

Kudos: Filmmaking for kids, changing the world through theater and providing healthcare

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SARAH JONES

Occupation Vice president, Tanzania Health and Education Mission

Home Redwood City

Achievement The 27-year-old and three others formed the nonprofit following a journey to Tanzania in 2007. The organization provides assistance to clinics and schools, as well as awards scholarships.



"With 'The Black/White Divide in America,' I have fulfilled a long-held dream to be a published author."

RALPH GORDON

Occupation Software sales representative

Home Castro Valley

Achievement The technology marketer who strives to bring people from diverse backgrounds closer together will sign copies of his acclaimed book between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sept. 7 at Allen Temple in Oakland.



"The only reason to write a play is to change the entire world. And if you use comedy, you can get away before people realize what you're doing!"

MICHAEL GENE SULLIVAN

Occupation Actor, writer, director

Home San Francisco

Achievement The San Francisco Mime Troupe member is celebrating his 20th anniversary with the group. The performer, who has lived in San Francisco since age 7, also wrote the stage adaptation of "1984" directed by Tim Robbins.

CELEBRATE MISSION BAY



Floating White House: Tours of the USS Potomac will be offered at the 2008 South Beach Block Party on Sept. 14.

Tons of fun in store at South Beach block party

Looking for a fun way to spend the afternoon Sept. 14? How about at a block party?

South Beach, Mission Bay and Rincon Hill are hosting their bi-annual "noncommercial" block party at South Beach Park, between Pier 40 and McCovey Cove, from noon to 4 p.m.

Among the offerings are everything from music and lawn games to free tours of Franklin Roosevelt's USS Potomac, aka the "floating White House," at 12:30 p.m.; donations are encouraged.

Other activities include a Wells Fargo historic stagecoach and a \$10 after-party Bay cruise at 3:30 p.m. There will be clowns, balloon animals and a talking police car.

The event's major sponsors are the nonprofit Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors and Pets Are Wonderful Support. Many other community groups also are lending a hand.

According to event chair Marty Corroset, the third South Beach, Mission Bay and Rincon Hill Block Party — previous gatherings were in 2004 and 2006 — "welcomes the Rincon Hill residents, businesses and organizations as part of our fast-growing, dynamic neighborhood."

For more information, visit www.2008blockparty.com.

SARAH JONES

"Working within this organization has given me the opportunity to reach out to people less fortunate than myself and help them with aspects of their lives that I had previously taken for granted in my own."

Occupation: Vice president, Tanzania Health and Education Mission

Home: Redwood City

Achievement: The 27 year-old and three other women formed Tanzania Health and Education Mission following an exploratory journey to Tanzania in 2007. The team brought with them discarded medical supplies and \$7,000 to benefit impoverished communities in the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania. Today, T.H.E. Mission provides assistance to three clinics and two primary schools as well as awards academic scholarships.