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Los Altos High School grad Sher Chu greets fellow grads after the commencement ceremony on Tuesday.

Moving up in the world

PROUD SENIORS SAY GOODBYE TO HIGH SCHOOL, LOOK TO FUTURE

By Molly Tanenbaum

When seniors at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools tossed their graduation caps

into the air on Tuesday evening, it was the last time they would be together as a class.

Before the caps hit the ground, proud, camera-toting family members invaded the tight cir-

cle of black gowns and magenta leis to find their graduates, who were experiencing a whirlwind of emotions.

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CITY COUNCIL

Hundreds of renters getting the boot

NORTH PARK APTS. TO MAKE WAY FOR TOWN HOUSES

By Jon Wiener

A developer's plan to kick out residents of nearly 200 apartment units and replace their complex with \$700,000 town houses gained the approval of the city council Tuesday night, in a 5-1 vote that required council members to balance the competing housing goals of ownership and affordability.

Lyon Capital Ventures will begin construction of 206 rowhouses at the northeast corner of Central Expressway and Rengstorff Avenue, currently the site of North Park Apartments, pending the approval of its building permits. The plan will net the city an estimated \$4.3 million or more in BMR, or below market rate, fees, in addition to an annual increase in property taxes of nearly \$200,000.

"I'm really concerned about the displacement of so many rental residents," said council member Laura Macias, who cast the only dissenting vote. She said the project was "doing exactly the opposite of what we say we want to do, which is to increase the supply of

affordable housing."

Rental rates at North Park Apartments range from \$1,049 per month for a studio to at least \$1,425 for a two-bedroom.

The city is requiring Lyon to give the 421 residents of North Park 90 days notice before evicting them and to refund in full all of the security deposits. The company will also distribute information about affordable housing projects and available rental units in Mountain View, and give qualified tenants a \$750 "moving credit allowance."

But Mayor Nick Galiotto said that the project met a different goal of the city's 2002 housing plan — increasing the amount of ownership units in a city that has been primarily apartment rentals.

"It doesn't seem to get the same level of attention, but it was one of the elements we were looking at," said Galiotto. He said the project was not a trade-off between ownership and affordability, but rather the city simply needs to find an effective use for the millions in BMR fees that the project will generate.

"To me the issue is how do we then turn that around and establish some so-called affordable housing in a more timely manner than we really have been doing recently."

The developer says it has kept residents well aware of plans over the last several months, according to Martin Alkire, the city planner that has been working with the company. Lyon senior vice president Mark Kelly was not available for comment early Wednesday.

Several neighbors wrote letters to the city bemoaning the loss of heritage trees on the site. The plan calls for the removal of nearly 94 large trees, including five redwoods. ■

Navy will keep hangar bids secret

ANNOUNCEMENT COMES ON HEELS OF CONFLICTING COST ESTIMATES

By Jon Wiener

Facing heavy criticism over a report that appeared to greatly exaggerate the difference in costs between demolishing Hangar One and preserving

it, the Navy announced three weeks ago that it would put both options out to bid in hopes of clarifying the issue.

But the results of that bidding process will remain secret until after the Navy has made its decision, disappointing those working to ward off demolition.

"They can play games with how they ask the questions and how they schedule

► See **HANGAR ONE**, page 11



GOODBYE SLATER:

Principal Nicki Smith gives a good-bye hug on the school's last day, which was Wednesday. (Full story next week.)

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House Majority Leader Tom Delay retired last Thursday. Are you glad to see him go?



"Yes, because it will hopefully result in fewer Republicans in power."

Patty Hamilton, Mountain View



"I'm sad to see him go because I thought he was a good advocate for conservative positions."

Jim Uren, Mountain View



"Not glad to see Republican power crumble, not glad to see him go, because I pay very little attention to the scandals. Year after year, I'm disgusted with politics."

Brian McQueen, Sunnyvale



"I was happy to see him go because the scandals that have encapsulated the White House have reached the point of absurdity and some action needed to be taken. On the other hand, I'm not sure it's going to do any good."

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"Absolutely."

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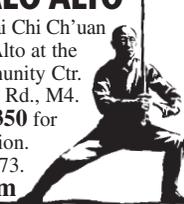
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Tennis pro knows the score

JOSEPH ZIDAREVICH MOVED NEAR CUESTA PARK
TO BE CLOSE TO THE COURTS

By Elizabeth Lasky

Joseph Zidarevich, who calls himself a “tennis addict,” is sitting in the clubhouse of the Cuesta Tennis Center, getting ready to coach a class of pre-teens. After volunteer coaching for 15 years, it is now his profession.

Before coaching full-time, Zidarevich traveled the world as a promoter for Kodak. Today he continues to build a brand, only now that brand is the tennis center.

“I do business development too, so I’m able to use my skills here,” he says. He speaks with the caution of someone who has helped shape a major corporation’s image. He manages to control the conversation and frame every topic very distinctly.

“People come in, never been here before, we introduce them, and suddenly they’re playing with everyone else,” Zidarevich says. “Nowhere in my life have I seen people of all walks come together, because here all those differences disappear. You’re just a player, a friend here.”

The tennis center is also a middle

ground in terms of ability level, offering classes for those who want to improve their game without making a big deal out of it. “I’m concerned with kids enjoying the game and having fun, as opposed to developing four-year-old tennis champions,” he says.

The Cuesta Tennis Center is free to Mountain View residents. Non-residents can rent a court for \$9 an hour. Spare rackets and balls are always on hand.

“It’s cheap!” Zidarevich exclaims with a high-five.

He moved to the Bay Area 20 years ago and to Mountain View four years ago, and says he has no plans to leave.

“I would never go back to Michigan,” he says. “To me, our winter here is the best fall I’ve ever experienced.”

Zidarevich’s home is only a few blocks from Cuesta Park, and not by accident. He decided to live there when his real estate agent showed him the tennis center.

“When I saw it, I was hooked. This is where I want to live,” he says. ▀

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Editor’s note: Snapshot is an effort to give Voice readers an inside look at the people who make Mountain View one of the liveliest cities on the Peninsula. Watch for future installments in this space.

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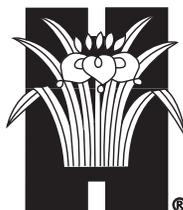
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A pretty picture

By Don Frances

BETSY DWYER, Chamber sales director and *Voice* reader, wrote in with some kind words on SnapShots:

"I love the new feature you have included regarding a look at the people of Mountain View. I would like you to note that the photographer is not only a great talent but also a local resident of Mountain View. Please let the community know that Craig Sherod is an integral and professional part of this new concept. Looking forward to seeing more of our community and his wonderful photographs!"

Thanks, Betsy, and yes, I knew he was a local from the moment we met at Dana's to hash out this SnapShots idea. It's still a work in progress, but so far I too have liked the results (see page 4).

LAST WEEK we wrote that the MV Little League championship was down to the wire, with one game left between the Red Sox and the Giants. Since then, a Red Sox parent let us know the results: Sox won.

Now, the parent said, "The Red Sox are going on to the district championships next week." Congratulations, kids. Remember: Strong D and fundamentals.

"IT WAS SUCH a huge event, and just a wonderful wonderful time," said Ruth Gibbs, head of the Gay-Straight Alliance at Los Altos High School, "and [I] heard nothing but good things about it, and it's going down in history."

Gibbs was calling to ask why we hadn't covered the Gay Pride Parade in downtown Los Altos last June 6.

"All the other papers sure did, and then some, and of course the TV stations were there," she said.

Ruth, I guess this last remark goes farthest to answer your question. But I would encourage you — or better yet, some of your group's kids — to write in and tell us how it went.

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Jose Trujillo, Erick Cipres and Ciara Smith, kindergarteners at Castro Elementary School, bury their newly-planted wheat seeds in the new garden plots on Monday. The children will harvest the wheat when they return to school in the fall.

New roots for school garden

SLATER TRADITION MOVING TO CASTRO SCHOOL

By Adena DeMonte

Wide-eyed kindergarteners looked on as a woman dressed as Little Red Hen sprinkled dirt over the newly planted wheat seeds.

The children had just planted their new garden at Castro School. With Slater School closing its doors this spring and some of its faculty and students integrating with Cas-



NICHOLAS WRIGHT

tro, Slater's Parent and Teacher (PACT) program is moving to the other campus. That means pulling up roots and — literally, in this case — putting them down in the new Escuela Avenue location.

Now the planting of the gar-

den, an annual event, is helping ease the move.

The annual Little Red Hen program took place at Castro School this year, bringing the PACT kindergarten students to Castro School to collaborate with four Castro kindergarten classes in the building of the new garden.

Led by former PACT parent Heidi Westmoreland, the Little Red Hen program consisted of an assembly and planting day on May 30, followed by a planting visit on June 5.

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■ CITY COUNCIL

Locals get a stake in upcoming parks plan

By Jon Wiener

Sarah Krajewski is concerned about overcrowding in parks for her infant son. Angie Cortez wants more evening activities for her 20-month-old daughter. Maribel Barajas says the \$800 voucher she gets for her three children does not leave them many options for after-school programs.

The three mothers were among the more than 40 residents who turned out last week for a workshop that could help shape the future of recreation in Mountain View.

"I have a big stake in what happens in the next 10 years," said Krajewski, her son on her lap. "If you're living in a townhouse with kids, you've got to have parks because you don't have a yard."

Last week's workshop, put on by the city's recreation staff, was the first step in an ambitious idea to write a comprehensive recreation plan for the entire city. It comes at the same time the city is updating its parks and open space plan and determining what to do with Cuesta Park Annex.

"This is a golden opportunity," said parks and recreation com-

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Hospital project finally begins

EL CAMINO HOPES TO FINISH \$480 MILLION JOB BY 2009

By Molly Tanenbaum

Last week, El Camino Hospital broke ground on an earthquake-safe hospital building, a project that has taken five years to plan and is expected to take three more to complete.

"We've been waiting for this day for a long, long time and we're grateful it has finally arrived," said Edward Bough, the president of El Camino Hospital's board

of directors, at last Thursday's groundbreaking ceremony.

Next week, El Camino will demolish the old Oak Pavilion and, over the next four weeks, construction workers will dig a "very large hole in the ground," said Ken King, vice president of facilities services for El Camino.

This 25-foot-deep hole will be filled with a rigid foundation — one that is four times as thick as the current hospital's foundation — designed to withstand earthquakes and comply with state standards for seismic safety.

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Hospital board members (from left) Wes Alles, Mark O'Connor, David Reeder and Dominick Curatola, and Ken King, VP of facilities, listen to speeches during the groundbreaking ceremony.

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CRIMEWATCH

BURGLARY AND POSSESSION OF BURGLARY TOOLS, SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE, 6/09

Four teenage boys from Palo Alto entered an unlocked gate at Shoreline Amphitheatre and attempted to steal beer, police say. They came to the Amphitheatre with bolt-cutters, entered the Sky Bar, and tried to break into a portable beer cart.

Amphitheatre employees spotted the boys, at which point they fled on foot. Two of the boys were detained by employees by the time police arrived. The other two were able to reach their vehicle and drive away. Police found out who the missing two were, called them on their cell phone, and ordered them to return to the Amphitheatre, which they did.

All four were taken into custody, sited, and released to their

parents. The boys reportedly said they thought breaking in, stealing beer, and celebrating with it would make a great end-of-school-year prank.

ROBBERY, E. EL CAMINO REAL, 6/08

Two men entered Check into Cash on El Camino and declared that they were going to rob the place. One of the men pointed a handgun at an employee behind the counter, then walked behind the counter and demanded cash. After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash, the men immediately fled on foot toward Sunnyvale. They remain at large.

The men are described as black and in their 20s. One is approximately 5-foot-6 and the other is closer to 6 feet tall. At the time, they were dressed alike in baggy blue jeans and sunglasses.

NEWS BRIEF

FIRE DISPLACES LATHAM RESIDENTS

A two-alarm fire in a Latham Street apartment complex Tuesday afternoon forced 20 families out of their homes overnight, according to fire department spokesperson Lynn Brown.

The fire began in a second-floor unit in the Lexington Apartments complex at 1970 Latham St. Investigators were still trying to determine the cause as of press time. Brown said the fire was under control

within 15 minutes of the first call to the department, and no injuries were immediately reported.

Palo Alto sent help to cover Station No. 1 on Shoreline Boulevard while Mountain View firefighters extinguished the blaze. A second truck from Palo Alto was sent back after firefighters determined the fire did not appear to have spread.

Brown said the Palo Alto Area Red Cross and the property manager helped find residents places to stay. He did not know when they would be able to move back.

— Jon Wiener

LA Hills may get Bullis back after all

IN LATEST PLAN, LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD RENOVATE THE CLOSED SCHOOL

By Molly Tanenbaum

Four days after the Los Altos Hills City Council decided to form a new K-8 school district, the Los Altos School District voted to reopen Bullis-Purissima — the elementary school that has been the focal point of a three-year dispute between the Hills and the school district.

"We have the best of all possible worlds," said LASD board president Margot Harrigan. "We have a school in the Hills that will be renovated, we will have small neighborhood schools that the community really cherishes, and we can afford to do it."

The unanimous school board decision on June 12 came two months after the Los Altos Hills City Council voted to create its own K-8 district, then allowed a waiting period for negotiations between the Hills and the affected school districts — namely, the Los Altos, Palo Alto, and Mountain View-Los Altos Union high school districts.

During the waiting period, some compromises had been made. The original Hills redistricting plan would have formed a K-8 district that would send all of its high school students to Gunn High in Palo Alto Unified School District, while the plan approved on June 8 would keep high school attendance boundaries the same, with students splitting off to Palo Alto and Mountain View-Los Altos.

But before LASD made its decision Monday night to reopen the Bullis-Purissima site, council members said negotiations with the school district had failed, and decided unanimously to pursue redistricting.

Hills council member Craig Jones said negotiations flopped because LASD was unable to agree to terms — which would have allowed the Bullis Charter School to occupy the district's closed Bullis-Purissima campus and give enrollment preference to Hills children — by the June 8 deadline.

"They weren't able to prioritize our need for a community school that would allow them to meet our timeline," he said.

Three-year fight

Due to declining enrollment, LASD closed Bullis-Purissima, the last elementary school in Los Altos Hills, in 2003, sparking a dispute that has included hefty lawsuits and the formation of the Bullis Charter School. The charter school currently uses portable classrooms on the site of Egan Junior High in Los Altos.

Expecting enrollment to increase in coming years and facing pressure from the Los Altos Hills council, LASD trustees discussed various options for accommodating those additional students. They decided to renovate Bullis-Purissima and reopen it in time for the 2008-09 school year, the same time that a redistricting plan could appear on the ballot.

Mayor Breene Kerr said that although reopening Bullis "would return public education to Los Altos Hills," which would follow

'I think that is very, very unlikely to succeed.'

BILL COOPER,
LASD TRUSTEE

the desire of Hills council members and residents who spoke at last Thursday's council meeting, it may not provide an adequate solution for the Bullis Charter School or for Los Altos Hills kids.

"The issue would be who's going to go to the school and where do they come from, and does it take on the nature of a neighborhood school," Kerr said in a phone interview on Tuesday.

However, a functioning public school at Bullis-Purissima in Los Altos Hills may make it less likely for the county to approve a Hills redistricting proposal, which had not yet been submitted as of press time, Kerr said.

"I think that is very, very unlikely to succeed," said Bill Cooper, an LASD trustee, before Monday's meeting. "I truly believe the vast majority of Los Altos Hills residents are very

satisfied with the education their children have received at the Los Altos School District."

'Eliminate a potential enemy'

The current redistricting plan includes a strategic move by the Hills council to cut Mountain View-Los Altos out of the equation. Hills council members voted on June 8 to pursue the redistricting plan but keep high school attendance boundaries the same. As a result, the high school district will be spared the loss of 200 students and \$3.7 million in revenue, which were aspects of the original Hills plan.

Removing Mountain View-Los Altos from the picture takes away the district's financial concerns over redistricting, and makes the plan more likely to pass at the county level, according to Kerr.

"It's far easier to win this fight if we eliminate a potential enemy, that enemy being Mountain View-Los Altos, by neutralizing their financial concerns," Kerr said at the meeting.

"The elementary situation is broken and that's what needs fixing," he added.

Rich Fischer, departing superintendent of Mountain View-Los Altos, told the Hills council, "I strongly encourage you, if you do have to go forward, that you go forward with the suggested changes. Clearly, MVLA's interest is being met by the first proposal."

But while Mountain View-Los Altos would be off the hook, the Palo Alto and Los Altos school districts would still stand to lose elementary students, and LASD would lose its basic aid status, according to Randy Kenyon, the district's business manager.

Hills residents who spoke during the meeting were largely in favor of the revised redistricting plan and wanted to move forward, though some still demanded that Gunn High School should be the sole high school for the new K-8 district, referring to those who must send their kids to Los Altos High as living on the "wrong side of the line."

"It causes me to worry about the motives of the people who want to leave Los Altos High School," Fischer said after the meeting. "Is it because we have some diversity?"

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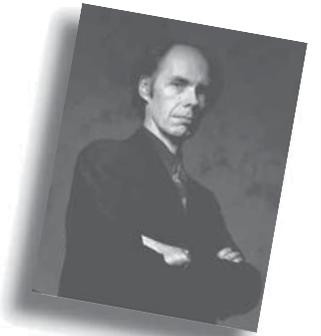
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VTA keeps BART hopes alive

DESPITE SALES TAX'S DEFEAT, AGENCY PRESSES AHEAD WITH CONTROVERSIAL PROJECT

By Jon Wiener

Don't tell the Valley Transportation Authority that the sales tax it was counting on for tens of millions of dollars a year failed miserably.

Though voters in Mountain View and throughout the county rejected Measure A last week, in large part because of concerns about the costly and underfunded BART extension to San Jose, county transit officials are not about to give up on the project that voters approved in 2000.

Last Thursday, in a public meeting at Mountain View City Council chambers, a VTA task force charged with reprioritizing the billions in projects promised to voters under 2000 Measure A recommended pressing ahead — despite serious concerns about cuts that will be made if other funding sources do not come through.

They're mad," said Mountain View Vice Mayor Greg Perry, a VTA board member himself and the only dissenter in the 11-1 vote

that originally established the task force.

A parade of transit watchdogs requested that the five-member task force reconsider its plans in light of the sales tax measure's surprising defeat. The VTA board has repeatedly refused to make contingency plans that do not assume a new quarter-cent sales tax.

County Supervisor Liz Kniss — who warned before the election that the BART project would survive a Measure A defeat but county social services would not — said VTA is legally obligated to deliver all of the projects it promised in 2000, including BART-to-San Jose.

"We don't have a choice," said Kniss.

County Supervisor Don Gage, who represents the county on the VTA board along with Kniss, agreed.

"The issue is that the voters have spoken, and that's what I'm going to do, however painful that is to the county or the VTA," said Gage, whose district includes Gilroy and

Morgan Hill. Gage has expressed strong opposition to the BART project.

"That's what I'm going to do until the voters tell me otherwise.

If people are not satisfied with 2000 Measure A, put an initiative on the ballot and change it."

VTA has already sunk about \$270 million into preliminary

engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the project, which is built on custom-gauge rail that critics say unnecessarily drive up costs. The plans also include a tunnel under downtown San Jose that will cost so much, and carry so few riders, that the agency has had to exclude it from its application for federal funding.

At the same time, the agency is building the line from the southern end first, despite calls to consider building only the northern portion of the line or doing the whole project in phases.

VTA general manager Michael Burns said the transit agency's plan only assumed the revenue equivalent to a new quarter-cent sales tax, roughly \$80 million per year. He said state infrastructure bonds on November's ballot could provide another possible source of money, and that VTA could always come back and ask voters for another tax.

The full VTA board was expected to approve the recommendations at noon on Thursday, June 15, after the *Voice* went to press. ■

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How Mountain View voted

Mountain View voters rejected Measure A by a 4-3 margin, voting in step with the rest of the county on the half-cent tax, which would have funded a host of transportation projects and social services.

According to preliminary results obtained from the County Registrar of Voters, Mountain View residents cast 4,793 votes for the measure and 6,404 against it. Palo Alto was the only city in the county where voters supported the tax, by a 51 to 49 percent margin.

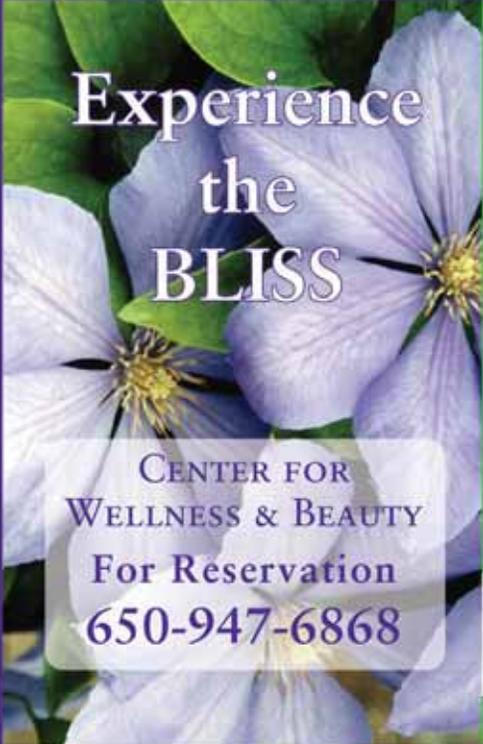
On the whole, voters in the North County district — represented by Liz Kniss, who

campaigning hard for the measure — voted only 38 percent in favor. In fact, the only one of the five districts to support the measure was the East San Jose area represented by Blanca Alvarado — the only supervisor to vote against putting the tax on the ballot. Alvarado had cited concerns about the process by which Measure A came about.

Mountain View
4,793 For (43%)
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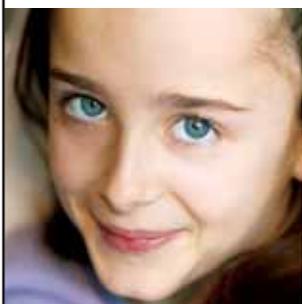


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HANGAR ONE

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the responses to get answers that they're looking for," said Bob Moss, co-chair of Restoration Advisory Board that advises the Navy on the Moffett cleanup.

Navy spokesperson Jill Votaw said Department of Defense policy governs how the Navy awards its cleanup contracts.

The Navy has estimated demolition at \$12 million and replacing the structure's contaminated siding at twice that amount. But a leaked NASA report showed that a more detailed look at the

alternatives conducted in 2003 put them both close to \$30 million, leading NASA employees and others to question whether the Navy was purposely downplaying the costs of demolition in order to manipulate the decision-making process.

Demolition would protect both NASA and the Navy from any potential future liability for the safety of the building and the toxic material in its walls.

Navy cleanup manager Rick Weissenborn said the \$12 million estimate was not a detailed study and that the bidding process would provide better information. But now the information

will remain confidential, leaving activists who have discussed raising funds to cover the difference thinking that it may not be possible.

"They're going to be at this point where we don't know what's going on," said Lenny Siegel, an RAB member and a co-founder of the Save Hangar One Committee.

"It's hard for SHOC to know what to do. I think we've pretty well shown that the community finds it unacceptable to demolish the hangar. We've accomplished that." ▀

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PARKS

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missioner Ivan John. "The key theme is what do you want to do, how do you want to use your open space, and how much of it do you need."

Attendance at the workshop was less than half what was hoped for, and largely consisted of veterans of other recent battles over recreation and open space — including Cuesta Park Annex,

the child care center in Rengstorff Park, and Cuesta Tennis Center. Participants expressed concern about crowding, the rising cost of living, and the threat to parkland from development.

The recreation staff will host another workshop in September and plans to send out a short questionnaire to residents this summer. The city cut the recreation plan from the city's budget five years ago in a round of belt-tightening. But after reducing the cost of

the project, staff members are optimistic that they can learn useful information that will help them decide which activities to emphasize and which to cut back.

"It's really too early to start drawing any major conclusions," said community services director Dave Muela. "This is really a much longer look at our community — we're looking at it in terms of five or 10 years down the road."

With new data from the 2000 census and large new developments slated for areas of the city already lacking in open space, the plans are likely to increase pressure on the city to acquire more parkland.

The city council last week deadlocked on a proposal to funnel \$1 million a year from Shoreline Amphitheatre to a fund for parkland acquisition and development. Council member Tom Means was absent last week, and colleague Matt Neely missed this week's meeting, delaying discussion of the idea until after this year's budget has been approved. ▀

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Council will seek raise

Mountain View residents will get to decide in November whether city council members deserve a raise.

In a 5-1 vote Tuesday night, with Matt Pear dissenting and Matt Neely absent, the city council formally approved a ballot measure that would triple elected officials' pay from \$6,000 a year to \$18,000, with automatic increases tied to the consumer price index. The amendment to the city's charter would also lessen the

fine that council members pay for missing meetings, and make the fine harder to assess.

If approved by voters, the increase would take effect in January 2009. Council members had originally wanted to put the measure before voters as part of last week's primary, but backed off upon learning that it would cost an extra \$100,000 to do so.

— Jon Wiener

EL CAMINO

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In 1994, a new law required all hospitals to meet stricter earthquake standards by 2008, with the possibility of an extension until 2013. By July 1, 2009, El Camino plans to be settled into the new structure and to begin demolishing the current hospital, according to King.

Hospitals are expected to be able to remain functional in the event of an earthquake and continue to care for and accept patients.

"It's going to be a complex project to build. We're going to have a real challenge on our hands getting it to work out," King said.

By 2009, the new 450,000-

square-foot hospital on Grant Road will stand five stories high and contain 300 licensed beds, 16 operating rooms and a conference room that seats up to 200 people.

The June 8 groundbreaking was long awaited, after six months of delays caused by a lawsuit challenging El Camino's successful \$148 million bond measure to finance the project. El Camino recently settled with Saratoga resident and landlord Aaron Katz for \$200,000, after Katz had sued the hospital for not being able to vote in an election in a district where he owned property and would face taxes from the bond.

Hospital officials have estimated that the delay cost El Camino about \$2 million per month, but the major culprit of the increased

budget — which jumped from \$339 million to \$480 million — is the escalating cost of construction on hospital projects throughout the state.

Due to the number of projects, a higher demand has been put on the small number of contractors who are equipped to take on a complex hospital project, according to a January report from the California Hospital Association.

Prior to breaking ground on the new hospital, El Camino had completed several other projects, such as a new parking structure, a medical office building and a dialysis center. ▀

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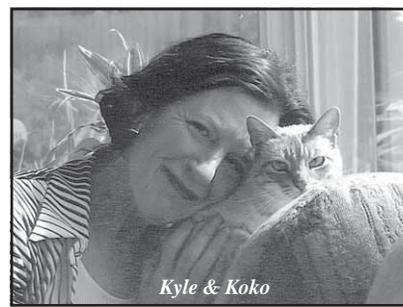
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GARDEN

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Westmoreland has reprised her role as Little Red Hen several times. The relocation to Castro has not affected her goal for the program — or the enthusiasm she shared with the kindergartners gathered around empty beds of dirt in a courtyard near Latham Street.

“We’re going to sprinkle dirt on the wheat so we can say, ‘Good-night wheat,’” said Westmoreland to the group of attentive kindergartners. Each student planted five wheat seeds in one of the ten boxes.

A week earlier, Westmoreland visited Castro and Slater classrooms dressed as Little Red Hen, performing a story and explaining to the students that she needs help to plant her wheat.

“We needed to help because the cat and the mouse and the dog wasn’t helping Little Red Hen,” Castro School student Manual Maldonado said.

Westmoreland said the students learn more than just how to plant a garden. By eventually harvesting the grain and making pancakes — part of a follow-up event scheduled for early fall — students learn about nutrition, the origins of food, and more.

“They learn that the food they eat every day starts in the ground, but they also learn about taking turns, respecting others’ planting space,” said Westmoreland. “When they do it, they learn it.”

“I’ve never planted before,” Castro student Danae Brister said. “I’m excited that the flowers are going to grow, and I want to know what the bread tastes like.”

“I like planting because I like the results I get to see in the end,” Castro student Sean Mignosa said.

Other end results, such as the impact of Slater’s closing and the merging of the schools, are on the minds of faculty and parents.

“Everybody thinks it will be challenging and there will be a lot of changes, but it’s a good group so they’re up for the changes,” said Castro kindergarten teacher Anne Taylor.

In addition to being known for the PACT program, 30 percent of Slater’s students are English language learners, and more than 15 languages are spoken at the school.

Castro school is also home to the Mountain View-Whisman district’s Parent Choice Dual Immersion magnet program, where students learn to read, write and speak fluently in both English and Spanish. The PACT program will officially move to Castro at the start of the 2006-07 school year. ■

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Guerrero was born in Santa Clara on September 22, 1912, and 13 years later he moved to Mountain View. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1937 and served in China and the Pacific during World War II and the Korean War. Master Sergeant Guerrero retired from the USMC in 1957, but remained in the USMC Reserves until 1967.

As a civilian, Guerrero worked as a security guard for Sylvania Electronics and as a delivery driver for National Semiconductor.

He is survived by his only child, Frances Michele Johansen, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A celebration of his life will take place at the Milan restaurant, on Miramonte and Cuesta avenues, on June 24 at 1 p.m. Donations may be made in his name to the Butte County Humane Society or a local Humane Society.

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NICHOLAS WRIGHT

Mountain View High School graduating seniors pass by their loved ones during the graduation ceremony Tuesday night.

GRADUATION

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"It feels so good — nervous, sad, everything," said Mountain View High graduate Tanya Diaz. She and her close friend Israel Guardado, who congratulated each other after the ceremony, will attend Foothill College in the fall.

Some seniors, like long-haired Colin Morneau, saw the event in a practical light.

"It feels about the same, but it's nice to be moving on to the next step," said Morneau, who will attend San Jose State in the fall with hopes of transferring to New York or Boston.

But for the summer, Morneau said, "I need a job. College is expensive."

During the ceremony, Principal Keith Moody told the Mountain View High class of 2006 to "use your goals to help guide your choices, and value what you do for others as much as the size of your paycheck."

But graduating senior Danielle

Henthorn's speech urged her Mountain View classmates to stay from the conventional.

"We've been brainwashed into believing there's only one road [to success]," she said. Henthorn said she likes to vary her responses to the "What will you do with your future?" question — like telling people she hopes to mine coal in Greece — to see how people react, and because "I like to hear about the big and wonderful things I don't have the courage to do."

Exit Exam barrier

This year, about 750 students graduated from the Mountain View and Los Altos high schools.

But while 96 percent of seniors throughout the high school district left the football fields with a diploma on Tuesday, the rest still had not passed the California High School Exit Exam and did not receive their diplomas.

Students of the Class of 2006 are the first in California who can be refused a diploma for not passing the test. Mountain View-Los Altos gives out "Certificates of Comple-

tion" to students who have not passed the test by graduation to show that they have finished all other required coursework.

"Everyone is kind of hanging in there until the end and hoping they'll get that real diploma," said Emily Goodheart, English Language Development Coordinator at Los Altos High School.

"We've said, 'You've come so far, you've done so much. Be proud of what you have done. You will be able to be in the ceremony,'" she continued.

Half of the 31 students at Los Altos, Mountain View and Alta Vista high schools who have yet to pass the exam are English language learners, according to Associate Superintendent Brigitte Sarraf. Nine students at Los Altos High, 12 at Mountain View and 10 at Alta Vista still must pass the test.

The 4 percent of seniors who retook the test in May will not receive their scores until next month.

"I would hope that, once the results are in, that it would be 2 percent [who have not passed]," Sarraf said.

Those who do not pass that round must take summer school classes or the Adult Education program to receive their diploma.

Goodheart said her English learning students have worked hard to pass the test and have largely succeeded.

"It's particularly gratifying in my job to see my kids graduate, because they've had so many obstacles to overcome," Goodheart said.

One Mountain View High graduation speaker described her own obstacles after arriving in the United States from Lima, Peru



NICHOLAS WRIGHT

Jeremy Hamon celebrates after receiving his diploma.



NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

The Los Altos High School Class of 2006 marches onto the field for its commencement ceremony Tuesday.

four years ago. As a freshman, senior Ana Quispe did not speak a word of English; on Tuesday she delivered her speech in both English and Spanish.

"I felt lonely. I felt uncomfortable. I was afraid to raise my

hand in class because of my accent," Quispe said.

While her parents held down multiple jobs to support her, Quispe went on to master English, to take Advanced Placement classes and to receive a full

ride scholarship to Santa Clara University, she said, drawing enormous applause from her classmates and the audience.

"I knew it was my job to give back to [my parents] by succeeding." ■

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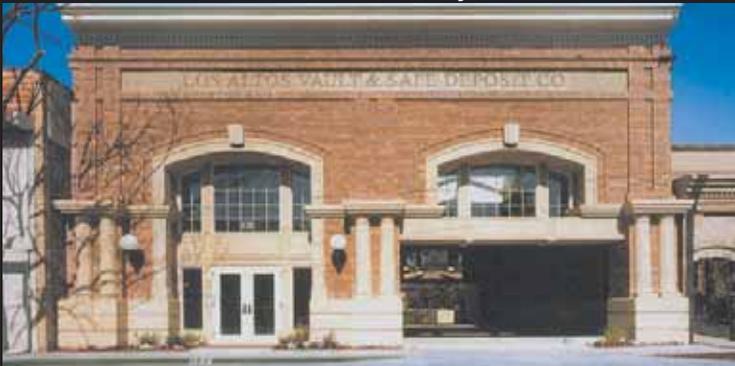
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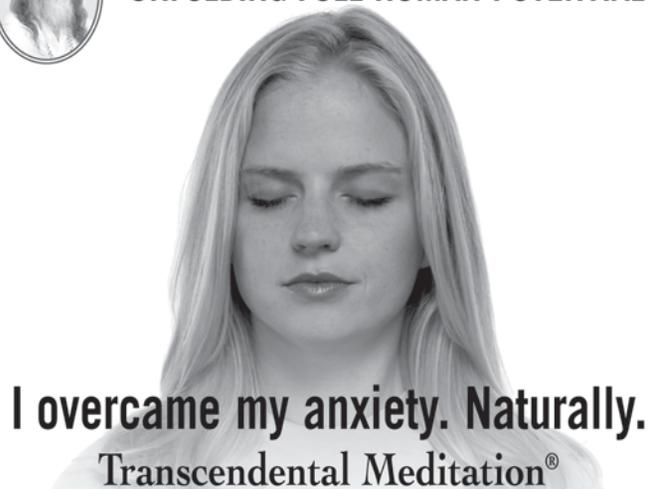
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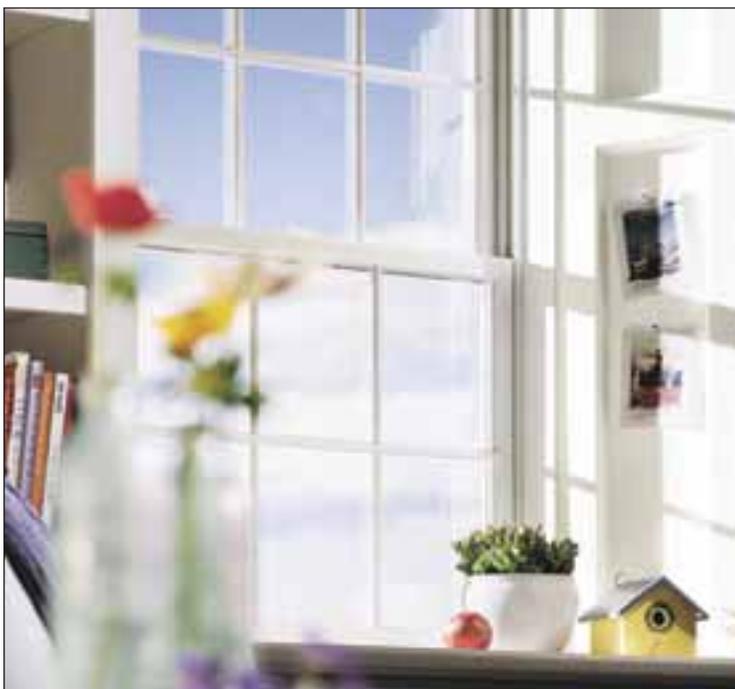
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Teacher of the year 'clearly a star'

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After nine years of teaching at Graham Middle School, the modest Scott McGhee says it's only a beginning.



Scott McGhee

"The more I keep teaching, the less I know about how kids learn," he said. "It's that realization that keeps me going and trying to find the answer to that question."

The Mountain View-Whisman School District named McGhee the 2006 teacher of the year for his continual drive to engage the minds of middle school students.

"He's clearly a star," said Graham principal Alicia Henderson. "He's an outstanding individual in our community and he's an outstanding teacher at our school. We are so fortunate to have him with us at Graham."

A mathematics teacher and a soccer and track coach, McGhee has also worked to encourage technology education. Along with fellow teacher Tom Sayer, McGhee started a morning video produc-

tion class that will turn into a year-long elective taught by Sayer in the fall, according to Henderson.

At the 7 a.m. class, students produce slide shows and videos each week that the entire Graham student body views each Friday.

"They record and document life at Graham," Henderson said. "It's been an incredible community builder."

McGhee is also an active community member outside of school, and is a graduate of Leadership Mountain View.

Beyond bringing in fresh lesson plans and activities to revitalize the learning environment he creates, McGhee is an approachable teacher with whom students can connect.

"Whenever he's in his room and the door is open, his place is full of students. Before school, at lunch and after school," Henderson said. "It's a wonderful learning environment."

Each year, the Mountain View-Whisman School District accepts nominations from teachers and staff from all schools. A committee of administrators and teachers selects the final winner each year. The teacher of the year delivers a speech to the staff in the fall. ▀

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By Justin Bull

The Mountain View High School golf team has proven itself as a powerhouse in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League. After going undefeated in regular-season play in 2005, the Spartans managed to duplicate that feat in 2006, finishing with a 12-0 record and two tournament trophies under their belts.

The continued success of the young Mountain View squad came from its depth. Juniors Tyler Ichikawa and Cameron Showeker consistently shot par, and coach Steve Miyano felt that sophomores Spencer Fletcher and Matt Wallach are equally as talented.

After winning both the Los Altos and Aptos tournaments, the Spartans blew through the SCVAL League Championship and the CCS Regional meet, placing first all the way en route to the CCS Finals.

But it was in the finals where Mountain View would first stumble. The favored Spartans finished fourth by six strokes, despite expert play by freshman Adam Ichikawa, who shot a six-under 66 to earn him second place individually.

Mountain View will maintain most of its regional championship team next year, and coach Miyano has no reason to suspect the winning seasons to end any time soon.

"We only lost one senior, Yutaro Sakamoto," Miyano said. "He was an excellent player, but we should be just as strong next season."

LOS ALTOS ALSO IN THE HUNT

Los Altos High golfers also had a suc-

cessful 2006 campaign, finishing in second place with an 8-2-2 record. Senior Charlie Sines helped carry the Eagles, averaging 37 strokes on a nine-hole course. He advanced to the CCS finals at Rancho Canada in Carmel Valley, where he shot a 78 and collected 36th place overall. Sines will golf for West Point next year.

The supporting cast of the strong Los Altos team was made up of seniors Alex Cheung and Matt Hennig-Hance, sophomore Andrew Kaneshiro, and freshman

up-and-comer Toby The. If the core of the Eagle team remains intact, Los Altos should be able to contend next season.

LANCERS TAKE TITLE

In the Western Catholic Athletic Conference, St. Francis swept away most of the competition on its way to another league championship. The Lancers finished 12-1-1 overall, and narrowly defeated second-place Serra by three strokes at the WCAL tournament in Cordevalle.

Senior Joe Bramlett shot 10-under par (62), breaking by five strokes the tournament record set by Bellarmine's Peter Singh.

The Lancers also played well at the CCS finals on May 16. St. Francis finished sixth as a team. Bramlett shot a 69 while Senior Chris Jensen shot a 71. Fellow teammates Sean Nadir, Mike Van Bronkhorst and Erick Runge shot 77, 81, and 85, respectively.

Bramlett will golf for Stanford next year while Jensen will attend school across the Bay at arch-rival UC Berkeley. Both Jensen and Bramlett averaged under-par for their entire varsity careers.

The loss of these stars will definitely hurt the team next year. To defend its title, St. Francis needs to continue to draw in talented scholar-athletes for the approaching school year. ▀



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Splashy finish

KOCH, BUCKO LEAD MOUNTAIN VIEW GIRLS

By Justin Bull

The 2006 season proved to be a trying one for the Mountain View girls swimming and diving team.

Junior swimmer Becca Koch and senior diver Emily Bucko helped the Spartans forget a discouraging last-place finish at the league championship, turning in a respectable performance at the Central Coast Section finals May 13.

Mountain View sent the two young athletes to the finals at Stanford, and together they scored 28 points to rank MVHS 21st in the section.

Koch had an impressive third place finish in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 58.00, earning her All-American Consideration (AAC). The junior would later take 11th place in the 100 backstroke (1:00.56) and Bucko

placed 11th in the one-meter dive.

MOUNTAIN VIEW BOYS 11TH OVERALL

Despite a last place finish in the De Anza Division Championship on May 6, the Spartan boys performed reputably at the CCS meet the following weekend. Together, the team scored 86 points and placed 11th overall on strong performances by senior Brian Bishop and freshman newcomer Nick Trowbridge.

Bishop racked up 30 points at CCS in two freestyle events, placing third in the 100 freestyle (55.14) and fifth in the 200 freestyle (1:42.96). Trowbridge also opened eyes after an Automatic All-American (AAA) time of 4:36.63 in the 500 freestyle. The young freshman will only improve in his upcoming sea-

sons at Mountain View.

Other point-getters for the Spartans included freshman Zack Hoberg, junior Stewart Felding, and senior Steven Quistad and senior Evan McDonald, who placed 10th in the one-meter dive.

ST. FRANCIS GIRLS TAKE 2ND

The girls of the St. Francis swimming and diving team showed they were a fully capable squad in 2006, finishing second in the West Catholic Athletic League with a 6-3 overall record. "We have a pretty solid program up and down the line," athletic director Michael Pilawski said of his swimmers.

At the CCS meet on May 13, the Lancers placed seventh overall. Senior Melanie Tansuwan notched two eighth-place finishes in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.78) and the 100 butterfly (59.47). She also helped the 200 freestyle-relay team earn third place along with freshman Victoria Pachay, senior Maura McGraw, and junior

Jenna Gunderson. Pilawski sees Gunderson as a potential leader for next season's squad.

The Lancers will lose senior diver Michelle Morikawa to graduation at the end of this year. Morikawa placed fourth in the one-meter dive at CCS, and will dive for Princeton next year. Three junior Lancer divers also placed at CCS — Hallie Ivester, Amy Bogart, and Danielle Brennan — leaving Pilawski confident for the 2007 season.

"We have kind of a young team," he said, "I have high hopes for next season."

ST. FRANCIS BOYS WIND UP 4TH IN LEAGUE

The Lancer boys also finished their swimming and diving season with a 6-3 record, placing fourth in the West Catholic Athletic League.

The young St. Francis squad sent several athletes to CCS, led by senior Brian Benedetti and sophomore David Kuo. Benedetti took fifth in the 50 freestyle (21.74) and, along with Kuo and juniors Connor Broom

and Shane Murray, placed ninth in the 200 freestyle-relay (1:30.02).

Blake Everhart contributed to the Lancer effort as well, ending his day at CCS with a bronze in the 1-meter diving competition. Losing Benedetti will hurt St. Francis next season, but the wealth of young talent hopes to keep the Lancers a contender in the upcoming years.

SEASON A STRUGGLE FOR LOS ALTOS

Los Altos did not fare as well in its 2006 season. The girls came in fifth at the SCVAL De Anza Division Championships, while the boys placed sixth.

Los Altos sent a handful of athletes to represent the school at the CCS meet at Stanford on May 13. Divers Tim Miller and Andrea Santucci placed ninth and 12th, respectively, in the 1-meter dive, and overall the Eagle boys earned 20 points to position them 21st in the section in 2006. ▀

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Time for realism on BART

The clear message in the surprising defeat of Measure A, the county's proposed half-cent sales tax, does not seem to have hit home to Valley Transportation Authority officials.

Instead of pausing to take a serious look at the agency's finances, a VTA subcommittee meeting here last week chose to ignore the election results and, with just a few changes, recommended that the agency move full-speed-ahead with all its projects, including BART-to-San Jose.

By most estimates, the VTA would be about \$3 billion short if it had to build BART and all the other projects promised in the 2000 Measure A sales tax proposal, unless additional state, federal or local funding is found. But rather than consider paring the BART project down to a reasonable size, County Supervisor Liz Kniss, who sits on the five-member VTA board, and other committee members said the transportation agency is obligated to support all the projects it promised to voters when the earlier Measure A passed in 2000.

The Board of Supervisors and VTA officials had hoped passage of Measure A on the June 6 would help pay for needed county services as well as transportation projects, including BART. It was considered very likely to pass, considering that it needed only a simple majority, compared to the two-thirds needed for VTA projects. But the voters saw through the ruse and sent the measure to a clear defeat.

Now the county is expected to announce massive cuts in health and other services, and transportation projects will suffer without the additional funding. The failure of Measure A will cause some hardships at the county, but VTA would be able to deliver most of its projects if board members would set aside some of the BART project, or at least phase it in over a longer time period.

As we suggested in this space prior to the election, voters should be given an opportunity in specific measures to vote for a new sales tax for BART. We think most would support a quarter-cent tax, although such a measure could not go on the ballot until 2008.

Furthermore, if the VTA refuses to reduce the size and cost of the BART-to-San Jose project, then agency officials should clearly state their intentions and place their own quarter-cent tax on the ballot. BART supporters, including the industry-backed Silicon Valley Leadership Group, have been proud to tout the 70 percent support Measure A received in the 2000 election. If that backing still exists, the VTA should not have a problem passing a new tax. (And if it doesn't, the support that existed back in 2000 is irrelevant.)

It is a shame that county and VTA officials wasted everyone's time and money on a Measure A that did not offer voters a clear choice. Voters saw through the ruse this time. If there needs to be a next time, let's hope they get the right questions on the ballot.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN: NO BART TO SAN JOSE

Editor:

On June 6, the Santa Clara County voters spoke loud and clear. They want VTA to stop planning to build a project that no one will ride and no one else will help pay for. It is time to close up shop on the BART-to-San Jose project and look to other solutions to our transportation problems.

Will the politicians and political establishment listen? The backers of BART-to-San Jose seemed to consist mostly of companies that stood to make billions off the construction and the politicians who wanted to be there for the ribbon cutting ceremonies and photo-ops.

Maybe it is time to elect new leaders who will spend money on practical transportation projects that actually help people get to their jobs and their doctor, leaders who don't have a bust-the-bank-attitude and a BART-and-only-BART myopic vision.

It is time now to look at real solutions that don't require San-

ta Clara County to mortgage its future to build a single 21-mile rail line that will barely service any county residents.

Patrick Moore
Transportation Chair,
Sierra Club, Loma Prieta
Chapter

BUDGET SURPLUS SHOULD GO TO SHORTFALL

Editor:

Your article "Retirees will cost a bundle," in the Sept. 9, 2005 issue of the *Mountain View Voice*, is relevant for any reader of your recent article on the new budget ("Members cautious with new budget," June 9).

In the article on the new budget we learned that there is a \$6.7 million surplus for the current fiscal year and city staff is projecting a similar number for the coming fiscal year. In the 2005 article we read that the city is \$30 million short of funding its liability for retiree medical benefits.

So, what should be done with this current fiscal year's surplus and the expected surplus for

the coming year? Let's use it to address some of that \$30 million funding shortage by setting aside the surpluses toward that end. It will be important for voters to watch carefully and to remember the council members who act to make that happen. When possible, vote for them in the future.

Members of the council, this is a great opportunity. Let us see you do the right thing with those surpluses.

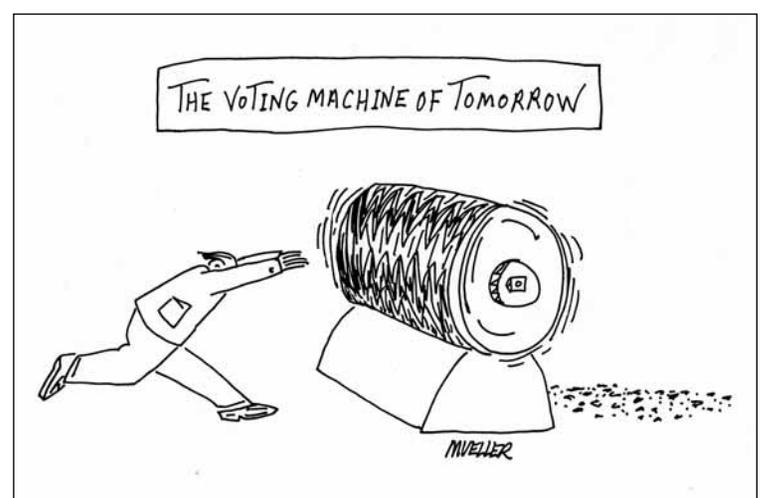
Fred Levins
Snow Street

COUNCIL SHOULD USE SURPLUS WISELY

Editor:

This year there will be a surplus of \$6.7 million in the Mountain View city coffers. Although you may think this is quite a stash, I would remind our city leaders to be thrifty. First of all, we have seen in our current environment of rising energy and health care costs that surplus money has

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GUEST OPINION

Pumpkin Patch preservation possible

COMPROMISE COULD
SAVE MOUNTAIN VIEW'S
LAST FARM

By Robin Iwai

A June 2 article in the *Voice*, "Pumpkin Patch" owners say they had to sell," describes a letter sent by the owners of the Grant Road farm property to the Mountain View City Council on May 8, the day before developer Summerhill Home's gatekeeper request came before the council.

I too read this widely distributed letter. It appears to be carefully crafted by an attorney — given its underlined subject line, numerous footnotes, and references throughout to "the Property" — with the purpose of swaying the council's focus on making good decisions about land use by creating sympathy for the heirs' financial plight.

Contrary to what is stated in the article, the council did not give "unanimous support for a housing project." Actually, at their May 9 meeting, council members voted to allow the Planning Department to put the proposed development on their schedule, beginning in January 2007. Council members and planning staff agreed at the meeting that there would be considerable community input on this proposed annexation and development before any decision is made.

The owners claim in their letter that a campaign to preserve just five acres of Mountain View's last remaining farm "if ultimately

successful, will destroy us financially." It is unfortunate that the owners' lack of estate planning led to probate court. The farm owners also own several commercial properties in Mountain View, and in order to pay estate taxes on those properties, they could have made as much money with a voluntary conservation easement on the farm — and avoided estate taxes in the bargain — as they would make selling the property.

The owners, their attorney, and the council sharply refused to consider this suggestion proposed by local farmland advocates in 2001 when those opportunities were available.

Another frequently heard and misleading argument is that the current farm operation "also has been losing money ... for the past several years." What evidence should lead us to believe that the land has been leased annually and operated at a loss for 18 years? We do know that because the owners opted out of the Williamson Act, the farmers are paying hefty residential rates for water and utilities, much higher than other farmers pay at agricultural rates. And the owners have raised the rent substantially over the past several years, putting to shame their assertion that "even at 15 acres, the farm is far too small to be economically viable."

There are numerous small, profitable farms in California, such as Fairview Gardens, a 12-acre suburban farm near Santa Barbara that grossed three quarters of a million dollars last year.

But this entire argument about farm profits is irrelevant, because

what is at stake here is the future of the land itself, not the history of whatever businesses may have occupied it in the past. That the Emporium closed or HP moved does not determine the future use of those sites. Why is this argument about prior business profits being used for the farm? The task before the council is to make good decisions about land use that will benefit the entire community of Mountain View now and in the years to come.

Are we to assume that the *entire* Pumpkin Patch absolutely *must* be paved over to save the owners from the clutches of the IRS? Or perhaps the city might follow its own Parks and Open Space Plan, which says "the City should support efforts by other agencies, private organizations or non-profits to preserve agricultural lands if they become available."

Maybe Summerhill can be encouraged to develop 10.6 of the 15.6 acres and dedicate five acres to farming. Maybe the city could allow lot sizes smaller than 8,000 square feet so Summerhill and the owners could achieve their profit goals. Maybe the city could grant lower water rates for farming, to allow Mountain View's children to see how food is grown, and to provide a calm oasis in the midst of fast-paced Silicon Valley.

I am one of many Mountain View residents who cherish our agricultural heritage, and believe a happy compromise is possible. Surely the 14,000 non-voting children who visited the Pumpkin Patch last October would agree.

Robin Iwai lives on Carmelita Drive.

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dried up rather quickly for many local governments and states as well as our federal government.

I believe our leaders should use this money to take care of the city employee pension liabilities and then "bank" the rest. That's right. Save it for a "rainy day."

Saving money may not be as glamorous for the council as building a community center or funding some other new programs. However, when we experience the next economic downturn, Mountain View would not have to lay off workers or cut back services. Just think of what people would say about our sitting council members. It would look like pure financial genius.

I would ask all Mountain View residents to write letters to or call our city council members and encourage them to take care of

the workers that make our city so wonderful, and then think ahead for the city's future needs.

T.J. Campbell
Showers Drive

HOME DEPOT
NOT A GOOD FIT

Editor:

I'm writing in response to the reader who wants to "give Home Depot a chance" because it would not be close to a residential location. This is incorrect. It would be close to a residential location, namely The Crossings, which would easily be within earshot of the heavy machinery used to unload and move merchandise at Home Depot.

Any Google search on the Internet with the words "Home Depot," "neighborhood" and "noise" will return countless hits, showing that Home Depot is not a good neighbor. Neighborhoods throughout the country are at battle with

Home Depot over noise, traffic congestion and pollution. Do the same search with any other retailer's name and you will not find these complaints.

A big-box retailer will not revitalize San Antonio Shopping Center. People don't go to Home Depot to "shop" and visit other retailers. No — they go there, usually in a big truck, covered in paint and sweat, and mentally immersed in their home improvement project. They buy their ton of bricks or lumber, and they leave and get back to their project.

I urge the shopping center and the city council to consider a more appropriate replacement for Sears — perhaps a Borders, Fry's, CompUSA, MicroCenter, Old Navy, Best Buy, etc. There are many other retailers that would be more beneficial and complementary to the shopping center and the surrounding community.

Kathryn Delander
Sondgroth Way

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Where trend meets tradition

XANH REINTERPRETS VIETNAMESE CUISINE FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

By Elaine M. Rowland

It's easy to get caught up in the excitement of a premiere: being the first to try the new, new thing. But bragging rights aside, opening night at a restaurant can be awkward, as timing issues (among others) beset any new production trying to find its rhythm.

That's why many publications won't review a restaurant until it's been operating a few months.

Well, after three months, it looks like Xanh Vietnamese fusion restaurant on Castro Street is in for a good, long run: The food's delicious, and diners are still filling tables on weekends and weeknights.

And while the timing here needs a little more fine-tuning, that's the worst that can be said of my experience at Xanh.

Xanh (when spoken correctly, its pronunciation resembles "sun") means "blue" or "green" in Vietnamese. The theme is reiterated in the blue and green painted walls, the fresh greens on the plates, and in the blue



NICHOLAS WRIGHT

The Traditional Roll at Xanh on Castro Street includes poached shrimp, rice noodles, green apple, lettuce, cilantro, mint, cucumber and shallots served with nuoc cham vinaigrette.

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Your Everyday Farmer's Market



NICHOLAS WRIGHT

Cool tones and clean lines offer a sleek, alternative ambiance to Xanh, a new Vietnamese restaurant on Castro Street.

XANH

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neon under mirrors, which help open up the compact space. Probably the hippest place to eat on Castro, it has the funky lighting, cool color scheme, eye-catching waiter wear (low-rider silver belt buckles beaming XANH in club kid fashion), and arty right-angle plates and platters of an L.A. or Chelsea restaurant.

Despite the modern visuals, you'll find some very recognizable Vietnamese combinations such as the cilantro, mint and pork of the traditional roll. The roll embraces the fusion spirit with gusto: These rice paper-wrapped spring rolls are sliced and stood on-end to resemble Japanese sushi rolls, with tufts of green apple and lettuce poking out above the pork and shrimp. A lemony nuoc cham vinaigrette on the side doesn't overpower the roll with fish flavor.

The Xanh roll is fried, but lighter and much less greasy than a typical egg roll, with chicken, shrimp, cellophane noodles and mint, and served with the mild vinaigrette. It's available as small plates with two or four pieces (\$6

or \$9).

I ordered the Korean-style pineapple BBQ short ribs (\$13), which the menu says is served with a slaw of bean sprouts, carrots, chives and bell peppers. Well, the ingredients appeared to be all there, but it wasn't a slaw in the traditional sense — more like strata of sliced vegetables. The beef was tender and sweet, but not too sweet, so I tried it with a none-too-shy Beaulieu Vineyard Cabernet.

I thought the wine went better, however, with the Xanh banana leaf sea bass (\$19), which wasn't sweet. The bass' firm flesh was surprisingly savory, maybe because of the dish's shiitakes and onions. It was also, hands-down, the best-looking dish of the night, arriving in a bamboo box, gracefully tucked into a banana leaf.

Now, if only we'd had some rice with that. ... Not only did we have to wait for the rice (patrons can chose between plain white or shaved-coconut-and-jasmine, which goes well with certain dishes), but we had to wait for the second entree, as well. Personally, I prefer that the rice arrive slightly before or with an entrée, instead of after it's cooled a bit.

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The dessert menu doesn't currently offer traditional Vietnamese goodies, but we got over the pain of disappointment and marched right into the hazelnut dessert (\$7), a mousse on a bed of chocolate sponge cake and ground nuts. A fine combination. If you want something lighter, the "split personality sorbet" is very refreshing, and looks not unlike a peach when you break through the outer, white-chocolate shell to reveal the perky passion fruit and raspberry sorbet center.

Starting our next dinner with the papaya salad (\$9), we found ourselves faced with a hillock of daikon radish (cu cai trang), papaya, mango, mint, cilantro, and roasted peanuts, surrounded by poached shrimp. Catfish in a clay pot (\$13) reminded me of something I couldn't place, but a few bites later I figured it out: etouffée. There don't seem to be a lot of ingredients in common between this and etouffée, but the dish was rich and complex, and the catfish prepared perfectly.

Shaking beef is available in two sizes, for \$18 or \$22. It's garlicky filet mignon cubes on a mix of spring greens and spinach, served with a lime vinaigrette. It was tender and I definitely recommend it, but

waiting for the rice to arrive while the beef cooled was annoying.

Although the portions are such that an appetizer and an entrée with rice, left each of us comfortably full, it's my duty to review, so I soldiered on through dessert once again. This time I tried the Pina Colada Gelato (\$7), a creamy, tropical frozen dessert with chocolate bits on top and what tasted like candied pineapple on the bottom. I liked the top better, but coconut fans won't be disappointed.

Co-proprietor, executive chef and Vietnam native Thuy Pham has created a menu of both new and familiar flavors that passes over some mainstays of Vietnamese cuisine in favor of light, fresh additions reflecting many influences — all well-suited to Northern California's ingredients and climate.

The food is carefully prepared and very appealingly presented in this smart, casual, and thoroughly modern setting. The restaurant welcomes children, but with its tight space, squirmy diners (as well as long-legged diners and those preferring quieter conversation) might be happier at the sidewalk tables out front. ▣



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AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) ★★★★★1/2

Palo Alto Square: 2, 3, 4:25, 7 & 9:35 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at 5:25, 8 & 10:20 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 11:40 a.m. & 12:40 p.m.

THE BREAK-UP (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 12:35, 3, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m.
Century 12: 11:55 a.m.; 2:40, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.

CARS (G) ★★1/2

Century 16: 11:05 & 11:40 a.m.; 12:20, 1:05, 1:50, 2:30, 3:10, 3:55, 4:40, 5:20, 6, 6:45, 7:30, 8:10, 8:50, 9:35 & 10:20 p.m.
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THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) ★★★★★

Century 16: 12:30, 3:40, 7:10 & 10:15 p.m.
Century 12: 1:05, 4:15, 7:20 & 10:35 p.m.

THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:25 & 9:50 p.m.
Century 12: 11:35 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:10 & 9:50 p.m.

GARFIELD: A TAIL OF TWO KITTIES (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:55, 2:55, 4:55, 7:05 & 9:05 p.m.

THE LAKE HOUSE (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 12:15, 1:45, 2:50, 4:25, 5:15, 7:05, 7:55, 9:35 & 10:30 p.m.
Century 12: 12:05, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG-13) ★★★★★

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Century 12: Noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m.

THE OMEN (R) ★★★★★

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MOVIE REVIEWS

A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION ★★1/2

(Century 12, Guild) Garrison Keillor heads up an all-star lineup of down-home folks who work an old-fashioned radio variety show that has withstood the test of time and the onset of cutting-edge electronics. But time marches on and the St. Paul, Minnesota-based Prairie Home Companion is on its last legs, forced into the show biz graveyard by a curmudgeonly producer (Tommy Lee Jones) whose eye is on the bottom line. "Prairie" focuses on the last hurrah of "Prairie," a bittersweet tribute to the guys and gals of radio of yore warbling over the airwaves from the disintegrating majesty of the Fitzgerald Theater. From singing siblings Yolanda and Rhonda (the excellent Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin) to sandy trail hands Dusty and Lefty (Woody Harrelson and John C. Reilly), the gang shakes the dust off the classics. But overall this is an uneven yarn of pregnant pauses punctuated by charm. I'm giving director Robert Altman an A for average effort. *Rated: PG-13 for language and mature themes. 1 hour, 45 minutes.* — J.A.

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH ★★★★★1/2

(Cinearts) Director David Guggenheim strikes a nerve in this searing documentary about the frightening state of global warming and Earth's questionable future. Former Vice President Al Gore didn't just sit on his thumbs after losing the 2000 presidential election. His controversial defeat and a family emergency were the wake-up calls Gore needed to pour his turbulent emotions into a fiery traveling roadshow focused on a planetary emergency. The facts, as presented in the film, are startling. In less than a decade there will be no more snows of Kilimanjaro to soothe the soul, and our frosty glaciers will have dwindled to mere puddles. Tornadoes and torrential flooding will continue to peak at a devastating rate — Katrina was just a warm-up. The truth hurts when it comes to global warming, but Guggenheim has an equally important and inconvenient truth up his sleeve: Al Gore has charisma, truckloads of it. Passionate and world-weary, Gore works a room with multimedia splendor. We missed the boat and neither director nor star is going to let us forget it. Illuminating and distressing, "Truth" is a grave message indeed. *Rated: PG for mature themes. 1 hour, 40 minutes.* — J.A.

THE BREAK-UP ★★

(Century 16, Century 12) Although Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston and the rest of a stellar cast somehow escape unscathed, "The Break-Up" itself falls apart. Gary (Vaughn) and Brooke (Aniston) seem like a happy couple. The pair enjoys scintillating chemistry and a plush Chicago condo. But that all changes when Gary brings home three lemons — not the 12 Brooke needs for a dinner party — and all heck breaks loose. Brooke emotionally and prematurely ends the relationship, and what should have been a resolvable argument turns into a downward spiral of miscommunication and bickering. A clean break-up is impossible as both Gary and Brooke refuse to leave their plush living space. Soon both are imma-

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 turely trying to one-up each other through jealousy or sheer malice. When Brooke takes over the bedroom, Gary buys the pool table he's always wanted. When Brooke brings a date home, Gary stages a strip-poker night. The unfortunate thing is that they still genuinely love one another and would welcome the opportunity to work things out — if they could stop acting like 4-year-olds long enough. This bad "Break-Up" is better left for DVD and the hours after a disappointing blind date. *Rated: PG-13 for sexual content, some nudity and language. 1 hour, 46 minutes.* — T.H.

CARS ★★1/2
 (Century 16, Century 12) The star of this animated road-running adventure is Lightning McQueen (voice of Owen Wilson), a sporty red racer whose lifelong ambition is to win the coveted Piston Cup. A big race-off between Lightning and two tough challengers is set to take place in California, but a late-night miscue sees Lightning speeding along Route 66, lost and very frustrated. Salvation arrives in the forgotten little town of Radiator Springs, where Lightning meets a

handful of oddball vehicles who value history and family over fame and fortune. Doc (Paul Newman) is a gruff old Hudson Hornet, Sally (Bonnie Hunt) is a smooth-talking Porsche 911, and Mater (voiced perfectly by Larry the Cable Guy) is a sincere and goofy tow truck. "Cars" is the best animated film this year. But with Disney/Pixar behind the wheel, the film should have cruised to must-see status. Instead, it stalls. *Rated: G. 1 hour, 56 minutes.* — T.H.

THE OMEN ★★★
 (Century 16, Century 12) Showtime at the Vatican: a dour clergyman delivers a doom-and-gloom prediction with a flashy slideshow of contemporary disasters including the falling towers of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Satan's child is on his way, so everyone duck and cover. Nearby in Rome, rising diplomatic star Robert Thorn (Liev Schreiber) suffers the painful news that his son has died in childbirth. Salvation arrives in the form of an obsequious priest who insists that another child has been born that night and has lost his mother. Why not replace one infant with the other and keep the little woman happy? Anxious

to spare wife Kate (Julia Stiles) the gory details, Robert agrees to the deception and the child is christened Damien. All is well until the troubled nanny of Damien (Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick) throws herself off a balcony in the name of her tiny charge. Which sets off a chain of unsettling events

and an impending sense of doom as both Kate and Robert reluctantly acknowledge that their child is the Antichrist and a stout course of Ritalin isn't going to help. Director John Moore has re-fashioned the 1976 horror classic for a new generation. *Rated: R for extreme violence and bloodshed.*

1 hour, 50 minutes. — J.A.

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2006 MID-PENINSULA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL "The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark" presented by Menlo Players Guild, directed by Bruce De Les Dernier. June 16-17, June 24, 8 p.m. Free to public. Presented by Menlo Players Guild. Mid-Peninsula High School, 1340 Willow Road, Menlo Park. Call 322-3261. www.menloplayersguild.org

2006 MID-PENINSULA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL "The Lion in Winter" written by James Goldman, presented by Menlo Players Guild and directed by Amy Himes. June 18, June 23, 8 p.m. Free to public. Mid-Peninsula High School, 1340 Willow Road, Menlo Park. Call 322-3261. www.menloplayersguild.com.

FOOTHILL COLLEGE DRAMA DEPARTMENT STAGES "¿DE DONDE?" Performances are June 16-17, 8 p.m. \$16 general/\$12 students and seniors. Call or see website for tickets. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills. Call 949-7130. www.foothill.edu/fa/theater.html.

THEATREWORKS PRESENTS Its 37th season with the World Premiere musical "Vanities." The comedy captures the spirit of a bygone era and the eternal complexities of friendship. Through

AUDITIONS

AUDITIONS FOR 2ND ANNUAL FOOTHILL COLLEGE NEW WORKS FESTIVAL Includes six short plays. Auditions June 19-20, 7 p.m. Prepare cold readings from the script. All roles are open. Ages 16 and welcome. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills. Call 949-7130. www.foothill.edu/fa/theater/auditions.html.

EXPERIENCED SINGERS NEEDED The California Bach Society is a chamber choir specializing in historically informed interpretations of Renaissance and Baroque choral music. The audition consists of vocalizing, sight reading, and a prepared piece of any style. June 19, 7-9 p.m. Private Location, address given upon registration. www.calbach.org.

EXHIBITS

"FOUR ARTISTS" Pastel drawings by Kelvin Curry; paintings by Daniel Gautier; mixed media by Midori McCabe; paintings and drawings by Olga Tsareva. Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Through July 13; reception June 16, 5-7 p.m. Paul Allen Center for Integrated Systems, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 725-3622. cis.stanford.edu/~marigras.

AFRICA COMES TO PALO ALTO Local artist Tracy Ferea's photographs capture the contrasts of beauty and harshness in southern Africa. Through July 31, Tue.-Wed., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thu., noon-7 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto. Call 248-0655.

CREATIVE COMMERCE: GERMAN LITHOGRAPHIC LABELS, 1920-1938 Explores an unparalleled time in commercial printing and showcases the lithographic processes of the time. June 22-Sept. Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m.; Thu., 7-9 p.m. Free admission. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd., Palo Alto. Call 329-2366. www.paacf.org.

FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT Color photographs by Judy Kramer exhibited Through July 10. Free. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri., June 9, open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. The Fire House Gallery, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 289-5499 ext. 430.

IDEO PROTOTYPES THE FUTURE Showcasing the comprehensive collection of recent concepts and prototypes created by Ideo. June 22-Sept. 10, Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m.; Thu., 7-9 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art



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SAILING THROUGH HISTORY WITH MODEL SHIPS The Museum of American Heritage in partnership with South Bay Model Shipwrights tell the story of maritime heritage from ancient to modern times through a collection of two dozen exquisite ship models and related objects. Fri.-Sun., through Sept. 24, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org.

STEVENSON HOUSE FOURTH MONO-PRINT SHOW Vlasta Diamant, a resident artist/teacher, presents her students' monoprints. Through June 30. Stevenson House, 455 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto. Call 493-1478. www.stevensonhouse.org.

THE GALLERY SHOP Continuous exhibits of ceramics, glass, jewelry and fiber by American artists. Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue.-Thu., 7-10 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd., Palo Alto. Call 329-2366. www.paacf.org.

THE PERFUME OF SADNESS: SYMBOLIST ART FROM THE KIRK LONG COLLECTION The 30 works offer a succinct introduction to Symbolism, a short-lived but immensely influential literary and pictorial movement. Through July 23. Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 723-4177. museum.stanford.edu.

THREE DIMENSIONAL ART A group exhibition of 3-D work including ceramics, blown glass, sculpture and jewelry on display through June 24. Hours: Tue., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wed.-Sat., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Gallery House, 320 California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 326-1668. www.galleryhouse2.com

TALKS/AUTHORS

FROM HARBOR LIGHTS TO TALL SHIPS Artist Jim Campbell will examine nautical art from the perspective of artist and sailor. June 20, 7 p.m. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org.

LOCAL AUTHORS: AARON GLANTZ, RUCHA HUMNABADKAR, HEMILA PEDRAM To discuss their books about Iraq, India, and Iran, respectively. Tue., June 20,

7:30 p.m. Kepler's Books and Magazines, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 321-2084. www.keplers.com.

PERSIS KARIM, "LET ME TELL YOU WHERE I'VE BEEN" NEW WRITING BY WOMEN OF THE IRANIAN DIASPORA Thu., June 22, 7:30 p.m. Kepler's Books and Magazines, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 321-2084. www.keplers.com.

TUESDAY TEAS 2 p.m. Free. June 20: "Pet Rescue Operation's Ken Becker will speak about homeless pets"; June 27: Author Ann Davidson will talk about her new memoirs "A Curious Kind of Widow: Loving a Man with Advanced Alzheimer's." Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org.

CLUBS/MEETINGS

"FUCHSIAS" Wed., June 21, 7 p.m. Hosted by Mountain View Garden Club. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 969-3261.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

ANANDA YOGA AND MEDITATION Sat., June 24, 9 a.m.-noon. \$30. Basic meditation techniques, including chanting and how to sit comfortably will be taught. Ananda, 2171 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 323-3363. www.anandapaloalto.org.

DANCE WORKOUT Combines movements from modern ballet, jazz, yoga and Pilates. Beginners, over 40's welcome. June 19-Aug. 30, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$15 single/\$50 for 4/\$84 for 8 Mtn.View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church Street, Mountain View. Call 969-4110. www.livelyfoundation.org.

FLORA IN FOCUS WORKSHOPS CAMPANULAS June 20-21, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$140 members/\$170 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Rd., Woodside. Call 364-8300. www.filoli.org.

PET COMPANIONSHIP PROGRAM Amy Shever and Ken Becker from 2nd Chance 4 Pets will discuss the 2nd Chance for Pets Companions for Seniors Program and planning for pet's future. June 22, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue, Mountain View.

PIZZA IN A POT June 17, 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$45 members/\$55 non-members. Learn how to make a pizza in a pot. Participants will decorate and pot-up their own pizza pot to take home. Recommended for children ages 5-12. Filoli, 86 Canada Rd., Woodside. Call 364-8300. www.filoli.org

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MONDAY MOVIES 1 p.m.: June 19: "An Unfinished Life"; June 26: "Mrs. Henderson Presents." \$1 members/\$2 non-members. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org.

STANFORD THEATRE GUIDE June 16: "Champagne for Caesar" 7:30 p.m.; "My Life with Caroline" 5:55 and 9:20 p.m.; June 17: "Kiki" 7:30 p.m.; "Champagne for Caesar" 9:20 p.m.; June 18: "Kiki" 2 p.m.; "Bells are Ringing" 7:30 p.m.; "Kismet" 5:25 and 9:50 p.m.; June 19-20: "Bells are Ringing" 7:30 p.m.; "Kismet" 5:25 and 9:50 p.m.; June 22-24: "Kismet" 7:30 p.m.; "The Unholy Garden" 6:05 and 9:20 p.m.; June 25: "Her Sister from Paris" 7:30 p.m.; "The Unholy Garden" 9:30 p.m.; June 26: "Her Sister from Paris" 2 p.m.; "Gigi" 7:30 p.m.; "The Reluctant Debutante" 5:40 and 9:35 p.m.; June 27-28: "Gigi" 7:30 p.m.; "The Reluctant Debutante" 5:40 and 9:35 p.m.; June 29-July 1: "A Double Life" 7:30 p.m.; "The Masquerader" 6 and 9:25 p.m.; July 2: "The Rescue" 7:30 p.m.; "The Masquerader" 9:05 p.m. Stanford Theatre, 221 University Ave., Palo Alto. Call 324-3700. www.stanfordtheatre.org.

WEDNESDAY "KULTUR" MOVIES 1 p.m.: June 21: "Amadeus"; June 28: "Vladimir Horowitz, The Last Romantic." \$1 members/\$2 non-members. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org.

DANCE

JACKI'S AEROBIC DANCING Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-10 a.m. Strength training, abs work, and aerobic routines for all ages and abilities. Childcare provided. Mt. View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View.

SENIORS

NEWCOMER'S GROUP An orientation and tour of the Senior Center. An overview of classes, upcoming events, social services and general information will be presented. June 20, 11:15-11:45 a.m. Free Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue, Mountain View.

■ MORE LISTINGS

For a complete listing of local events, see our website at www.PaloAltoOnline.com.



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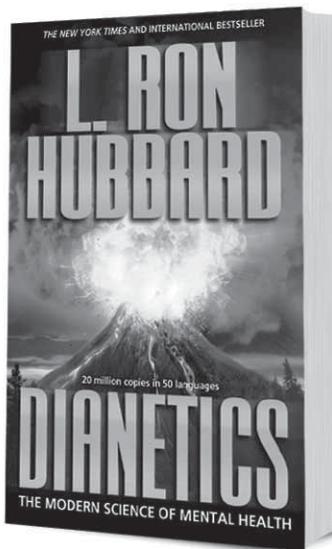


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- ★ Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with the Radio Disney Family Festival.
- ★ Discounted upper reserved seating subject to availability.
- ★ Bring this advertisement/coupon, proof of Mountain View residency (a driver's license and current utility bill with a Mountain View address) or a Shoreline Resident Ticket ID Card to the Amphitheatre Box Office to purchase discounted tickets. Box Office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- ★ Purchase discounted tickets at the Box Office by Monday, June 26.

■ OPEN SUN, 6/18, 1:30-4:30 PM • 201/209 Mariposa Ave.



MOUNTAIN VIEW... There are 2 splendid homes on this non sub-dividable lot. The lovely Craftsman style cottage is a 2BR/1BA. Elegant River Rock frplc in LR, large eat-in kitch. 2nd home is a remodeled 3BR/2BA. New granite kitc., French door to patio.
\$1,349,000



MOUNTAIN VIEW... Not to be missed opportunity! Own Rarely offered Office/Retail Condo in Prestigious Two Worlds Complex! Prime MV Location! High profile location w/most windows facing El Camino Real. Please NOTE that existing Bus. is NOT for sale.
\$630,000

■ OPEN SAT&SUN, 6/17&18, 1:30-4:30 PM • 2000 Rock St. #2



MOUNTAIN VIEW... End your search w/this cheerful 3BR/2BA condo on a quiet MV neighborhood. Sep. DR, up-dated Kitch. w/tile back splash, LR w/vaulted ceil. & frplc. Pergo flr, indoor laundry, spacious balc., 1-car gar., & community swimming pool.
\$625,000

■ OPEN SAT&SUN, 6/17&18, 2:00-4:00 PM • 59 Timberhill Ct.



PACIFICA... Exceptional 5BR/3BA bay-view home on a fully fenced corner lot. Spacious MB w/large soaking tub, views, & walk-in closet. Kitchen/great room w/Granite countertops & Maple cabinetry. Soaring ceil. in LR/DR. FR w/fireplace, 2-car garage
\$1,188,000



PALO ALTO... Fabulous location for this freshly painted 3BR/2BA Eichler. Remodeled eat-in kitchen w/breakfast bar, new carpeting, fireplace in living room. Sunny and bright generous yard, 2 car garage, Palo Alto Schools.
\$1,149,000

■ OPEN SUN, 6/18, 1:30-4:30 PM • 2404 Sharon Oaks Dr.



MENLO PARK... Elegance in its finest! This townhouse tucked away among Oak & Redwood trees in desirable Sharon Heights! Sep. Dining room, Kitchen w/granite slab counters, custom Maple cabinets, beautiful hardwood flrs, Security alarm Sys., & more!
\$1,875,000

ATHERTON

Prime West Atherton flag lot boasts sunny, approx. acre + level lot. Lot is cleared and ready for you to build your dream home. A perimeter of mature trees lends privacy to this lot. Menlo Park Schools.
\$3,950,000

LOS ALTOS

This bright, spacious home is 5BR/2.5BA remodel BAs, ideally located on a quiet street close to the LA Village w/outstanding LA Schools. Remod kitch. w/Granite counters, lrg FR & sep. DR w/Hdwd flrs. Sunny yards w/expansive lawns.
\$2,148,000

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Opportunity Awaits! Existing 2BR/1BA house & outbuildings are to be considered "teardowns". This parcel is waiting for Contractors/Developers to build investment properties.
\$990,000

Beautiful 2BR/2.5BA+lrg loft. Cheerful eat-in kitch, lrg mstr ste w/walk-in closet, vaulted ceil, DBL paned windows, AC, low maintenance yd, lg 2 car gar w/storage cabinets. Close to Castro St & caltrain/lightrail, easy freeway access.
\$789,000

Excellent opportunity to build a new home. Preliminary plans for new house plus a 2 car garage. Los Altos High School District.
\$499,000

PALO ALTO

10,000 sq. ft lot, can Rbld sep unit. Sq. Ft. has not been verified by seller or Cashin Co. If sq. ft. is important to buyer, buyer should verify. In old PA, great potential build new/or Remod. Home has sep FR/DR. Deep lot w/big bkyd.
\$2,099,000

Coming Soon! 2bedroom/2bath, cathedral ceilings, walls of glass, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, the best Palo Alto schools, inside laundry and patio.
\$605,000

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LOS ALTOS... Coming Soon! Extraordinary 2 bedroom, 3 & a half bath home, w/dramatic architectural details & designer style in a private & serene setting. Great spaces for entertaining, out door frplc, spa, lap pool, koi pond and lush gardens shaded by oak trees.
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SAN JOSE

An air of comfort infuses this impressive 1 Of 6 ever built by renowned architects Wolfe & Wolfe. 4BR/4BA, LR has high ceil., stain glass windows, ornamental frplc., Hdwd. flr thru-out, Brkfst nook, 2-car garage. Close to Santa Row.
\$1,149,000

Location! Location! Location! On one of Willow Glen's finest Streets! 3BR/2BA hm that is overflowing w/character & is close to town. Beautiful Marble Mstr BA, Hdwd flrs thru-out, eat-in kitch, bonus rm, frplc in LR & new landscaping.
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SARATOGA

Brand new, sophisticated custom 4BR/3.5BA home in lovely dwntrn neighborhood. Close to shops, rest. & park. Formal entry, LV w/marble frplce & DR w/wet bar. Skylights, vaulted ceilings. Travertine & hrdwd flrs, in-law unit!
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