St. Joseph Parish, family members said. The couple spent their spare time in the Sierra Nevada, backpacking, and later in their RV, hiking and photographing.

He is survived by his wife Jean Pawek; and his brothers Robert and John Pawek.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 582 Hope St. in Mountain View.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers prayers or a donation to Lay Mission-Helpers Assn., 3435 Wilshire Blvd., suite #1035, Los Angeles CA 90010-1901. Arrangements are by Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary. An online guestbook is at Cusimanocolonial.com.

BAYSHORE

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any area in North Bayshore as residential-only," Igoe said at Tuesday's meeting, highlighting what could be a real sticking point. Faced with Google's consistently vague future development plans, council members wrestled with how to ensure that housing would actually be built.

"I don't want the entire area to be housing-optional," Siegel said. "I don't want to say, 'You can build housing or offices,' and then we have no housing." He suggested, for example, a model used in Palo Alto neighborhoods in which the city requires "a percentage of housing in terms of floor space that's built."

A slim majority of the council eventually supported at least studying "residential only" zoning, with Rosenberg, John Inks and McAlister opposed. There was a unanimous vote against imposing a moratorium on office development to preserve land for housing.

A number of residents spoke in favor of housing in North Bayshore, and a few spoke against it.

"Putting housing near jobs is the most environmentally friendly thing we can do," said one woman.

"Please don't limit the housing study to a number of units," said Google employee De Henigsen.

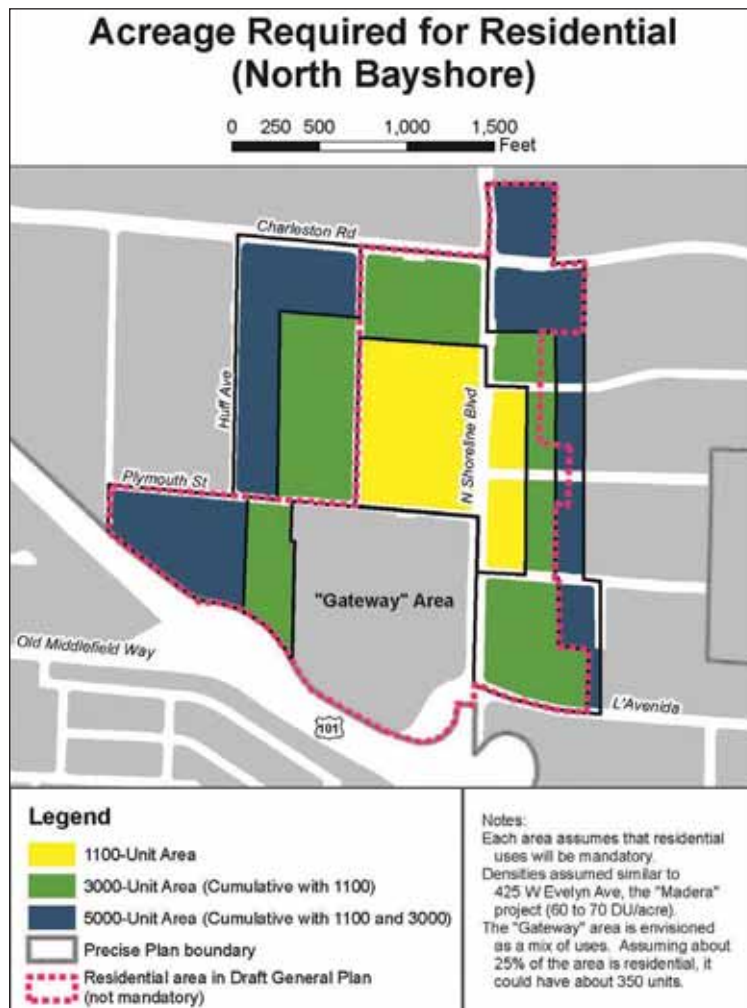
Resident Bruce Karney said he envisioned a city "where housing and jobs come back into balance" and has "faster growth in housing than commercial space."

Christopher Chiang, a teacher and school board member who lives with his wife and children in the large mobile home park in North Bayshore, implored the council to seek construction of smaller condos so his family could afford to buy a home one day. He said he wouldn't support the development of more luxury apartments like those recently built in Mountain View on San Antonio Road and Evelyn Avenue.

"We have always been against the idea of housing in North Bayshore for a variety of reasons," said Gita Dev, speaking for the Sierra Club. She cited impacts on traffic and wildlife habitat on the Bay's edge as main concerns, though she conceded that the area has a serious housing shortage.

Intuit's Michal Gulasch also opposed housing, as he said it would conflict with office use in the area. He said many small businesses had already been driven out by rent hikes and rising real estate prices.

Resident Louise Katz expressed concern that many of the units would be "transitional housing"



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This map of North Bayshore shows areas targeted for potential housing development.

for Google employees and would mean less revenue from hotel taxes for the city.

"There won't be so much pressure to build housing on El Camino Real," said Linda Curtis. "I also worry that every person we move into that area will make each of our votes count less. They will all work in the tech field. They will vote alike. Then this really will be Google-ville."

"This community is inclusive, but only if you have the privilege to have a highly paid job," said Maxim, a transgender woman who said she fled Russia's anti-queer culture to be a student at Carnegie Mellon University's campus at Moffett Field. She said she had to sleep in an RV for two months before she found a room to rent in Mountain View. The cost of housing here means she reluctantly has to leave for Carnegie Mellon's Philadelphia campus. "For a gender-queer person, a studio in Mountain View is much better than a large house in Oklahoma City," she said.

Advocates for housing in North Bayshore had another small victory Tuesday night when Google finally revealed how many employees it has in North Bayshore: 18,760. Siegel, whose passion for the topic drove much of the discussion, put the question to Igoe. Igoe said he wasn't at liberty to reveal

the number of Google jobs in North Bayshore, but pointed to Google's public documents for an "easy calculation" based on Google's worldwide employee count. "Approximately 35 percent of the total are located in North Bayshore," he said.

If housing is to balance job growth, as was advocated by several of the candidates in the City Council election, many more than 5,000 homes may have to be built. Last year the council decided to cap office development in North Bayshore at 3.4 million square feet, enough space for as many as 19,000 jobs when calculated at 178 square feet per employee.

On Tuesday city staff said recent development for Intuit and Google left 2.5 million square feet of new development remaining under the cap.

Council member Chris Clark said he was hesitant to go through another lengthy series of meetings to change North Bayshore plans. Plans to allow the 3.4 million square feet of office development, approved in December, took several years. "I don't want to discount what was done the last two to four years, and essentially start that process all over again," Clark said.

Siegel countered, saying, "The fact we've had input (favoring housing in North Bayshore) and ignored it isn't a reason to con-

tinue to ignore it."

Member Mike Kasperzak suggested a faster path: approve the zoning for the 1,100 homes the council voted against in 2012. That could happen relatively quickly, as a nine-month environmental study had already been done. He said it would send a signal to developers that the council is serious about housing in North Bayshore. Council members were initially concerned that it could slow or preclude efforts to study even more homes in the area, but seemed to eventually come around to the idea.

Council members may find it harder to veer toward adding significant housing to North Bayshore if some exciting proposals for office development from the world's hottest tech companies pour in by the end of February. That's the application deadline for projects of exceptional size in North Bayshore.

"I keep getting told by people who work in the Bayshore area that they would like to live in Bayshore," said Rosenberg. "It's almost unconscionable that companies will continue to hire more, without some accommodation for people moving to that area."

Where to put housing?

Council members voted unanimously to have city staff examine a wide range of places in North Bayshore for housing, after several different preferences were expressed. A map presented by city staff had limited housing growth to an area on North Shoreline Boulevard south of Charleston Road and north of

Highway 101.

After hearing about the possibility, "I started having all these images about how great it would be to live out there," said architect Bill Maston. "I'd live out by the edge, so I could overlook Shoreline Park. Please don't just focus on the core," he said, referring to the area designated on the staff's North Bayshore map.

Vice Mayor Showalter, who stated unequivocal support for housing in North Bayshore, suggested that housing go along Rengstorff Avenue, between Highway 101 and Charleston Road, saying it would be near Costco and other stores.

Speaking for Google, Igoe said "it would be wrong" to have housing limited just to the core area.

"Keeping it to the core area only is kind of myopic," Rosenberg said.

McAlister disagreed.

"I support the core," McAlister said. "Transportation is designed to go to the core. It's more along the lines of Santana Row. Maybe spread it to the east a bit, but to start spreading it out, that defeats the purpose of the village center."

Siegel suggested that the core area be extended to La Avenida, as Microsoft is rumored to be looking to leave its offices located there, and the Valley Transit Authority is seeking to redevelop its bus yard property. He suggested that the city study the possibility of extending light rail across Moffett Field and Stevens Creek to La Avenida to serve the core.

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the election,” said council member Lenny Siegel, who was elected along with Showalter and Rosenberg.

“The apartment owners had a right to participate in the election by funding campaign materials. It would have been reasonable for them, in their mailers, to make it clear why they endorsed particular candidates, but they didn’t. In fact, they hid their identity. That’s unconscionable,” Siegel said.

According to reports filed on the day of the election, the NEC spent \$29,000 on last-minute mailers in support of Showalter, Rosenberg and Kamei; about half (\$15,000) helped fund three mailers for Rosenberg and the remaining \$14,000 was split between Showalter and Kamei to send out a pair of mailers for each.

“For a city with 60 percent of the residents being renters, this situation presents an obvious conflict of interest,” said Greg Unangst, one of the nine candidates who ran for three open seats on the council.

“One of my greatest surprises and disappointments during the campaign was to find that I was the only candidate that wanted to at least have a discussion of rent control or rent stabilization. None of my fellow candidates wanted to touch it,” he said. “After seeing the pattern of campaign contributions, both direct and independent, I better understand why I was alone.”

All told, the NEC spent

“That is what is so insidious about these mailers. You don’t know the source.”

VICE MAYOR PAT SHOWALTER

\$114,000 on mailers for the three council candidates, having received funds from other sources as well. The committee seemed designed to obfuscate where money came from and to whom it was going. The committee also spent funds backing Orange County state Senate candidate Joe Solorio and local water district candidate Gary Kremen.

The NEC reported receiving funds from numerous sources that appeared to have no interest in Mountain View politics: Indian tribes, unions representing ship builders and iron workers, a DMV software contractor, Steven Humphreys, a Portola Valley resident and CEO of Upstart Mobile, Carlsbad attorney Timothy Dillon and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. PG&E and the CAA were the only funders who seemed to have an interest in influencing the Mountain View council election in some way.

The group claimed on an elaborate website — now removed from the web — to be a coalition of community members interested in collaborative decision-making. But not even the council candidates whom they endorsed say they know who those community members are.

“It was quite strange to receive

a mailer that had obviously taken photos from my website and Facebook page, from people I had never heard of before,” Showalter said in an email. “It was particularly uncomfortable to not be able to find out anything meaningful on their website about who they were. There certainly wasn’t any way to reach a live individual to talk about why they had chosen to support me.”

“An important part of evaluating any piece of information is knowing its source,” Showalter said. “That is what is so insidious about these mailers. You don’t know the source.”

All three of the Mountain View council candidates said they had no connection to the NEC, and that the NEC used their candidate photos for the mailers by taking them without permission from their campaign websites.

When asked why the CAA chose to fund candidates in such a way, CAA’s Joshua Howard said the NEC chose how to spend the money, not the CAA. He said the CAA chose to give money to the NEC with the “understanding that NEC would spend those dollars as it saw fit. This included furthering NEC’s goals, such as promoting local candidates who embrace a balanced, collaborative approach to decision-mak-

ing. That is a goal we share.”

The NEC’s only contact listed online was its treasurer, a Long Beach attorney specializing in campaign finance named Gary Crummitt. He responded to requests for comment about the secretive nature of the NEC on Wednesday, with a vague message.

“The duties of the treasurer of a committee is to ensure all contributions received and expenditures made are reported correctly,” Crummitt wrote in an email. “This was done in the case of the Neighborhood Empowerment Coalition. The treasurer is NOT responsible for how the funds are raised or spent. This is the responsibility of the principal officer of the committee. The principal officer and/or consultant are also responsible for the contents of any mailers. The treasurer is responsible for reporting the proper disclaimer on mailers.”

Crummitt did not respond to a request for the name of the principal officer. He pointed to a record (FPPC form 410) that was not found online with the NEC’s other disclosures on either the city’s website or the state’s website.

“I have no idea whether or not the outside money that came into the City Council races from a variety of sources had any impact or not,” said newly elected council member Rosenberg. “Some of the candidates who benefited from that outside money did not win. I believe that my hard work in Mountain View over many years and my campaign effort are what got me elected.”

Kamei, the NEC-backed council candidate who lost, did not respond to requests for comment in time for the *Voice*’s Wednesday press deadline.

“It’s disheartening to know that so much money was spent on this election by independent groups,” Rosenberg said. “During the campaign, I publicly urged all independent expenditure committees spending money in Mountain View, whether they were supporting me or other candidates, to follow applicable laws, and produce factual, respectful, and positive materials. I am glad that the candidates and independent committees lived up to these ideals. That certainly was not the case in other cities and other races this past year.”

Unangst did not condemn the winning candidates.

“We elected three solid, honest people to council who successfully operated in a somewhat perverse electoral system,” Unangst said. “I think they will do well for the city. But the prospect for honest candidates being elected in future elections is diminishing.”

The NEC mailers “might have played a marginal role in the election, but one of their candidates came in sixth, so they didn’t make a big difference,” Siegel said in an email, referring to Kamei. “I didn’t send out mailers (and no third party included me in mailers) because I expected most voters, overwhelmed by campaign postcards, to simply recycle them.”

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RAY RENATI

Maryssa Wanlass, left, Bill Olson and William J. Brown III star in Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" at the Pear Avenue Theatre through Feb. 22.

'Betrayal' at the Pear

How well do we know those we think we know? How well do we know ourselves? These are the questions raised by English playwright Harold Pinter's "Betrayal," running **now through Feb. 22** at the Pear Avenue Theatre.

Starting at the end of the story, "Betrayal" unfolds in reverse chronological order, allowing audiences to witness the lies and half-truths that make up a marriage and the ways a couple can wound each other. With spare dialogue and heartbreaking clarity, Pinter exposes the way we all work to hide our faults from those we love and the chaos that ensues when painful truths come to light.

In this production, directed by Ray Renati, married couple Robert and Emma will be played by Fred Pitts and Maryssa Wanlass; William J. Brown III will play Robert's friend Jerry, who becomes entangled with Emma.

The production plays Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Avenue, Unit K, Mountain View. Tickets range from \$10-35. Go to thepear.org or call 650-254-1148.

'Birds of America'

Nineteenth-century American naturalist John James Audubon was a close observer of wildlife, especially of birds. He was also an ambitious sort: In 1820, at the age of 35, he announced his intention to paint every bird in North America.

In the end, Audubon had to travel to Scotland in order to find patrons willing to finance his costly project. Over the course of 13 years, he created 435 life-size engravings, from which prints were made and then hand-painted.

The results of Audubon's vision and life's work will be on display at the historic Filoli estate and gardens **between Tuesday, Feb. 10, and Sunday, March 22**. "Birds of America" includes 30 prints from Filoli's permanent collection. They feature both rare and familiar species, including the ubiquitous blue jay and the stately great blue heron.

The prints will be on display at Filoli's Visitor and Education Center, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. Filoli is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with the last admission at 2:30 p.m. daily. For more information, go to filoli.org or call 650-364-8300.

'Leading Ladies'

Want to be inspired by powerful, dynamic women? This weekend TheatreWorks draws together an all-star cast of female leaders for an afternoon of presentations and performances. Former Silicon Valley tech leader and New York Times best-selling author Lalita Tademy ("Cane River"), award-winning screenwriter Margaret Nagle ("Warm Springs"), singer-songwriter Vienna Teng and U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo are featured in the fundraiser; all four women have strong ties to the Peninsula and have shown passion and ambition in their careers.

In addition to brief talks, the event includes a luncheon and time to schmooze with other strong, inspiring women (and maybe a few men) from the region.

"Leading Ladies" takes place at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St, at **11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7**. Tickets start at \$150. Call 650-463-7135 or email jfriedman@theatreworks.org.

— Elizabeth Schwyzer

ALLERGY

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peanuts without any reaction.

People from all over the world are drawn to the allergy research center, where most of the breakthrough clinical trials in oral immunotherapy take place. There is no known cure for food allergies, but research shows kids can be desensitized and no longer run the risk of a severe allergic reaction — the next best thing for parents looking to keep their kids safe. Over 1,000 people are on the waiting list to get into the clinical trials, according to Whitney Block, research nurse practitioner at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

Tessa's mother, Robyn Bash, flew to Mountain View from her home in Maryland in hopes that Tessa and her other daughter, Rebecca, will be eligible for the clinical trial. Tessa is allergic to peanuts, sesame and eggs, and Rebecca is allergic to hazelnuts and cashews.

"We're excited and hopeful to be even considered," Bash said.

Allergic reactions can be deadly, and Bash's daughters run the risk of going into anaphylactic shock when exposed to those foods. Anaphylaxis is a violent, whole-body response that causes swelling so severe it can prevent a person from breathing.

Bash said both kids have experienced anaphylactic shock multiple times — a terrifying experience that caused the girls' lips and face to swell up to three times the normal size. EpiPens, a portable shot of adrenaline commonly used to treat anaphylactic shock, is the family's lifeline for dealing with the allergic reaction, Bash said, and she has them ready at all times.

"We have EpiPens everywhere," she said.

The allergies add another level of difficulty in their day-to-day lives, Bash said, as she and her husband have to closely watch everything Tessa and Rebecca eat, and prepare all of their meals. Any hint of nuts in the food, she said, can trigger Tessa's strong reaction to peanuts and put her in another life-threatening situation.

But supervision can go only so far, and Bash said she has concerns as her kids get older and spend more time away from home. She said seemingly low-risk activities, such as playing on a playground, can pose a threat because there's always that slim chance someone left a piece of food around.

Across the hallway from Tessa and Rebecca, 7-year-old Audrey was successfully consuming her 75 milligrams of peanut without an allergic response. Not long ago, she couldn't handle

6 milligrams without stomach pain as she worked up her tolerance. Despite the improvement, upping the dosage still puts her mother, Katherine Hochstetler, on edge.

"It's scary building up an immunity, especially since she's spending more time out of the home," Hochstetler said.

Through oral immunotherapy, kids with a peanut allergy can reach a point where they can eat 2 grams of peanuts, or about eight peanuts, without any problems.

It takes about six months of steadily increasing dosage amounts to get there, and upping the amount too fast triggers allergic responses. A new trial could bring that time down to eight to 10 weeks by doing the desensitizing regimen while injecting patients with Xolair, a medication to suppress allergic reactions.

Block said kids like to set goals for themselves along the way to claim victory over their allergies by doing things they couldn't do without being desensitized.

"They have things like 'I want to eat a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup,' or 'I want to go to a sleep-away camp,'" Block said.

A growing issue

Food allergies have become a top health issue as rates of the condition in children continues to increase. About one in 12 people under age 21 have a doctor-diagnosed food allergy in the U.S., and that rate just about doubles every decade, according to the Stanford School of Medicine. Of those kids, one in four will experience a near-fatal anaphylactic shock.

Not all food allergies are the same. Kids react to different food allergies with different levels of severity, but peanut, cashew and wheat allergies generally cause some of the worst reactions, according to Whitney Block, a research nurse practitioner with Lucile Packard. Other food allergies may not be as bad, but the foods themselves are more pervasive and hard to take out of the household environment completely, such as eggs and milk.

She said the one upside to wheat allergies, lately, is the recent gluten-free diet trend that has many companies producing more options for people who can't eat wheat products. Even Girl Scout cookies are on board, adding two new flavors of gluten-free cookies. But with food allergies, everything is a dietary minefield. The gluten-free cookies contain peanuts, milk, eggs and soy.

There's no real scientific consensus on what is causing the rate of food allergies to increase, according to Block, but there are

a lot of theories. One of them is the "hygiene hypothesis," which states that modern hygiene and excessive cleanliness interferes with the development of the human immune system, causing the body to develop allergic reactions to food, according to the Food and Drug Allergy Care Center at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Block said other theories point to hormones present in food as the culprit, but the reality is that the cause of the increase in food allergy cases largely remains a mystery.

Schools no longer treat individual food allergy cases as anomalies, and have policies and guidelines for how to avoid accidental exposure to food allergens. At Oak Knoll Elementary in Menlo Park, where Audrey goes to school, there is a "peanut-free" table during lunch, and a special form parents can fill out so school staff members can identify symptoms of an allergic reaction.

Bash said she went out of her way to talk to the teachers and make sure Rebecca's allergies were well known by the school when she started kindergarten last year. She said the teachers are trained to use EpiPens, and she made it clear to teachers they shouldn't hesitate to give her child a shot of adrenaline even if it turns out to be a false alarm.

How long does it last?

The question parents often ask Block is whether their kids have to continue eating 2 grams of the foods they're allergic to for the rest of their lives. She said more research is still needed for a concrete answer on how dependent kids will be on their daily dosage of peanuts, milk, or other foods, but some studies show there is some flexibility.

It turns out that after eating eight peanuts a day for long enough, kids have been able to stop eating peanuts for a brief period of time, then resume eating peanuts again without any problems. How long kids can stay desensitized to allergies without their fix still needs to be figured out.

Block said it's possible that one nut a day could be enough to maintain tolerance to a food allergy, and kids could eat it daily like a pill or vitamin.

There is nothing keeping some kids from going over two grams as well. One trial showed that nine kids who built their way up to 2 grams could eventually handle 4 grams without any problems, according to Block, meaning accidental ingestion of peanuts and other allergen foods shouldn't be a problem.

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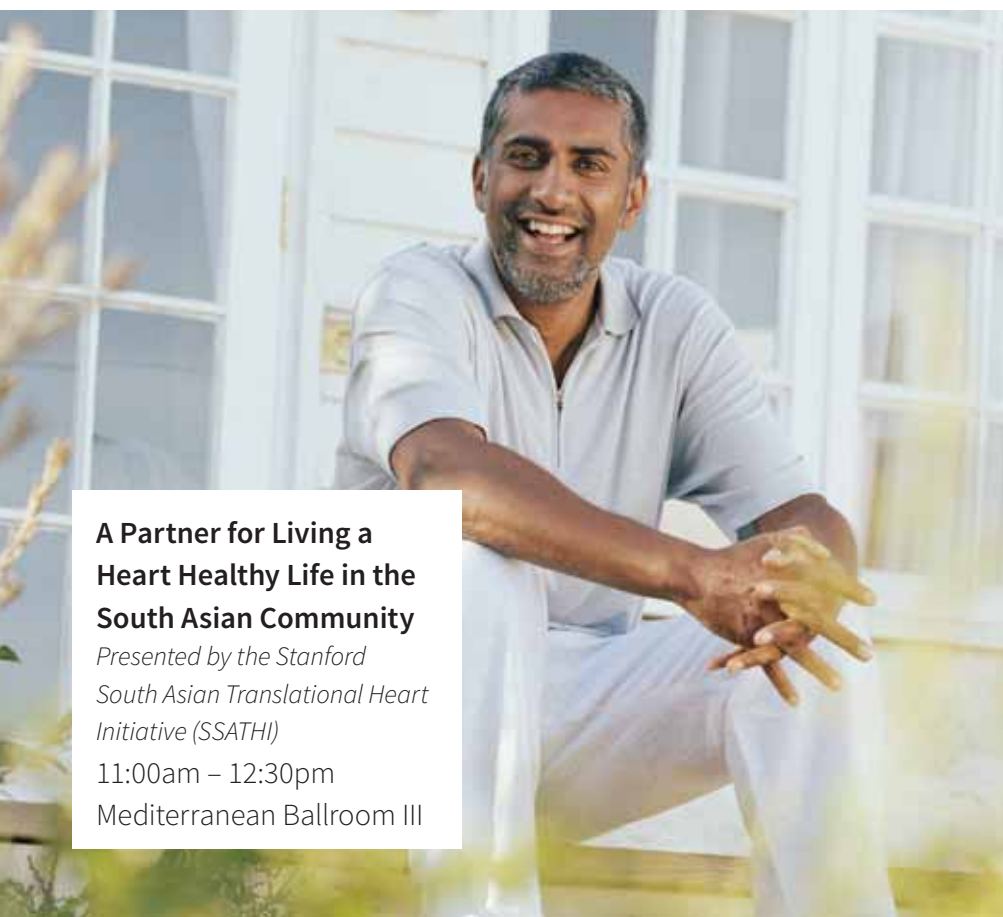
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■ EDITORIAL
THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Secret is out on political funding

You've got to know something's wrong with the system when even intended beneficiaries of political contributions criticize and try to distance themselves from the source because of its tactics.

The funding by the shadowy Neighborhood Empowerment Coalition (NEC) of mailers in support of three Mountain View City Council candidates in the November race for three seats blasted through the record for council race spending. The independent political action committee spent \$114,000 in the effort, even though the candidates had no control over the committee's activities.

And now, the final campaign spending reports released late last month show that the NEC received \$90,000 in contributions to its elections war chest from the California Apartment Association (CAA), which represents landlords. The influx of money from the landlords' group during a campaign in which rent control or stabilization was an issue was essentially hidden from voters until after the election — a ploy easily carried out thanks to campaign finance laws that favor secrecy over sunshine.

Then-candidate Lenny Siegel, who won a council seat but was not supported by the NEC, was right on target when he told the *Voice*: "The apartment owners had a right to participate in the election by funding campaign materials. It would have been reasonable for them, in their mailers, to make it clear why they endorsed particular candidates, but they didn't. In fact, they hid their identity. That's unconscionable."

The NEC supported successful candidates Pat Showalter and Ken Rosenberg, as well as Ellen Kamei. The campaign fliers showed up in the candidates' mailboxes at the same time they arrived at other city residences, causing some amount of surprise and concern. Rosenberg, who said at the time that he was surprised to see his photo on mailers sent out by a coalition he knew nothing about, said, "It's very frustrating to be the candidate in a situation where something is out of your control."

Showalter said she too was troubled by the NEC tactics in sending out the mailers. "It was particularly uncomfortable to not be able to find out anything meaningful on their website about who they were," she told the *Voice* this week. "An important part of evaluating any piece of information is knowing its source. That

is what is so insidious about these mailers. You don't know the source."

The candidates' inability to control the truthfulness, transparency and tone of the NEC's message reflects one serious problem with this increasingly common PAC practice, which is permissible under our flawed campaign financing laws. But at least as troubling is the danger presented by the intrusion of outside money in local politics: The massive flow of money from outside interests in the November council race appears to be a first for Mountain View, whose council candidates have traditionally agreed to voluntary spending limits that keep the costs of running for office at a reasonable level. The limit in last year's race was \$22,689, and all candidates agreed to adhere to it.

What will the NEC's expensive campaign tactic in last year's election mean to the future of Mountain View elections? Many fear, as do we, that fewer candidates in the coming years will agree to voluntary spending limits, and the cost of running will rise to a point where only the wealthy or those backed by moneyed special interests can afford to seek office.

Greg Unangst, who ran unsuccessfully for a council seat last year, said in October when it became apparent that outside money was infiltrating the political process, "If I knew I had to spend double or triple the amount of the (voluntary spending limit) to be competitive with the amount of independent money, I would not have chosen to run." He added: "The amount of independent money obliterates the intent of the (voluntary spending limit) policy. It also puts those of us who ethically do not pursue this money at a distinct disadvantage."

Despite the fact that two of the NEC-supported candidates won, there's good evidence that their success was due to positions other than opposing rent control. In fact, no candidate came out in favor of rent control, although Unangst said there should be a public discussion of such a regulation. The outside money dumped into the council race may have not affected the outcome of the latest election at all. But the new level of spending the NEC introduced into the political game may well affect how elections play out in the future. And that would be a truly unwelcome outcome. ■

■ LETTERS
VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

CITY NEEDS AN AUDITOR

As a Mountain View resident reading about the \$925,000 going missing from a San Francisco bond fund, I get concerned about the city of Mountain View not having, in essence, a city auditor.

In San Francisco an auditor found the missing money, which was overseen by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) ... The city of Mountain View's downtown revital-

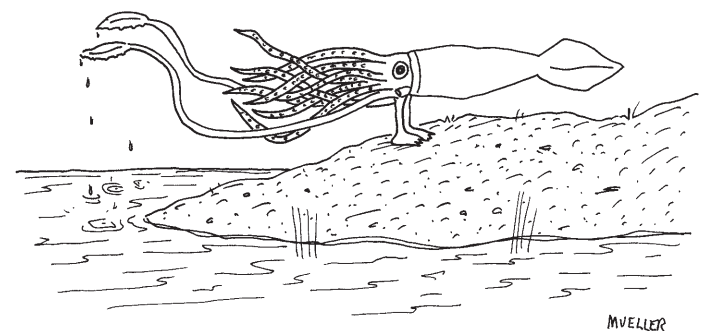
ization committee never repaid the \$7 million tax allocation bond of 2003 — money that was borrowed from the Mountain View Shoreline Regional Park community fund.

The bond debt was just forgiven by the City Council — the unaudited board for the Shoreline Park community.

Mountain View really needs an auditor to prevent what happened in San Francisco.

Donald Letcher
Rengstorff Avenue

IT COULD HAVE GONE VERY DIFFERENTLY



Here's what they're saying on Town Square

ON EL CAMINO REAL BUS LANES

The primary reason buses are slow is that they share the same roads as automobiles. Dedicated bus lanes on strategic roads like El Camino will bring speed and increase ridership. That is exactly the ridership surge CalTrain experienced when they added the baby bullet. Every reason to believe it will succeed here too. — *Subsidy reality*

It's a pig of a project and you can't put enough lipstick on it to pass it off as reasonable. — *Recap*

The absolute horrific traffic lockup that a designated bus lane would create will drown and overshadow any and all benefits seen by the comparatively scant few people on the bus. — *Insider Conversations*

ON NORTH BAYSHORE HOUSING ISSUE

Many seem to think that more building will solve all our housing needs, and I've tried very hard to follow that logic, but I just don't agree. The cost of certain types of housing will STILL be out of reach for many in this area.

Is the answer to then also build more family-friendly housing in North Bay to support the variety of people who want to live here through the years (not just young singles)? Maybe. I don't pretend to have all the answers, but I really, really hope our council members are thinking through all these issues before we build ourselves into further problems. — *Canela*

I am happy that the current city council is respecting the wishes of the voters and revisiting the issue. Allowing a glut of new office space without allowing housing to complement it will just mean more people commuting into Mountain View from outside of the city, adding more cars to already congested highways and surface roads. It will also mean that hard-working people won't be able to live close to work since it would only be affordable to those who make extraordinary salaries. — *Patrick*

The people for this don't realize we have traffic issues daily and our infrastructure can not handle it. I guess they want us to build build build until no one can move anymore or get around. — *The people for this*

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AN UNEVEN VISIT TO HONG KONG



Cooking Papa's homey Cantonese fare hits some dim sum, but not all



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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

You can go home again, it turns out, if you grew up going to Cantonese restaurants in the United States or if home is Hong Kong. Cooking Papa is here to help.

In mid-May, Mountain View welcomed the youngest Cooking Papa location, with the owners reclaiming a Sizzler on El Camino Real. Fans of the Foster City and Santa Clara Cooking Papis got excited, then disappointed when it closed for remodeling until early January. Although driving up to the building you might still think "Sizzler," the renewed dining room offers fish tanks, colorfully tiled walls, two giant TV sets running a continuous loop of Cooking Papa cooking videos and views into the glassed-in kitchen.

Above: Peking duck isn't a Cantonese dish, but you can find it at Cooking Papa in Mountain View.
Right: The sugar-dusted Hong Kong-style egg puffs are the restaurant chain's signature dessert.

Food quality has been erratic. With close to 200 menu items, Cooking Papa (more on the name later) has something for everybody — unless that somebody is on a low-carb diet. The menu's four pillars are rice, rice noodles, egg noodles and congee (rice porridge).

For fans, Cooking Papa conjures the pace and Cantonese comfort foods of busy restaurants in Hong Kong. "Save yourself a 15-hour flight and eat here!" one said.

Another attraction is that the restaurant serves dim sum at lunch on weekdays (except Tuesdays when they are closed). Instead of servers coming around with carts, you get a golf pencil to mark a sheet listing a wide variety of dumplings, shrimp balls and steamed buns. Dishes are served hot from the kitchen in bamboo baskets.

For the go-to dim sum dish, har gow (\$4.50), Cooking Papa serves up four fat dumplings, chunks of shrimp and bamboo shoots stuffed into pleated, translucent wrappers. They are good but not cheap, as are the upward-facing dumplings called shu mai (\$4.50), which had a touch more seasoning and a lot of chopped pork.

The best dim sum dish was



Fried crab is embellished with lemongrass sauce and spicy minced pork and chili.

one we'd seen them make on the restaurant TVs. Sweet and flaky, the barbecued pork puff (\$3.50) is baked till the sesame seeds pop on top. One order gets you one sweet pastry divided into three squares.

Also available at dinner, the wide flaps of steamed rice noodle rolls come with a variety of meats

and vegetables and seasoned soy sauce poured over the dish. The chicken with bitter melon roll (\$5.80) contained tender strips of meat and the appropriately named vegetable. Chow fun with beef and soy sauce (\$8.75) was redolent of star anise.

Of all the carb variations, most exciting was the signature des-

sert, three giant Hong Kong-style fried egg puffs (\$4.25), dusted in powdered sugar and too hot to eat right away.

We had poor luck with soup. Braised beef brisket noodle soup (\$8.50) was paltry for the price and lukewarm. Another day,

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A diner holds up the 20-page menu at Cooking Papa in Mountain View on Feb. 1.

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from the page of signature dishes, we chose shrimp wonton noodle soup (\$6.95), which was also tepid and garnished with two spears of Chinese broccoli.

The 20-page menu's organization plan is a little confusing. Vegetarians have it easy: All their dishes are helpfully colored green.

Peking duck (\$11.95 for half) is on the signature page, and you may notice the ducks glistening in the kitchen window. Don't fall for their allure. As a friend reminded me later, this is not a Cantonese dish.

One other signature dish was disappointing. The special egg tofu with assorted vegetables

(\$12.50) was bland and stingy.

Keep in mind that Cantonese food is not Szechuan food. You may want to use the chili sauce, vinegar and soy sauce provided. And although Cooking Papa in Mountain View serves seafood, this is not a seafood restaurant. The specialness about Cooking Papa's brand of Cantonese comfort food is in its reach: from pork intestines to plain porridge. Drinks range from Coke to iced milk tea with black grass jelly. You can pre-order private banquet dishes from a separate menu, share the seven-course business lunch (\$65 for four to six people) or drown your sorrows in a bowl of congee.

The ambiance of Cooking Papa falls somewhere between Panda

Express and Fu Lam Mum on Castro Street downtown. Servers are easy to spot in their Cooking Papa shirts. A very nice feature is to have all the larger, banquet-size tables with Lazy Susans in a separate section. The rest of the room is a sea of dark square tables that can be expanded into circles.

The name, Cooking Papa, seems to be drawn from Cooking Mama, a series of smartphone games featuring a Hello Kitty-type cartoon girl ("Cooking Mama: Shop and Chop;" "Cooking Mama: Dinner With Friends"). The face of Cooking Papa is a happy, well-fed cartoon chef, heavily mustachioed and sporting a red bandana. He looks like a nice guy. ▣



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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



Mila Kunis in "Jupiter Ascending."

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"JUPITER ASCENDING" OVERDOSES ON PRODUCTION DESIGN, STARVES FOR FUN

★★ (Century 16, Century 20)

If what we go to the movie theater for now is spectacle, the science fiction epic "Jupiter Ascending" fits the bill. But to the extent that we still demand rich characters and sensible plotting, the Wachowskis' latest is a few planets short of a galaxy.

There's a certain eccentricity to Lana and Andy Wachowski's work that makes them almost endearing as they go to town on otherworldly movies like "Cloud Atlas" and "Speed Racer."

Almost.

It's been sixteen years since the sibling writer-directors earned fanboy goodwill galore with "The Matrix," and nineteen years since they courted indie cred with the sexy thriller "Bound." Since the "Matrix" started spawning sequels, the Wachowskis have been steadily sloughing that respect as they generate blinkered, eye-popping visions that test the patience of audiences.

Go in with a mantra of "Flash Gordon, Flash Gordon..." and you may get a kick out of "Jupiter Ascending" and its dopey dumbness. Mila Kunis gamely plays Jupiter Jones, a cleaning woman "destined for greatness" but currently scrub-

bing toilets. Soon she's Space Cinderella, rescued from alien assassination by a genetically-modified organism called Channing Tatum — no, wait, Tatum just plays the GMO, a part-wolf hunk named Caine who's outfitted with pointy ears, a bleached goatee and sneakers that let him speed-skate on air. Strap in folks: It just gets weirder.

But, oddly, not more fun. Once we're past a jaw-dropping "street fight" that zips amongst skyscrapers, "Jupiter Ascending" quits generating excitement and starts echoing much better science fiction. Those who saw last year's terrific documentary, "Jodorowky's Dune," will note a strong influence on the Wachowskis' comic-book aesthetic here, in both production design and convoluted palace intrigue (with none of the thematic richness).

It's in those space palaces that we meet one British villain too many, in the persons of Douglas Booth ("Romeo and Juliet") and current Oscar nominee Eddie Redmayne (the "Theory of Everything" star coming off here like Basil Rathbone on heroin). The bad-dies' far-flung world profitably

"harvests" other planets for time (the "greatest commodity"), and their power struggle involves "taking care of" Jupiter by hook (marriage) or by crook (the aforementioned assassination). While ostensibly putting an empowered female front and center, the Wachowskis repeatedly regress to "damsel in distress" mode, right up to that space-wedding climax.

Audiences will unfavorably compare "Jupiter" to past enjoyments like "Star Wars" and "The Fifth Element," and the Wachowskis do themselves no favors by taking a break in the story for what amounts to a five-minute "Brazil" fan film, complete with a cameo by Terry Gilliam. "Jupiter Ascending" is colorful and expensive-looking, thanks to legions of special-effects artists and two-time Oscar-winning cinematographer John Toll. It's also kooky and frantic, with assaultive 3-D action sequences that soon lose their feature-length battle with gravity.

Rated PG-13 for some violence, sequences of sci-fi action, some suggestive content and partial nudity. Two hours, 7 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

at the hands of African Americans. Thankfully, writer-director Mike Binder's film isn't quite that simplistic, but it's close. Kevin Costner's Elliot — an L.A. lawyer embroiled in a custody battle over his biracial, 7-year-old granddaughter Eloise (Jillian Estell) — surely isn't Atticus Finch. Yet Elliot's earnest manner, shadowed though it is by alcoholism, continues to suggest a moral center. When his wife (Jennifer Ehle) dies, he's left alone with his granddaughter just as her paternal grandmother Rowena

(Octavia Spencer) smells an opportunity to get Eloise back. Lower-middle-class entrepreneur Rowena demonstrates savvy and sass in equal measure, but her point of view remains secondary to Elliot's in screen time and moral authority. Notably, the climax arrives at a confessional monologue by Elliot about the difficulty of seeing others and oneself in objective human terms instead of reductive or wishful ones. But it's

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■ MOVIE TIMES

A Most Violent Year (R) ★★★1/2 Century 20: 10:50 a.m., 4:40, 7:40 & 10:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 1:45 p.m., Sun 2:20 p.m.

American Sniper (R) ★★

Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:35, 4:40, 7 & 10:10 p.m.

Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 1:15, 2:50, 4:25, 5:55, 7:35, 9:05 & 10:35 p.m.

Birdman (R) ★★★ Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:15, 4:15 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 10:05 p.m.

Black or White (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 10:25 a.m., 1:20, 4:15, 7:10 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:55, 7:45 & 10:35 p.m.

Black Sea (R) Century 20: 1:40 & 7:10 p.m.

The Boy Next Door (R)

Century 20: 10:25 p.m., Fri & Sat 7:35 p.m., Sun 8:35 p.m.

Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961)

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

The Imitation Game (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 11 a.m., 1:50, 4:45, 7:45 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 2, 5:10, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.

Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 1:30, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m. In 3-D at 10:30 a.m., noon, 3, 4:30, 6:10 & 9:15 p.m. Century 20: 12:45, 6:45 & 9:45 p.m. In 3-D at 11:25 a.m., 3:45, 5 & 10:30 p.m. In X-D at 2:10 & 7:50 p.m.

The Loft (R) Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 4:25 & 10:10 p.m.

Oscar Nominated Short Films 2015: Animation

Guild Theatre: 2:15 & 7:15 p.m.

Oscar Nominated Short Films 2015: Live Action

Guild Theatre: 4:15 & 9:15 p.m.

Paddington (PG) Century 16: 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.

Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 1:35, 4:05, 6:55 & 9:25 p.m.

Project Almanac (PG-13) Century 16: 11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 8 & 10:45 p.m.

Rear Window (1954) Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 3:25 p.m.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) (R)

Guild Theatre: Sat at midnight

Saboteur (1942) (PG) Stanford Theatre: 5:30 & 9:40 p.m.

Selma (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: 1, 4:10, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m.

Seventh Son (PG-13) Century 16: 11:50 a.m. & 7:40 p.m. In 3-D at 2:25, 5 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 1:20, 6:40 & 9:20 p.m. In 3-D at 10:50 a.m., 2:25, 3:55 & 8 p.m. In X-D at 11:40 a.m., 5:10 & 10:45 p.m.

Shamitabh Century 16: 10:25 p.m., Fri & Sat 3:45 p.m., Sun 7:15 p.m.

Spare Parts (PG-13) Century 20: 4:35 p.m.

The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (G) ★★

Century 16: 10:35 a.m., 1:05, 3:35 & 7:20 p.m. In 3-D at 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50 & 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m., 12:45, 1:30, 3:15, 4, 6:30, 7:25 & 8:10 p.m. In 3-D at noon, 2:30, 5, 5:45, 8:55, 10 & 10:35 p.m.

Still Alice (PG-13) ★★1/2

Aquarius Theatre: 2:15, 4:40, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.

Strange Magic (PG) Century 20: 11:30 a.m., 2:15 & 4:45 p.m.

Taken 3 (PG-13) Century 20: 11:45 a.m., 5:20 & 10:45 p.m.

The Theory of Everything (PG-13) ★★

Palo Alto Square: 1, 4 & 7 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 p.m.

Two Days, One Night (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.

The Wedding Ringer (R) Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 1:50, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.

Whiplash (R) ★★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: 4:20 & 7:05 p.m.

Century 20: 8:10 p.m., Fri & Sat 2:25 p.m.

Wild (R) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre: 1:45 & 9:30 p.m.

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■ MOVIE REVIEWS

BLACK OR WHITE ★★ 1/2

"Selma" appears to be the right film for the right time of civil-rights unrest, but where does that leave "Black or White," a new drama that arguably positions a white man as the heroic victim of discrimination

MOVIE OPENINGS



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Tom Kenny is the voice of SpongeBob SquarePants in "The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water."

Sea-minus for effort

THE LATEST "SPONGEBOB MOVIE" ISN'T SO ABSORBING

★★ (Century 16, Century 20)

The sixth season of the long-running show "South Park" (eighteen seasons and counting) included an episode entitled "Simpsons Already Did It," bemoaning how the venerable animated sitcom "The Simpsons" (twenty-six seasons and counting) had been everywhere, done everything first. It's a notion that leaps to mind while watching "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water," a TV-to-feature-film sequel that, while zany, feels as if its going through tired motions.

"SpongeBob SquarePants" may only have logged nine seasons and two films to date, but it's been on the cultural landscape since 1999. Over those sixteen years, Stephen Hillenburg's Nickelodeon series has remained popular with tykes even as it slid out of cultural prominence among adult animation fans. Now the sequel to 2004's "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" arrives to flog what feels like a dead (sea) horse. The film's promotion has centered around SpongeBob at last being in 3D, including sequences blending live-action

footage and CGI-rendered 3D versions of the familiar 2D models (of one-dimensional characters). Guess what? "Simpsons" already did it (in 1995's "Treehouse of Horror VI").

More importantly, "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" treads water with a plotline that's as old as the gills, and sadly accurate self-reflexive jokes about a protracted running time. Anchored as always by apple-cheeked sea sponge SpongeBob (Tom Kenny), the literally bubbly characters find their most basic plot scenario (fast-food competitor Plankton steals the secret recipe to the Krusty Krab's addictive Krabby Patty) dressed up with hyperbolic plot accessories, like a time machine and a climax shifting from under-the-sea Bikini Bottom to live-action-land Salty Shoals. (Our world holds a troublesome pirate named Burger Beard, played by a live-action, scenery-chewing Antonio Banderas.)

The film is often mildly amusing, with a dedicated zaniness (a food fight that's an excuse for lame puns: "Unleash the condiments!" "With rel-

ish"), wildly careening plot (Bikini Bottom dissolves into a "postapoca-watchamacallit"), and an overriding comic optimism (rainbows, lollipops, and needlepoint) playing into a nominal theme—complete with theme song—of teamwork. But really, "Sponge Out of Water" is about little more than fast food and ice cream, with the same promise of empty calories.

"SpongeBob" suffers from the same problem as the most indulgent of its psychedelic-comedy forebears: when anything can happen, narrative tension and sustained story interest get sucked out of the room; "Sponge Out of Water" is so arch as to make it impossible to care a whit about the characters or what will happen to them. In a 22-minute episode, that's one thing, but in a 92-minute movie ... In the end, this sequel retains the series' pleasing weirdness, but the concept poop(-deck)ed out some time ago.

Rated PG for mild action and rude humor. One hour, 32 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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too little, too late to balance the sentiment of the film with complexity worthy of the cultural moment. *Rated PG-13 on appeal for brief strong language, thematic material involving drug use and drinking, and for a fight. Two hours, 1 minute.* — P.C.

TWO DAYS, ONE NIGHT

★★★ 1/2

It's both refreshing and stunning to move through Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne's "Two Days, One Night," which features a star in Marion Cotillard but is defiantly

minimalist in its plot and physical scale. Cotillard plays Sandra, a Belgian woman reeling from a nervous breakdown and subsequent firing from her job at a solar-panel factory. Cradled uneasily by her fretting family (including Fabrizio Rongione as husband Manu), Sandra reluctantly accepts the suggestion that she should power past intense depression and fight for her job. Because her employers arguably circumvented due process, Sandra gets a two-day, one-night reprieve: a weekend to go around town visiting her co-workers in an attempt to convince them to vote to retain her. Turning a philosophical question into

drama, workplace ethics into moral fable, is delicate work, and the Dardenne's prove they're up to the task of creating wrenching drama that avoids melodrama. Above all, Cotillard's raw work carries the day, as she fleshes out both Sandra's suffering — as well as her emotional endurance on a journey of discovery that defines her. *Rated PG-13 for some mature thematic elements. One hour, 35 minutes.* — P.C.

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ART GALLERIES

'Colors of Kauai' Viewpoints Gallery will have on display a collection of vibrant work in watercolor by Jan Grady called "Colors of Kauai." A reception for the artist will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 3-28, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

'Light's Pleasures' Gallery 9 Los Altos will have on display an exhibit of oil landscapes of the bay and hills by Susan Varjavand, pieces which reflect the artist's responses to light and depth, particularly at dawn and dusk. A reception for the artist will be held on Feb. 6, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3-March 1, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Trivia Night at Congregation Beth Am Howard Rachelson will host the third annual Trivia Night at Congregation Beth Am to benefit a congregation in Poltava, Ukraine. The event will include wine, appetizers, home-baked desserts, music and teams competing for the top prizes. Feb. 7, 7:30-11 p.m. \$20. Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-347-5743. www.betham.org/community-poltava/event/3rd-annual-trivia-night-poltava-event

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

A Heart-Felt Program This craft workshop at the Mountain View Public Library will teach participants to make two hearts, one by needle felting and one by hand-sewing. Space is limited, and registration is required. Feb. 10, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. goo.gl/0KaCVk

Digital T-shirt workshop This Mountain View Public Library workshop will lead participants in adding pockets to T-shirts, downloading moving wallpapers to smartphones and then combining them to create customized looks for Valentine's Day or other occasions. Feb. 9, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. goo.gl/ajPe9z

Family painting workshop Bay Area artist Lisette Lugo will hold a one-day workshop for families with children ages 4 and up, where all participants can learn basic painting techniques. Materials will be provided. Feb. 14, 2-4 p.m. \$75. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/register

Respiratory therapy program application workshop This free workshop will answer questions and provide assistance to those applying to the Foothill College respiratory therapy program. Attendees should bring a pen, paper and college transcripts. Feb. 18, 5-6 p.m. Free; \$3 parking. Foothill College, Room 5307, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7538. www.foothill.edu/news/newsfmt.php?sr=2&rec_id=3648

Ukulele play and sing along session Brad Jones will lead ukulele players of all levels and ages in learning songs to play and sing for friends and family. Participants should bring their ukuleles. Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. goo.gl/plLuYE

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Author Book Club: Amy Tan BookBuyers in Mountain View will hold an Author Book Club meeting to discuss the oeuvre of Amy Tan. Each month's club meeting will focus on a different author; attendees can choose any of the author's published works to read beforehand. All are welcome. Feb. 11, 8-9 p.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com/event/author-book-club-amy-tan/

Peninsula Astronomical Society: 'Challenges in Exoplanet Imaging'

This meeting of the Peninsula Astronomical Society will include a free public talk by Dr. Bruce Macintosh from Stanford University on the subject of "Challenges in Exoplanet Imaging." The observatory will be open after the meeting from 9 to 11 p.m., weather permitting. Attendees should park in lot 6. Feb. 13, 7:30-9 p.m. Free; \$3 parking. Foothill College, Room 5015, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.pastro.org/dnn/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Bright and Happy' art show reception The El Camino Hospital will hold a reception for the artists from its "Creative Expressions: Art Classes for Cancer Survivors" program. Their work, which focuses on the theme "Bright and Happy," will be on display in the hospital's piano lobby until March 2. Feb. 12, 5-7 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital Mountain View, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. www.elcaminohospital.org

CSA Homeless Outreach Twice monthly a Community Services Agency social worker will come to the Mountain View Public Library to offer assistance to low-income and/or homeless individuals, providing information and referrals to community resources. Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, year-round, 9-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

CONCERTS

Master Sinfonia Concert 2 in Los Altos Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra will perform a program including "The Birds" by Ottorino Respighi, "Andante and Hungarian Rondo" by Carl Maria von Weber (featuring Stephen Paulson on solo bassoon) and Symphony No. 98 in B-flat major by Joseph Haydn. There will also be a reception with the artists. Feb. 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m. \$15-\$25; free for youth under age 18. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. www.mastersinfonia.org/season.aspx?c=Concert2

Merit Students piano recital The Merit Scholarship Students of teacher and acclaimed pianist Ludmila Kurtova will perform pieces by a variety of composers. Feb. 14, 5-6 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

EXHIBITS

'Raúl Cañibano: Storyteller' The Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College will host an exhibit called "Raúl Cañibano: Storyteller," which shares images by the Havana-based photographer which capture Cuba, its people and their struggles in the post-revolution era. Jan. 21-March 11, center hours. Free. Krause Center for Innovation, KCI Gallery, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7082. raulcanibano.wordpress.com

'Watercolors' by Maria Klawe The Community School for Music and the Arts will host an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Maria Klawe — a mathematician, computer scientist and president of Harvey Mudd College. She will also give a talk called "My Double Life: From Artist to Mathematician and Back" on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6-March 29, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

Freestyle Academy Exhibition At this exhibit, students from Freestyle Academy in Mountain View will share artwork in a variety of mediums, including films, animations, character portraits and illustrations, websites, portraits, magazine articles, music videos, T-shirt art and concert posters. Feb. 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. freestyleacademy.net

FAMILY AND KIDS

'That's too Funny!' Local elementary school students and their teachers from the Community School of Music and Arts' Art4Schools program will share their artwork in a show called "That's too Funny!" A reception will be held with the artists on Friday, Feb. 6, from 3 to 6 p.m. Feb. 3-20, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View City Hall Rotunda, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 308. www.arts4all.org

Red Planet Ramblers In this family concert, Daniel Steinberg and Kevin Carr of the Red Planet Ramblers will trace traditional music from Europe to the New World, showing the evolution of instruments from the bagpipe and hurdy-gurdy to the fiddle and piano. Feb. 15, 2-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

LIVE MUSIC

Keith Little and the Little Band Redwood Bluegrass Associates will welcome Keith Little and the Little Band, along with special guest Blaine Sprouse — an ensemble playing a full range of stringed instruments which will perform an evening of bluegrass-based music. A jam session will occur prior to the event at 5 p.m.; show starts at 7:30. Feb. 7, 7 p.m. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; half-price for teens, students; free for under age 13 or music students. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. www.rba.org/#little

ON STAGE

'2 Pianos 4 Hands' TheatreWorks will put on a production of "2 Pianos 4 Hands," a comic coming-of-age story about two piano students who fall just short of stardom. Featured music ranges from Bach and Beethoven to Scott Joplin and Jerry Lee Lewis. See website for specific times, dates and pricing. Jan. 14-Feb. 15. \$19-\$74; discounts available for educators, seniors, those age 30 and under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

'Abduction from the Seraglio' West Bay Opera will put on a production of the "Abduction of the Seraglio," Mozart's comedy about a Spanish nobleman's journey to Turkey to rescue his lover from a harem. The opera will be fully staged, with period costumes and sets, a chorus and orchestra. Feb. 13, 15 and 21, 8 p.m.; Feb. 22, 2 p.m. \$40-\$75. Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.wbopera.org

'Betrayal' The Pear Avenue Theatre's latest production is "Betrayal," a play by Harold Pinter and directed by Ray Renati that explores the complexity of relationships through a seven-year affair. Jan. 29-Feb. 22, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$25/\$20 Thursday, Sunday; \$30/\$25 Friday, Saturday; \$10 Jan. 29 preview. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. www.thepear.org/betrayal.htm

'Maple and Vine' For its latest production, the Los Altos Stage Company will perform "Maple and Vine," a play by Jordan Harrison about a couple who leave their 21st-century lives behind to join a community of 1950s re-enactors. See the website for specific dates. Jan. 29-Feb. 22, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

'Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch' For one of its Stories on Stage productions, Peninsula Youth Theatre will perform "Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch," a tale about a lonely man who receives a mysterious valentine. Feb. 13, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. \$8 Friday; \$10 Saturday. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/feb15.html

SENIORS

'Grief and Loss' Sean from Pathways will give a talk about recognizing the symptoms of

grief and using available resources to help cope with loss. Feb. 12, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/seniors

Mountain View Community Shuttle 101 The Mountain View Senior Center will host an info session on the city's new community shuttle, helping community members recognize stops and understand the schedule and other features. Feb. 10, 1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/seniors

SVILC housing search workshop This two-hour workshop will provide an overview of the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center's available services for the cross-disability community. It will focus on how the center can help with the housing search and assistance and generally securing integrated, affordable and accessible housing. Feb. 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/seniors

SUPPORT GROUPS

Meet & Move orientation The Meet & Move program, designed by El Camino Hospital and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation to bring adult family caregivers together to walk and discuss their shared experiences, will hold an orientation. Community members from Mountain View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and surrounding communities are welcome. Feb. 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-934-3556. www.elcaminohospital.org/Patient_Services/Health_Library/Meet_and_Move_Program

LECTURES & TALKS

'Confidence, Posture, and Poise' Dana Ben-Yahuda will give a free talk at the Oshman Family JCC about the importance of body awareness and posture in exuding confidence. Feb. 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Room E-104, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Events/EventId/389/e/confidence-posture-and-poise-7-feb-2015



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'Silicon Valley Stories' This panel discussion moderated by Mike Cassidy, a former San Jose Mercury News business columnist, will offer stories about Silicon Valley in its early days and how entrepreneurs built their companies. Speakers will include Chuck Geschke, Adobe Systems co-founder and board chairman; Donna Dubinsky, co-founder of Handspring and former CEO of Palm; Sandra Kurtzig, founder of Ask Computer Systems; and others. Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Free. Los Altos High School, Eagle Theater, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-8710. www.losaltoshistory.org/lure_/_legends.html

Author John Burley on 'The Forgetting Place' John Burley, author of the award-winning "The Absence of Mercy," will share his latest work of psychological suspense, "The Forgetting Place." Feb. 10, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/john-burley-books-inc-mountain-view

Lath Carlson on 'Body Metrics' At this Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum event, Lath Carlson — vice president of exhibits and content development at the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose — will describe a new permanent exhibit called "Body Metrics: Exploring the Digital You." Feb. 10, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 lunch. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

Mountain View library tours The Mountain View Public Library will offer two tours for the public: one at 6 p.m. providing a virtual tour of the library's e-book offerings, and the other at 6:30 p.m. guiding attendees through the physical collections and offering a glimpse behind the scenes. Feb. 12, 6-7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Workforce Diversity Summit This summit will provide employers with practical strategies to identify, acquire, retain and foster a diverse workforce representing different ethnicities, genders, ages, sexual orientations and abilities. Feb. 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$495-\$999. Microsoft, Silicon Valley Campus, 1065 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-8378. workforcediversitysummit.eventbrite.com



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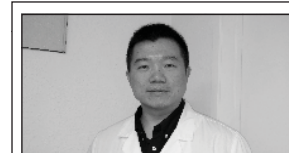
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This business is owned by: An
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SHAWN BRANNON
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Mtn. View, CA 94041

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Mountain View, CA 94040
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name(s) listed above on 1/1/2015.
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SMGR 2015
SANTA MARIA GLOBAL REUNION 2015
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600360

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
1.) SMGR 2015, 2.) Santa Maria Global
Reunion 2015, located at 1587 Morgan
St., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa
Clara County.

This business is owned by: A General
Partnership.
The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
ANGIE SIVILA
1587 Morgan St.
Mountain View, CA 94043
EDITH CALLEJO
1874 Villa St.
Mountain View, CA 94041
Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on January 16, 2015.
(MVV Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2015)

MISH MOSH MEDLEY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600732

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Mish Mosh Medley, located at 1208
Phillips Ct., Santa Clara, CA 95051, Santa
Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Limited
Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the

owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
KHINE-HEARTED, LLC
2650 California St., Apt. 51
Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on January 28, 2015.
(MVV Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015)

997 All Other Legals

SUMMONS
(Citacion Judicial)
Case Number: 14CECG02389
(Numero del Caso):
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:

(Aviso al Demandado):
MICHAL SKLIBA, RUSSELL W. ZINDARS
and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive

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(Lo esta Demandando el Demandante):
COLTON COFFMAN

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plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not
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court to hear your case. There may be
a court form that you can use for your
response. You can find these court forms
and more information at the California
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the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If
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you may lose the case by default, and
your wages, money, and property may
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the court.

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you may want to call an attorney referral
service. If you cannot afford an attor-
ney, you may be eligible for free legal
services from a nonprofit legal services
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Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp),
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puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar
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de que le entreguen esta citacion y

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respuesta por escrito en esta corte y
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caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un
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puede pagar la cuota de presentacion,
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un formulario de exencion de pago de
cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a
tiempo, puede perder el caso por
incumplimiento y la corte le podra
quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas
advertencia.

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mendable que llame a un abogado
inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un
abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de
remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar
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en el Centro de Ayuda de las
Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la
corte o el colegio de abogados locales.
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reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos
por imponer un gravamen sobre cual-
quier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de
valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o
una concesion de arbitraje en un caso
de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gra-
vamen de la corte antes de que la corte
pueda desechar el caso.
The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y direccion de la corte es):
FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
1100 O Street
Fresno, California 93721
The name, address, and telephone num-
ber of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff
without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la direccion y el numero de
telefono del abogado del demandante,
o del demandante que no tiene abo-
gado es):
Russell K. Ryan, #139835
Motschieder, Michaelides, Wishon,
Brewer & Ryan LLP
1690 West Shaw Avenue, Suite 200
Fresno, California 93711
(559)439-4000
(559)439-5654
Date: August 13, 2014
(Fecha):
Clerk, by G. Saucedo, Deputy (secretario)
(Adjunto)
(MVV Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2015)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
SUSAN WOODS, aka SUSAN JEAN
WOODS
Case No.: 1-15-PR-175664
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, con-
tingent creditors, and persons who may
otherwise be interested in the will or
estate, or both, of SUSAN WOODS, aka
SUSAN JEAN WOODS.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by:
KRISTINA CUNNINGHAM, Interim Public
Administrator of the County of Santa

Clara in the Superior Court of California,
County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that:
KRISTINA CUNNINGHAM, Interim Public
Administrator of the County of Santa
Clara be appointed as personal repre-
sentative to administer the estate of the
decedent.

The petition requests authority to
administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of
Estates Act. (This authority will allow
the personal representative to take
many actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain very
important actions, however, the per-
sonal representative will be required to
give notice to interested persons unless
they have waived notice or consented
to the proposed action.) The indepen-
dent administration authority will be
granted unless an interested person files
an objection to the petition and shows
good cause why the court should not
grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be
held on February 20, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
in Dept.: 10 of the Superior Court of
California, County of Santa Clara, located
at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the peti-
tion, you should appear at the hearing
and state your objections or file written
objections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may be in
person or by your attorney.
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creditor of the decedent, you must file
your claim with the court and mail a
copy to the personal representative
appointed by the court within the later
of either (1) four months from the date
of first issuance of letters to a general
personal representative, as defined in
section 58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of
mailing or personal delivery to you
of a notice under section 9052 of the
California Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may affect
your rights as a creditor. You may want
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able in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the
court. If you are a person interested in
the estate, you may file with the court
a Request for Special Notice (form
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory
and appraisal of estate assets or of
any petition or account as provided in
Probate Code section 1250. A Request
for Special Notice form is available from
the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Mark A. Gonzalez, Lead Deputy
County Counsel
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL
373 West Julian Street,
Suite 300
San Jose, CA 95110
(408)758-4200
(MVV Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2015)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
JACQUELINE WEINTRAUB, aka
JACQUELINE RENEE WEINTRAUB
Case No.: 1-15-PR175780
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons who
may otherwise be interested in the
will or estate, or both, of JACQUELINE
WEINTRAUB, aka JACQUELINE RENEE
WEINTRAUB.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by:
DANA WEINTRAUB in the Superior Court

of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that:
DANA WEINTRAUB be appointed as per-
sonal representative to administer the
estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to
administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of
Estates Act. (This authority will allow
the personal representative to take
many actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain very
important actions, however, the per-
sonal representative will be required to
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they have waived notice or consented
to the proposed action.) The indepen-
dent administration authority will be
granted unless an interested person files
an objection to the petition and shows
good cause why the court should not
grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held
on March 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.:
10, of the Superior Court of California,
County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N.
First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the peti-
tion, you should appear at the hearing
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Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Diane S. Greenberg
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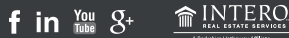


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