Members of the Foothill-De Anza district board on Monday appointed Joan Barram to finish out the term of former trustee Hal Plotkin, who left to serve as an advisor in the Obama administration.

Barram, who has been active for years in the district, submitted her application alongside a handful of other community and business leaders, and was selected from among four finalists after an open group interview at the district board meeting Monday afternoon.

“It was very interesting to go through the interview process and then (watch the board) vote, stand up and be

Advocates squabble over Fong bill to help lenders

By Daniel DeBolt

It was a scenario that happened all too often leading up to the credit crisis: A home loan officer would verbally negotiate what sounded like good loan terms in the borrower’s native language, only to have the borrower sign loan documents in English, a language they couldn’t read, with terms they couldn’t afford.

Assembly member Paul Fong, the Cupertino Democrat who represents Mountain View, has authored a bill he hopes will thwart it in the future.

Fong’s AB 1160 requires state chartered home loan lenders to provide borrowers with a written copy of their loan agreement in the same language it was verbally negotiated in, as long as it is Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean.

“Every person deserves to know exactly what a contract says when they sign it,” Fong stated recently. “It only makes sense that written terms of a contract be in the same language that the terms were negotiated in verbally.”

While the bill as originally written was well-intentioned, its fine print hid some major flaws, said James Zahradka, a senior attorney with the Public Interest Law Firm in San Jose who has been providing free legal representation to victims of predatory home lending for the last five years.

Zahradka’s firm expressed its concern to Sacramento lawmakers, and as of Wednesday morning, some or all of the issues reportedly were being addressed in a deal with legislators.

As of press time, however, the bill had yet to be approved.

Zahradka said his firm was convinced that the bill, in its original form, “may well actually undermine the existing, stronger protections

Google plans upgrades to its free WiFi service

By Daniel DeBolt

Several weeks ago — and three years after giving the gift of free WiFi Internet to its hometown — Google met with local residents to discuss possible improvements to the network. In response to resident’s comments, Google has budgeted for a bevy of improvements.

Google plans to extend WiFi coverage into unserved neighborhoods and increase the network’s capacity. And at last, users can report problems with their Internet connection via telephone instead of e-mail.

According to Karl Garcia, the Google technician who oversees the network, Google has budgeted thousands of dollars for over a dozen new WiFi radios that will extend coverage into four private housing complexes and a portion of the Old

DOODLE DUDE:
Cartoonist Robin Edgar draws in his sketchbook at Dana Street Roasting Co. on a recent Thursday. Edgar, a regular at Dana Street, has just released the first issue of his comic book series, “Uno the Alien.” See story, p.7.
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John Meyer, Mountain View

“Maybe. We’ve only explored our solar system, so they might be in other ones.”
Will Maruyama, Los Altos

“If they do exist, I hope they would be more peaceful than us.”
Laura Burns, Ann Arbor, Mich.

“There’s so much space in the universe, there might be something. But I’ve never been visited or anything.”
Allida Warn, Ann Arbor, Mich.

“I really don’t think so. I haven’t seen any proof which caught my eye.”
Ricardo Ortiz, Mountain View

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Free to shout

By Don Frances

LAST WEEK’S editorial on town hall meetings — specifically, on Rep. Anna Eshoo’s “telephone town hall meetings” — had a few readers seeing red. This is a good thing — we don’t want anybody nodding off out there. The gist of their misspelled to be the fact that the editorial disparaged the shouters we’ve been seeing at town hall meetings — the ones who show up not to talk, or ask questions, but to chant,oller, hurl insults and so forth.

Some of them look like they’re about to give themselves a hernia. That would be ironic at a meeting on health care.

Anyway, a few Voice readers said these people are merely exercising their right to free speech, and where do we get off. As one Town Square poster put it:

“Your support of a strategy that prevents Americans from gathering in public to let their multitude of voices be heard to their Congressional representative — be they left, right, or somewhere in between — reveals an elitism on the editor’s part and a total lack of appreciation for our democratic heritage. Who can assure that the entire process is not rigged to control the message? Can you Don Frances?”

The poster continued: “What the editor calls ‘noise’ is the voices of...”

Diplomat still leads dramatic life

MOUNTAIN VIEW RESIDENT DAVID STRAUB HELPED CLINTON FREE JOURNALISTS IN NORTH KOREA

By Daniel DeBolt

W hen former President Bill Clinton traveled to North Korea last month to negotiate the release of two American journalists, the advisor at his side was Mountain View resident David Straub, a former American diplomat.

Because of Clinton’s efforts, Bay Area journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee were able to return home instead of serving a 12-year sentence in a North Korean hard labor camp. Although Straub isn’t divulging details about the trip — he said he wanted to honor agreements with North Korean officials that he not speak about it — he is proud of his diplomatic accomplishments.

In 2006, Straub left his job as a senior foreign service officer for the State Department, wrapping up a 30-year career as a U.S. diplomat. In that time he has worked for several American presidents and helped negotiate with North Korea over its nuclear weapons program. He now lives across the street from Cuesta Park with his wife.

“I retired from the State Department in 2006 in significant part because I was very frustrated with the incompetence and obtuseness of President Bush’s foreign policy,” Straub said.

In the meantime, Caltrain has installed a regulator valve on every horn that allows the volume to be performed the required sequential blast, according to Dunn. But the noisier Caltrain horns were not well received among members of the community who live near the tracks, she said.

As soon as we moved the horns up to the top of the trains, we started hearing from people that they were much louder,” Dunn said.

The agency is investigating whether the horns can be moved back below the trains and still meet federal regulations, an investigation that could take several weeks, she said.

Kosher on Castro

OWNERS SAY NEW DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT IS ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND FROM LA TO SEATTLE

By Daniel DeBolt

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Diane Ducey of Chesley Avenue sent in this photo, taken in July from her backyard in the Waverly Park neighborhood, along with the following explanation:

“What you see are two CH-46 United States Marine Corps helicopters flying overhead in an easterly direction. CH-46s, also known as Sea Knights, are used for transporting troops in war zones and were first used in the Vietnam War. We knew what we were seeing because our son, Rick Lund, was a USMC pilot who flew CH-46 helicopters during two tours of duty in Iraq in 2003 and 2004-05.”

Ducey added, “We have no idea why they were in our neighborhood that day. The closest CH-46 squadrons are at Camp Pendleton and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in the San Diego area.”

If you have a photo taken around town which you’d like published in the Voice, please send it (as a jpg attachment) to editor@mv-voice.com.
The comic book kid

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A MAROONED ALIEN, A TALKING FISH-COP AND A ROBOT BECOME ROOMMATES?

By Katherine Tolentino

Perched at a table at Dana Street Roasting Co., Robin Edgar fills his sketchbook with pages upon pages of fascinating characters. Each drawing seems more detailed and strange than the last: a proud, slender female alien in a business suit; a shifty-eyed salmon in a police uniform smoking a cigarette; an angry arch-nemesis with enormous fleshy hands. They are among the many characters populating his newly published comic, “Uno the Alien,” the first in a series which he has been working on since his early high school years. But the 20-year-old cartoonist’s love for comics goes back even farther than high school.

“Most of these characters I drew when I was 7 years old,” he said, then elaborates with a joke: “When I mention that I’ve been drawing since I was a little kid, I’ve been drawing since I was an embryo, pretty much.”

Born into a home full of creative spirit (his father was an experimental filmmaker, and his parents met in an electronic music class), from a young age Edgar was inspired by the works of Walt Kelly, best known for his classic comic “Pogo,” and Eiichiro Oda, creator of “One Piece” and “Pogo,” and Eliichiro Oda, creator of “One Piece” and “Wanted!”

Edgar, who lives in Sunnyvale, suffered from childhood deafness until the age of 4; in place of reading bedtime stories out loud to young Robin, his father instead taught him to read and draw comics.

“Other kids would be reading fairy tales. I read political satires,” he said. “My dad and I drew together and learned how to manufacture storylines. He’d print out panels and I would draw on them.” Later, when his hearing recovered, the comics helped Edgar to improve his developing grammar and pronunciation.

Now Edgar, a regular fixture at Dana Street, spends two to three hours a day drawing and designing more issues of Uno the Alien. It’s the story of Uno, a teenage alien and musician, who crash lands on Earth and winds up with a salmon police officer, Tom, and a robot, 808, as his roommates.

The simple yet absurd concept behind his story gives Edgar the freedom to tackle a broad range of topics and themes with the cartoons. The comic, he said, “has become just a melting pot for all my ideas. It never gets boring. ... You want a zombie that comes back from the dead? That’s fine. You want corporate CEOs that happen to be mass-produced? Sure.”

Local readers will appreciate the setting of Edgar’s stories, largely inspired by California’s gorgeous and varied landscapes. “You go down to Big Sur and realize that the world is a lot bigger than you are, that California is a lot bigger than you are. And you realize that you wish you could turn people on to how beautiful the place is,” Edgar explains. The interactions between his unique characters are witty, honest and sentimental when called for, and they reflect Edgar’s own vibrant, thoughtful voice.

In the next few months, the first installment of Uno the Alien will be available at several local retailers, including the Cartoon Art Museum in San Francisco. Edgar is currently working on his fourth issue, and plans to draw and publish many more.

![Art by Robin Edgar.](image)

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**INFORMATION**

“Uno the Alien” can be found online at unothealien.deviantart.com. More of Edgar’s art, including sketches of patrons at Dana Street Roasting Co., are posted at unoalien.deviant.com.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**FORMER NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD Restoration Advisory Board Meeting**

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

Thursday, September 10, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at:

Building 943 Eagle Room
1 NASA Parkway
Mountain View, CA 94025

*Building 943 (Public Affairs Building) is located just before the main gate on NASA Parkway*

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities under way 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) 903-6357.

For more information, contact Ms. Kathy Stewart, Navy Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator at: (415) 743-4715 or kathryn.stewart@navy.mil.


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under current law. We’ve been able to use this law to successfully represent borrowers who were ripped off and save their homes, as well as get lenders and brokers to agree to stop the bad practices in the future that led to these borrowers’ claims.”

State law currently requires mortgage brokers to issue disclosures in foreign languages, but AB 1160 would require loan “originators,” such as banks, to do the same. (Federally chartered lenders, which make up more than half of all lenders in California, are not required to issue disclosures under any law.)

A big problem with AB 1160, Zahradka said, is that it does not allow for borrowers to defend themselves in court — only the state attorney general or state lending regulators can do that. And given their track record for doing so, it makes the law “unenforceable” he said.

Fong’s office said he was too busy to respond by press time, but directed questions to Paul Leonard, director of the Center for Responsible Lending in Oakland, which sponsored the bill. Leonard said "Their view is that judges won’t do what we think they are going to do,” Zahradka said. “But we have been litigating these cases for five years, and we know.”

Zahradka said opposing the bill put him in an uncomfortable position politically, but the negatives outweighed the positives.

“We’re not doing this for our health,” he said. “Assemblymember Fong has been a very strong supporter of our client communities. I have never had a desire to oppose any of his bills.”

Leonard acknowledged that Zahradka is usually on his side.

“We’re a policy organization and we do work closely with James,” Leonard said. “This is a circumstance where even the best of friends can have some disagreements.”

AB 1160 recently passed the state Assembly with 48 votes for and 20 against. The state Senate is expected to vote on the bill any day now, which is why last-minute negotiations are still pending. Following a final Assembly vote, the bill will go to the governor for signing.

“After litigating in this area for years and looking at AB 1160 for months, we are very concerned,” he wrote in an e-mail on Tuesday. The reason, he said, is that a judge could “wrongly decide that the new law represented the will of the Legislature not to allow for rescission remedies for affected consumers entitled to rescission remedies under current law, and this would mean that borrowers would be stuck with predatory loans and foreclosure where they might get relief under current law.”

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KITCHEN TABLE

Kitchen Table and Izzy’s Brooklyn Bagels in Palo Alto.

A grand opening was held on Tuesday at the restaurant, and Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga attended along with council member Mike Kasperzak and Chamber of Commerce president Oscar Garcia. Local rabbis also attended, as did the reggae-singing pop star and Hasidic Jew Matisyahu, who happened to be eating there as the crowd gathered.

The owners claim The Kitchen Table is the only full-service kosher restaurant between Los Angeles and Seattle.

Playing a large part in the location choice was the site’s proximity to the fastest growing Jewish population in the country — according to Lent, the South Bay and Peninsula, especially Palo Alto and Sunnyvale — as well as many high-tech companies that have satellite offices in Israel, such as Intel, Google and Applied Materials. Lent claims that Google fulfills its obligation to feed their kosher-eating Jews to The Kitchen Table.

Among the unique practices of this restaurant is its employment of a Mashgiakh, the only one allowed to open and close the restaurant under Jewish law, and the person who ensures that kosher law is being followed while it operates. And while other restaurants are in full swing on Friday evenings and on Saturdays, Jewish law dictates that this restaurant be closed.

The Kitchen Table is “Glatt kosher,” which encompasses all the various types of kosher practiced worldwide. It also encompasses Halal practices, so devout Muslims can eat there (Lent says he has targeted quite a few Intel-employed Muslims as customers).

The restaurant’s menu features a mix of Mediterranean and Latin foods. According to Jewish kosher law, the restaurant cannot mix dairy and meat, so no dairy foods are found here. But diners will find matzo ball with chicken soup, various smoked and cured meats and hand-cut yam fries. Dishes range in price from $3 black bean hummus to a $12 corned beef sandwich on the lunch menu, and a $30 steak for dinner.

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BURGLARY ON LATHAM AVERTED

An out-of-towner helped prevent a possible residential burglary on the 2000 block of Latham Street last Saturday afternoon, police said.

Police spokesperson Liz Wylie said a man staying with some friends was left alone in the residence when only minutes later he heard someone outside the house.

“He heard a knock at the door right after they left, but he didn’t answer it because he was a guest in the house,” Wylie said.

“Within a minute or so after the knock the door popped open.”

The man confronted the intruder, who was carrying an identifiable object or tool. The suspect fled on a bicycle before authorities arrived. He is described as a short, Hispanic male with a medium build, approximately 25 years old. He was wearing a blue or purple T-shirt.

— Kelsey Masher

RESERVE CENTER HOSTS SOLDIERS’ HOMECOMING

After a year-long tour of duty in Iraq, 45 U.S. Army soldiers reunited with their families Sunday at a Mountain View reserve center, according to Army officials.

The soldiers, who are part of the Army’s Civil Affairs unit, worked to develop agricultural, economic and government programs in Iraq. They were stationed in some of the country’s most contentious areas, including Baghdad, Kirkuk, Mosul and along the Iranian border.

Most of the soldiers are from the Bay Area, while some are from Sacramento and Stockton, according to Army officials.

The soldiers arrived by bus Sunday morning at the Army’s reserve center, located at 1776 Old Middlefield Way, where they were reunited with their families. They had one last formation before being released from their tour.

— Bay City News

WIFI

Mountain View neighborhood east of Castro Street, where a lack of city-owned light poles had presented a challenge for Google.

And to meet a recent jump in demand for bandwidth, the network’s “backbone” capacity will increase thanks to a fourth “base station” that will probably be mounted on top of the police station’s radio tower.

The plans come as use of Google WiFi reaches its highest point yet: There are now about 19,000 “30-day active users” on the network, up from the previous all time high of about 16,000 over the month of June, Garcia said.

“People are definitely finding a use for the network,” he said.

Also in response to the meeting with residents, Google is now taking reports about the network’s problems via voicemail at (650) 450-8491. Users may want to speak clearly as the Google operator — actually a computer program called “Google Voice” — transcribes the reports into text for Google employees to read. (Garcia said the computer doesn’t always get the words right, so a copy of the voicemail is saved just in case.)

Garcia recently met with city employees who had some tips of their own for adding coverage to the area of downtown bordered by Castro Street, Church Street, Calderon Avenue and Villa Street. So far, that area has not been covered by Google WiFi because PG&E owns the light poles there, and wanted too much money to let Google put its WiFi nodes on them. (The city charges Google only $36 a year to use its light poles.) But Garcia has learned that there are a few “decorative light poles” in this area owned by the city that may work.

New nodes

The Voice had received complaints that The Crossings, a large private housing development near San Antonio station, has lacked WiFi coverage. After a Voice story in June mentioned that Garcia was willing to work with the homeowner’s association there, residents contacted Garcia at the meeting to begin the process of adding nodes in the neighborhood. Residents and owners of three other private housing developments also showed up at the meeting to request network nodes, which they will now get as long as the owners are willing to sign legal waivers and pay for special installation costs. Mounting a node on a building can be far more expensive than mounting one on a light pole, Garcia said.

Also in Google’s budget are two special WiFi radios that will be tested in Mountain View police cars. The high-tech, high-powered radios will allow officers to access the Internet almost anywhere in Mountain View, even while the cars are moving. Bandwidth will increase over the current cell phone data connection (which will remain as a backup).

Among the benefits, according to Google technicians, officers would be able to access video and file police reports from the field, neither of which is possible now. The City Council may decide to install a radio in every one of the city’s police cars — at a cost of $1,500 or $3,000 each, depending on which of two models is chosen.

For ordinary users, the Google WiFi network primarily works in outdoor areas close to any of the city’s 500 light-pole-mounted nodes. This service level is due to the low-level power of WiFi connectors in most laptops and iPods, Google technicians say. But special WiFi routers, available for around $100, can be used to help a laptop or other wireless device communicate with the nearest WiFi radio through walls and over longer distances.

More information is available at wifi.google.com.

EDITOR’S DESK

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Americans, past, present and future, whose individual voices, no matter how weak, strong, coherent, incoherent, young, old, left or right, have combined to make this nation great. Take those voices away, and we lose a big part of who we are. I agree, which is why I’m all in favor of protests and rallies. Just not inside the town hall meet- ings. People are trying talk at those things.

ONE PERSON who never seems to have trouble expressing her opinion is Rose Talmage of Montalvo Drive, who turned 90 years old on Aug. 23. Happy birthday Rose. ☑️

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sworn in, and then walk into a closed session,” Barram told the Voice. “It was sort of surreal.”

“My personal goal for Foot hill-De Anza is for them to be the best community colleges in the country,” Barram told board members during the interview. She said she believes community colleges are in the “perfect position to be a key driver in the recovery of our economy.” Barram has been involved with the district in various ways since 1987, serving on an advisory committee for the Euphrat Museum of Art at Foothill College. In the early 1990s she became involved with the Foothill-De Anza Foundation Board. After moving to D.C. and back again, she became president of the Foundation from 2005 to

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SPEAKING UP  SINCE 1992

STRAB said, “In most cases, career diplomats, once they leave, they don’t return.”

In June 2008 he became associate director of the Korean Studies Program at Stanford, and is now writing a book that contrasts Korean and American culture. Despite rumors to the contrary, Straub has not been an informal advisor to President Barack Obama. He says his work for the U.S. government is done, and his trip with Clinton was “a special case. That was a private mission and a humanitarian mission. They needed someone like me who spoke Korean and could be of some support.”

Korean studies

By chance or by design, Straub’s relationship with Korea started when he was given a job doing visa work in the U.S. embassy in South Korea during a “dramatic and intellectually stimulating time,” just months before South Korean President Park Chung-hee was assassinated in 1979.

Today, South Korea is a thriving democracy. Most Americans don’t realize, Straub said, “just how quickly it has changed and developed. Thirty years ago it was still a traditional society. But in less than two generations it became one of the world’s wealthiest countries and most stable democracies.”

“It is very, very interesting, sociologically speaking, to look at South Korea and contrast that with the virtual collapse of North Korea,” Straub said.

Although relations between the U.S. and South Korea are relatively good, cultural misunderstandings still abound. “Events are ascribed a meaning in South Korea that Americans never imagined,” Straub said.

Straub’s book, which is not yet completed, focuses on one example, a particularly tragic event which led to huge protests in Korea.

In 2002, an American military vehicle accidentally ran over two 13-year-old schoolgirls walking to a library on a country road in a village north of Seoul. When the American soldiers were acquitted in court and the incident declared an accident, hundreds of thousands of Koreans took to the streets to protest the American military’s presence in their country.

“Americans saw that as a tragedy, a terrible accident,” Straub said. “Koreans tended to regard that as one more example of Americans, especially the U.S. military, disrespecting them, treating them terribly and not taking responsibility. There is a different legal culture in Korea. Even in a situation like that, people go to jail or reach large financial settlements with families.”

In his book, Straub said, “I try to explain how both sides looked at these events, and hope that at least some people in both countries read it and understand each other little better.”

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MORE STUDENTS BIKING TO SCHOOL THIS YEAR

A PTA-sponsored program to get more Mountain View High students to bike to school is seeing more participants than ever this year, organizers say.

The “Carbon Free Commute Challenge” was started three years ago by Mountain View parents to promote green habits and alleviate traffic congestion near school.

Scott Chan, co-chair of the program, reported that organizers have counted more than 200 bikes on some days so far this year, about twice as many as when they started the program in 2007. The program encourages biking or walking to school by offering small prizes, such as energy bars, on random days to those who participate.

A count from last Thursday indicated that freshmen have the highest rate of participation — amounting to 44 percent of bikers — while seniors are the least participatory, making up only 10 percent of the bike traffic.

LIBRARY OFFERS FREE HOMEWORK HELP ONLINE

Local students can now utilize free, live, online homework help, in English or Spanish, through the Mountain View Library’s Web site.

The program, called Brainfuse, is being made available by a grant the library received from the state and by a contribution from Friends of the Library.

According to Karin Bricker, supervising librarian, anyone with a library card can access Brainfuse. Tutors and students work together using a downloadable “white board,” letting any student from grades three to 12 receive one-on-one tutorial help — including academic exercises or critiques on essays — all for free.

There is an adult component too, Bricker said, for those who are learning English. In an area where many students come from households where Spanish is the primary language, this tool could be particularly helpful.

Bricker said the grant will be phased out over the next several years, with Friends of the Library taking on more of the financial burden each year.

To access Brainfuse, go to the library Web site at www.mounta-inview.gov/city_hall/library and click on “Resources Online,” then look under the category labeled “Homework.”

— Kelsey Mesher

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**Community Health Education Programs**

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**Lecture and Workshops**

*Update on Food Allergies in Children*

Presented by Kristina Philpott, M.D.,
PAMF Allergy and Immunology

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., 650-853-4873

**Living Well Classes**

*Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction*

Free orientation, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6:30 – 9 p.m. Classes start on Monday, Sept. 14 and Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30 – 9 p.m., 650-853-2960

**Nutrition and Diabetes Classes**

*Bariatric Class*

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 9:30 a.m. – noon, 650-853-2961

*Healthy Eating with Type 2 Diabetes*

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., 650-853-2961

*Prediabetes*

Monday, Sept. 14, 9 – 11:30 a.m., 650-853-2961

*Heart Smart Class*

Must attend both sessions. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 & 22, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., 650-853-2961

**Pregnancy, Breastfeeding and Child Care Classes**

*Preparing for Birth*

Thursdays, Sept. 3 – Oct. 8, 7 – 9 p.m., 650-853-2960

*Breastfeeding*

Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. – noon, 650-853-2960

*Feeding Your Toddler*

Thursday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. – noon, 650-853-2961

*Moving Through Pregnancy*

Mondays, Sept. 14, 21, & 28, 7 – 9 p.m., 650-853-2960

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**Support Groups**

*Cancer*

650-342-3749

*CPAP*

650-853-4729

*Diabetes*

650-224-7872

*Drug and Alcohol*

650-853-2904

**Redwood Shores Health Center**

**290 Redwood Shores Parkway**

**Nutrition and Diabetes Classes**

*Prediabetes*

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., 650-853-2961

**Mountain View Center**

**701 E. El Camino Real**

**Weight Management Class**

*Lifesteps® Weight Management (18-week session starts)*

Thursday, Sept. 3, 6 – 7:15 p.m., 650-934-7373

**Pregnancy, Breastfeeding and Child Care Classes**

*Infant Emergencies and CPR*

Wednesday, Sept. 2 and 23, 6 – 8:30 p.m., 650-934-7373

*Childbirth Preparation (3 part or two day series)*

Thursday, Friday, or Thursday/Saturday sessions, Sept. 3, 4 or 17, 650-934-7373

*Breastfeeding*

Monday or Tuesday, Sept. 8 or 14, 6:30 – 9 p.m., 650-934-7373

*Preparing for Baby*

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., 650-934-7373

**Sunnyvale Center**

**201 Old San Francisco Road**

**Breastfeeding Support Group**

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For a complete list of classes and class fees, lectures and health education resources, visit: pamf.org.

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**OBITUARIES**

**MARTIN EDWIN GANSCHOW**

Martin Edwin Ganschow, a Mountain View resident, died Aug. 22 in Mountain View. He was 85.

Ganschow was born on Nov. 3, 1923 in Mitchell, S.D., to George William and Alberta Tielebein Ganschow. He had three sisters and two brothers: Eileen Barrett, Verna Lanting, George E. Ganschow, Ardene Gray and Donald L. Ganschow.

He was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1943, and came to the Bay Area to work for Hewlett Packard in 1951. He had two children, Debora Gilley and Martin Ganschow Jr.; and one granddaughter, Caitlyn.

In 1972 he remarried to Virginia L. Ganschow. He retired from HP in the late 1980s.

Funeral services were held at Casimano Family Colonial Mortuary in Mountain View, followed by interment at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto. An online guestbook is available at www.cusimanocolonial.com.

**KATRINA MOORE SMATHERS**

Katrina Moore Smathers, a 47-year resident of Los Altos, died Aug. 21 of ovarian cancer. She was 75.

Smathers was born and grew up in Boston, and moved with her family to Fairbanks, Alaska, as a teenager. After attending the University of Alaska and graduating from Wellesley College, she taught science and mathematics in a boarding school for Native American girls in South Dakota.

She earned an MA in biology from Washington University in St. Louis.

In 1958, she married John Smathers, who was attending medical school at the university. They moved to Los Altos in 1962. While their two children were young, she taught preschool and parent education at the Los Altos Parent Pre-School.

After her husband’s death in 1979, Smathers developed a career in nonprofit finance and management. She worked primarily for the Community Health Awareness Council in Mountain View. She also served on the LASD board of trustees, as a grand juror, and in many other community roles.

She is survived by her son David Smathers Moore, daughter Mary Smathers, their spouses, and three grandchildren.

Donations may be made to CHAC, PO Box 335, Mountain View, 92042. A memorial service was held at the Palo Alto Friends’ Meeting on Aug. 29.
How would you spend an annual budget of $500 million, for 15 years, on Mars research? That's the question moderator David Kendall, director of General Space Science at the Canadian Space Agency, put to four world experts at a recent NASA Ames seminar.

The seminar was part of the International Space University's Summer Studies Program, a program which brought students from 35 countries here to Mountain View. They studied for nine weeks, learning how to collaborate on international space project proposals, launch rockets, speak to astronauts and undertake space research.

Pascale Ehrenfreund, a professor from George Washington University's Space Policy Institute, said she wants to explore the biology of space, beginning in a lab on Earth. In this way, she said, we can learn about molecules that might show signs of life and analyze images from Mars. She described three ways to look for life on Mars. First, one can study molecular structures found in living matter, like amino acids, found in proteins, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, found in fossil fuels. Second, there might be fossil evidence. Finally, iron-based minerals may have reacted with microbes.

Hajime Yano, from the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), gave a detailed roadmap for space exploration. Like Ehrenfreund, he emphasized getting the landing site right. The public will lose confidence in a mission if it brings back uninteresting rocks.

He noted that Martian ecology is a challenge. Energy, pollution, atmosphere, climate and habitat are hard to study on Earth, and really hard on Mars. Yano is interested in finding out how materials and life are exchanged between planets. After all, sending people to Mars is years away. Jim Green, Planetary Science Division director at NASA, pointed out that the last decade has seen some very successful work on Mars. The rovers Opportunity and Spirit have been working since January. Opportunity has recently discovered a large metallic meteorite, the size of a big watermelon. Scientists can learn about past atmospheres on Mars by seeing how its surface has changed with time. (Spirit is currently stuck in a sand trap, and getting covered by a dust storm, so scientists are simulating its escape route with two robots on Earth.)

In 2008, the Phoenix Mars Lander dug up icy soil and found water. Mars exploration is about following water, exploring former rivers, deltas, lakes and ice. It's about following gases that might spring from life. For example, scientists need to find out if the methane discovered on Mars is made from geological processes or from decaying biomass, like that underneath the Shoreline Amphitheatre.

David Southwood, director of Science and Robotic Exploration at the European Space Agency (ESA), told how, last July, in his home town of Plymouth, England, NASA and ESA agreed to collaborate on Mars missions. It's man's destiny to explore: Darwin sailed from Plymouth for the Galapagos, supported by the English navy. But space exploration is novel, and every mission is a new project. Southwood's message was that space research needs integrating into societal thinking, like naval activities are.

When it comes to changing societal thinking about space travel, Mountain View is on the forefront. You can see this for yourself by visiting NASA's Exploration Center. Touch a Mars globe, or view flyovers of Mars at the Immersive Theater. NASA is engaging our society.

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MV Home Sales

FORECLOSURES

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872 Central Ave. IndyBank, 5/05/09, $566,562, 1,018 sf, 3 bd

Los Altos

300 Cuesta Drive Hardwork Mortgage, 7/08/09, $945,000, 1,280 sf, 3 bd
1831 Fallon Leaf Lane Aurora Loan Services, 7/16/09, $1,546,757

Sunnyvale

824 Acacia Ave. GMAC Mortgage, 7/31/09, $445,500, 1,399 sf, 3 bd

1108 Breezewood Court Harborview Mortgage, 7/14/09, $299,165, 1,348 sf, 3 bd
875 E. Brookline Drive Frontont Home Loan, 8/04/09, $488,750, 1,356 sf, 3 bd
860 Cedar Ave. First Federal Bank, 7/21/09, $528,000, 1,276 sf, 3 bd
1072 Chico Court Long Beach Mortgage, 7/13/09, $504,242, 1,458 sf, 4 bd
793 Cypress Ave. Aurora Loan Services, 8/07/09, $514,977, 1,259 sf, 2 bd
639 Lakeshore Drive Index Mortgage Loan Trust, 7/08/09, $422,233, 1,484 sf, 3 bd
828 Lakeview Drive Deutsche Bank, 7/10/09, $313,977, 1,000 sf, 3 bd
605 E. Madsen Ave. Valleyfo Investment, 7/08/09, $370,000, 1,345 sf, 3 bd
1135 Reed Ave. #8 Washington Mutual Bank, 7/07/09, $430,500, 1,081 sf, 2 bd
405 S. Sunnyvale Ave. Washington Mutual Bank, 7/21/09, $561,000, 1,472 sf, 2 bd
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**New business model**

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**InBusiness**

**TEXTBOOKS**

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book,” she said. Digitized, open-license content gives faculty the freedom to customize their curriculum without violating copyright, Baker said. This allows for more specific, better tailored textbooks.

Advocates also say that, in addition to better serving educators and students, online textbooks are updateable. As an example, Hood pointed to an art history textbook at www.smarthistory.org. The site lets users walk through thousands of years of world art by time period, style, artist or theme. Video clips and virtual gallery tours are found alongside traditional text and images.

“You can make a beautiful coffee table book out of it, but it would be out of date as soon as you print it,” Hood said of the ever-evolving Web site.

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**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

Schedule and Map of Meeting Areas

All Meetings 6:30 to 8:30 pm unless noted otherwise

For more information, please visit www.mountainview2030.com. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or e-mail: community.dev@mountainview.gov.
Bummer for BMX riders

Editorial:

The flattening by bulldozer two weeks ago of an impromptu BMX track located along the Stevens Creek Trail near Central Avenue was an unhappy event for all parties concerned.

The BMX riders are of course the biggest losers. For nearly 20 years, their so-called “Creek Trails” or “Devil’s Island” site — essentially a dirt track, hand-built by shoveling-totals, with tall dirt mounds for jumps — was a popular gathering place for fans of the sport, which boasts a dedicated and growing following. BMX riders (the term is a quas- acronym for “bicycle moto-cross”) use small, sturdy off-road bicycles on which they perform amazingly high jumps and other daring feats.

But the official who ordered the track’s removal, city attorney Michael Martello, also expressed sorrow at doing what he said he had to do:

“Boy, this is one of the times I hate being an adult,” he wrote on the Voice’s Town Square online forum. “I am an old skateboarder and surfer at heart and have owned more bikes than I care to admit. Nevertheless, it was I who asked that our recreation folks level the impromptu bike jumps.”

Martello said the decision to remove the track was straightforward: City officials were worried about safety and the possibility of a lawsuit.

“As your city attorney, and charged with an important role in ensuring proper risk management, the call is simple. Make no mistake, we act first out of concern for safety and secondly out of concern for liability exposure. On both counts, we had but one decision to make.”

We don’t doubt Martello’s sincerity, and trust that he explored every legal option prior to eliminating the track. As city attorney, he is obligated to do his job, and the reasoning for his decision is sound.

But the track’s removal struck a nerve, even among those who don’t spend their free time jumping several feet into the air on bicycles. For many the situation seemed to touch at the core of several issues: the overly litigious nature of American society, the lack of activities for youth in Mountain View, the intrusion of government into every part of our lives.

“I think kids should be free to play, get a boo-boo when they fall, heal, and play some more,” one reader wrote.

“When should kids go to ride and jump now?” another asked. “What should they do to keep themselves busy? And we wonder why video game sales are so high.”

It remains to be seen what the city will do next. If the impromptu jumps are rebuilt, the city will likely demolish them again. But several years ago the City Council, led by then-member Ralph Faravelli, promised residents a BMX track near Shoreline Park. At that time a volunteer-build park was considered — at $60,000, a relatively cheap option for the city.

We hope the current council will take a long look at this and other options. Now is the perfect time to lay plans for a bicycle park — for both BMX and mountain bike riders — that is at once fun to use and safe for everyone.

LETTERS

VOICEs FROM THE COMMUNITY

DON’T GIVE AWAY COMMUNITY PARK

Editor:

Now that the incorporated “Save Open Space” organization has condemned the Cuesta Annex Park Plan (and is asking for an apology) and the Santa Clara Valley Water District has received yet another scathing report from the Grand Jury, I would hope this arrogant and unresponsive City Council would at least acknowledge the petition signed by 300 people opposing the Historic Museum and the water retention basin (overflow ditch) in Cuesta Park Annex.

Cuesta Park is one of only two “community” parks in Mountain View, a city of about 73,000 people. Parks should belong to the people — not just be bargaining chips for a few council voters.

This City Council cannot, in good faith, agree to “give away” Cuesta Park land.

Donald Letcher
Rengstorff Avenue

YOU CAN HELP SAVE LINE 34

Editor:

I read with interest your story on the VTA’s proposal to eliminate the 34 bus line in Mountain View (“Line 34 bus service hangs in the balance,” Aug. 21).

As someone who runs an indep- endent transit advocacy and watchdog group in San Jose, I have always told people that they have the right to express their concerns to the VTA’s Board of Directors. They meet every first Thursday of most months throughout the year. They will meet Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the County Supervisors’ Chambers, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose.

In addition, there is a bill in Congress, HR 2746, that allows transit agencies like the VTA to use more federal funding for tran- sit operations. Currently, transit agencies are restricted from using some federal transit capital fund- ing for operations. Congress- woman Zoe Lofgren of San Jose is one of over 50 co-sponsors of this bill. All Mountain View residents should contact Anna Eshoo, their representative in Congress, and urge her to co-sponsor this bill.

Let’s make sure to let our offi- cials — from San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, who sits on the VTA board, to Anna Eshoo in Con- gress — know how important Line 34 is to the local economy.

Eugene Bradley
Santa Cruz

OTHER WAYS FOR VTA TO SAVE MONEY

Editor:

Thank you for the story about VTA bus Line 34. From 2000 to 2002, the buses ran every 30 minutes (already too rarely, but better than once an hour now), reached Santa Clara station, and made a loop to the Mountain View Senior Center.

In 2008, the VTA introduced smaller buses with lower-priced drivers (“community buses”) on some routes, including 34. That was a step in the right direction. Maybe the VTA should use even smaller buses, like 10-seat vans? Or maybe the VTA could hire unemployed people, for cheap, so they drive their own along the routes? (Of course, make sure they are safe drivers.)

Here are some other ways the VTA could save money to avoid service cuts:

1) Air conditioners can be used less;
2) Drive less quickly around stoplights so there is less start- and-stop, saving gas;
3) Eliminate more VTA office workers. Hundreds of cars are parked around the VTA main office at 3331 N. First Street in San Jose.

In my native Russia, we see many private bus companies. They have few people in office, and they operate small buses or vans, with manual transmis- sions and without air condition- ers. Those vans run every few minutes, and those companies are profitable.

I wish the VTA (and SamTrans) could be like them — simple, cheap and efficient.

Yevgeniy Lysyv
Palo Alto
Momoya please
SHORELINE RESTAURANT COUNTS LOCAL PATRONS, HIGH-TECH GIANTS AMONG ITS CLIENTELE

By Kelsey Mesher

There’s more than one place in Mountain View to get a good plate of sushi. But not all of them can boast eight years of faithful patronage in an off-Castro neighborhood. But at Momoya Sushi on Shoreline Boulevard, owner Don Kim has built a faithful following among local residents by offering simple, fast and satisfying Japanese meals. He also offers full-service catering to some very high-end companies, such as Google and Facebook. Hoping to find out the secret to Kim’s success, we stopped in at around 7:30 on a recent Monday night, thinking for sure we’d miss the main dinner rush. But all the booths in the restaurant were full, so we settled for a mismatched table. Momoya, with its turquoise walls and minimal decor, isn’t best known for its fancy ambiance. But it’s safe to assume that the place’s many regulars (we saw several groups wave hello to the sushi chefs) come for the speedy service and good, dependable sushi.

Deciding to start with the basics, we ordered the gyoza ($5) and wakame, or seaweed salad ($5). While the gyoza...

Momoya features the Lion King roll, which is a California roll topped with baked salmon, tobiko and sweet sauce.

PV Saltimbocca alla Romana
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Ingredients:
- 1 pound (450-500 g) veal cutlets or scallops - 8 playing-card sized pieces  
- 8 slices of prosciutto  
- Fresh sage - 4 leaves for 8 slices of meat  
- Olive oil  
- unsalted butter  
- prosciutto side. Remove and set aside, keeping the cutlets warm. With the pan on the heat, immediately add 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter and a tablespoon of olive oil in a skillet and sauté the cutlets, veal side down to start, until done, cook the veal side a bit longer than the prosciutto side. Remove and set aside, keeping the cutlets warm. With the pan on the heat, immediately add 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter and a tablespoon of olive oil in a skillet and sauté the cutlets, veal side down to start, until done, cook the veal side a bit longer than the prosciutto side. Remove and set aside, keeping the cutlets warm. With the pan on the heat, immediately add 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter and a tablespoon of olive oil in a skillet and sauté the cutlets, veal side down to start, until done, look like the cutlets warm. With the pan on the heat, immediately add 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter and a tablespoon of olive oil in a skillet and sauté the cutlets, veal side down to start, until done, look like the cutlets warm. With the pan on the heat, immediately add 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter and a tablespoon of olive oil in a skillet and sauté the cutlets, veal side down to start, until done, look...
Momoya (Continued from page 17)

came out piping hot, its beef filling fell flat, almost flavor-
less without the accompanying dipping sauce. The wakame, a
 staple at most sushi restaurants, was simple and clean, not overly
dressed, and came in a generous portion.

Our miso soup, a favorite start
to a Japanese meal, was luke-
more, the house salad adequate

ting a generous

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Momoya roll is shrimp tempura topped with assorted cuts of fish.

Momoya offers a plethora of colorful and flavor-
ful rolls. Of the rolls we tried, the self-titled Momoya roll,
made with tempura shrimp and an assortment of tuna and
salmon layered on top, was clean and fresh. The tempura inside
was warm and crispy — right from the fryer to our table.

The Lion King ($10.95), a Cali-
ornia roll baked with salmon
and topped with tobiko and a
special sweet house sauce, was
unanimous favorite. Served
warm, the salmon was moist
and melted in your mouth. A
sushi purist might find the Lion

Momoya (Continued on next page)
FREE Seminar for Parents & Educators

“HOMEWORK & SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT”

Thursday, September 17
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Speaker: Susan Stone Belton
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As homework expectations have increased for all school-aged children, it has become an area of conflict and concern for many families. This workshop will explore the parents’ role with homework, how and when to help, and what to do when problems arise.

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King to be a bit too ostentatious, but for the casual diner, it is a warm, tasty divergence from more traditional offerings.

Classic nigiri orders (starting at $3.95) present generously sized pieces of fish. For sushi with a kick, try the dynamite roll ($6.95) — a deep-fried version of the spicy tuna roll. The 911 ($13.95) was on the pricier end of Momoya’s “premium” rolls, but worth it: a nice piece of soft shell crab in the center, with yellowtail tuna and eel on top.

For the hungry diner, dig into a donburi dish — usually vegetables and chicken, pork or beef served over rice. The chicken katsu don ($8.50) is served as a heaping chicken-vegetable omelet over rice with a teriyaki-like sauce. The enormous bowl is enough to split with a friend, the perfect comfort food on a chilly Mountain View evening.

As noted, Momoya offers the typical trappings of any neighborhood Japanese restaurant, including chicken, beef and salmon teriyaki and pork and chicken katsu (starting at $10.95). We ventured outside the bento box with the calamari steak teriyaki ($10.95) and found it slightly chewy, but worthwhile for the more adventurous eater.

Kim said his restaurant offers more vegetarian options than most small Japanese restaurants. Herbivores can try the tofu udon ($8.95), the san sai don or san sai udon made with pickled mountain vegetables ($9.50, $8.95) and a variety of vegetarian rolls. The yama roll ($5) is filled with gobo, mushroom, avocado and macadamia nut.

Momoya is straight-ahead and enjoyable. What the restaurant lacks in aesthetics, it makes up for in quality and convenience. Call ahead and order your favorite rolls for takeout — Kim will have them waiting for you at the front counter.

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(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) ***1/2
Century 16: 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:10 & 9:30 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 11:15 a.m.; 2:05, 5:25, 7:25 & 9:45 p.m.

ADAM (PG-13) ***1/2 Guild: 6 p.m.

ALL ABOUT STEVE (PG-13) **
Century 16: 1:15 p.m.; 4, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 11:15 a.m.; 2:05, 5:35, 7:55 & 9:50 p.m.

COLD SOULS (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)
Pal Alto Square: 2:45 & 7:20 p.m.

DISTRICT 9 (R) (NOT REVIEWED)
Century 16: 12:10, 3:10, 6:40, 9:35 & 10:30 p.m.
Century 20: 1:05, 3:45, 7:90 & 10:45 p.m.

EXTRACT (R) ***1/2 Century 16: 12:45, 3:05, 5:25 & 9:10 p.m.
Century 20: Fri. at 12:30, 3:55, 7:45 & 10:05 p.m.

THE FINAL DESTINATION (R) (NOT REVIEWED)
Century 16: 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7 & 9:05 p.m. in 30 at 11:25 a.m.; 1:35, 3:45, 5:50, 8:05 & 10:15 p.m.

G.I. JOE: THE RISE OF COBRA (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)
Century 16: 12:20, 3:20, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 11:40 a.m.; 2:15, 5:10, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.

G-FORCE (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)
Century 20: Fri. at 12:10, 2:30 & 4:45 p.m.

GAMER (R) (NOT REVIEWED)
Century 16: Noon, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 12:30, 2:50, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:15 p.m.

HALLOWEEN II (R) (NOT REVIEWED)
Century 16: 12:25, 2:35, 5:30 & 8:10 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 12:05, 1:20, 2:40, 4, 5:20, 6:35, 8, 9:10 & 10:30 p.m.

THE HANOVER G (R) ***1/2
Century 20: Fri. at 12:25, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05 & 10:30 p.m.

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG-13) ***1/2
Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 2:50 & 6:35 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 2:15, 3:35 & 6:05 p.m.

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH (R) ***1/2
GUILD: Fri. & Sun. at midnight.

THE HURT LOCKER (R) ***1/2
Pal Alto Square: 4:15 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10 p.m.

IN THE LOOP (NOT RATED) ***1/2
Guild: 8:30 p.m. Sat.–Mon. also at 3:30 p.m.

INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (R) ***
Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 1:15, 3, 5, 6:30, 7:40, 8:30 & 10 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 11:30 a.m.; 1:15, 2:45, 4:50, 6, 7:05, 8:15, 9:20 & 10:35 p.m.

IT MIGHT GET LOUD (PG) ***
Aquarius: 3:30 & 8:30 p.m.

JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) ***
Century 16: 12, 4, 7:10 & 9:05 p.m.
Century 20: Fri. at 11:25 a.m., 2:10, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.

PONYO (G) ***1/2
Century 16: 1:40, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10 & 12:40 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:25 p.m.

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (R) (NOT REVIEWED)
Guild: Sat. at midnight.

SHORTS (PG) ***
Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2 & 4:30 p.m.
Century 20: Fri. at 11:35 a.m.; 1:45, 4:15, 6:45 & 9:15 p.m.

TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) (NOT REVIEWED)
Century 20: Fri. at 1:15, 4:25, 7:10 & 10 p.m.
Pal Alto Square: 1:30 & 7:15 p.m.

THE TIME TRAVELER’S WIFE (PG-13) ***1/2
Century 16: 11:10, 4, 20, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Sat. at 1, 3:50, 6:45 & 9:20 p.m.

WORLD’S GREATEST DAD (R) (NOT REVIEWED)
Aquarius: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) ***1/2
( Century 16, 2010) This Generation Y story goes against the romantic-comedy grain. Boy meets girl. Boy thinks he understands girl. Boy goes to the movies. The film takes the male point of view, but it’s by no means miloform of animation. He can’t make eye contact. It doesn’t get a good role. But we follow the roller coaster of Tom (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). When he's at a movie with Deschanel's Summer, the boy’s of her relationship with the film’s brilliant gimmick is flip through the 500 days of the relationship as if they were in a Rolodex. With very funny observational humor, screenwriters Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber add insight to the for-mula. Rated PG-13 for sexual material and language. One hour, 35 minutes. — P.C.

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG-13) ***1/2
( Century 16, 2007) Based on the penultimate novel of J.K. Rowling’s seven-volume series, director David Yates’ latest “Harry Potter” film makes Rowling’s characters and environments richer and deeper with (com-ing) off age. Hogwarts’ headmaster Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon) focuses on preparing Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) to defeat evil. The key to defeating dark wizard Voldemort is a memory locked away in the mind of his former professor Horace Slughorn (Jim Broadbent, brilliantly here), who reluctantly agrees to return to Hogwarts. As Harry ples for Slughorn’s secret, the school is struck by emotional turbulence. Harry’s best friends Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint) are meant for each other, though they haven’t yet acknowledged it; meanwhile, Harry pines for Ron’s sister Ginny (Bonnie Wright). Rated PG for some violence, language and mild sensuality. Two hours, 22 minutes. — P.C.

INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (***
( Century 16, 2009) There’s no mistaking “Inglourious Basterds” for any-...
thing other than a Quentin Tarantino film. "Inglourious Basterds" is a comedy for the film-savvy. The crux of the plot is the story of Shoshanna Dreyfus (Mélanie Laurent), a Jewish survivor of a Nazi slaugher, as she plots revenge against the Nazis in general and, in particular, the man who killed her family. Now hiding in plain sight as the proprietress of a Parisian cinema, Shoshanna falls into the opportunity to wipe out the Nazi leadership at the premiere of a propaganda film. Meanwhile, the British government targets the same premiere. The whole enchilada turns out to be a self-referential commentary on the power of the medium, figuratively as propaganda or violent entertainment, and literally as the highly flammable fuel to a fire. Rated R for strong graphic violence, language and brief sexuality. Two hours, 33 min-
utes. — P.C.

IN THE LOOP 1 1/2 (Aquarius) Politics, clearly, are comedy gold (just ask Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert), and yet smart political studies seem to arrive at theaters only once or twice a decade. Thanks to "In the Loop," it's again time to think and laugh at the same time. One part "Dr. Strangelove" and two parts "The Office," "In the Loop" is a shifty-cam satire that wonky government movers and shakers on both sides of the Atlantic. The plot concerns the secret committee plotting a war in the Middle East on behalf of the U.S. President and U.K. Prime Minister, and those trying to block the war with strategic leaks and other maneuvers. With a bite that's going to leave a mark, "In the Loop" is the year's best comedy to date. Not MPAA rated. One hour, 49 minutes. — P.C.

IT MIGHT GET LOUD 1 1/2 (Aquarius) Davis Guggenheim's sideways glance at the electric guitar by way of profiling three generations of guitarists: Jack White of The White Stripes, The Edge of U2 and Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin. Guggenheim gets unprecedented access to the three, who share their tentative boyhood steps, their influences, their approach to playing and composing for the guitar, and what keeps their creative juices flowing. Cumulatively, a sort of history emerges, but it's not that kind of doc — it's more like three "60 Min-
utes" celeb profiles in one, if they were a bit more spontaneous. Rated PG for mild thematic elements, brief language and smoking. One hour, 37 minutes. — P.C.

JULIE & JULIA 1 1/2 (Century 16, Century 20) The gymnick of "Shorts" is a pun: Not only is the movie for the short-pants set, but it's constructed of six short films, the episodes shuddered to be training-wheels Tarantino. In the corpora-
tized town of Black Falls, everyone works for Black Box Unlimited Worldwide Industries, Inc., under the watchful glare of CEO Car-
bon Black (James Spader). Eleven-year-old eccentric Toe Thompson (Jimmy Bennett) languishes at Black Falls Company School, where he's bullied by Mr. Black's spawn: Cole Black (Devon Gearhart) and Helvetica Black (Jolie Vanier), the leader of the pack. Everything changes when Toe happens upon a rainbow-colored "wishing rock." Naturally, the wishing rock changes hands with troublesome regularity, conjuring up alligators, a pterodactyl, a mucus monster, and an unlimited supply of brand-name candy bars, among other inconveniences. The spilled-out lesson: "Be sure you are wishing for something worth wishing for." Rated PG for mild action and some rude humor. One hour, 29 minutes. — P.C.

THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE 1 1/2 (Century 16, Century 20) Adapted from Audrey Niffenegger's novel by Bruce Joel Rubin, "The Time Traveler's Wife" isn't very deep, but it can be taken as a metaphor for lovingly coping with the inconvenience and emotional whirlpools of illness. More to the point, this love story made up of signs and wonders suggests savoring the time you have. Rachel McAdams plays Clare Abshire, a Chicago artist destined to marry the time-tripping Henry DeTamble (Eric Bana). Plagued by a genetic anomaly dubbed "chrono-impaired," Henry unpredictably and against his will jumps in time, making him the ultimate in unreliable romantic partners. Rated PG-13 for thematic ele-
ments; brief disturbing images, nudity and sexuality. One hour, 48 minutes. — P.C.
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