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Lawyers fight Measure C

AARON KATZ VOWS TO JOIN GARY WESLEY IN SUIT AGAINST Foothill-DE ANZA BOND

By Molly Tanenbaum

Monday's deadline to contest Foothill-De Anza's successful June bond election brought one voice of dissent, with one more on the way.

Mountain View attorney Gary Wesley, on behalf of a friend, Los Altos attorney Melvin Emerich, has joined the community college's validation action to challenge the \$491 million bond measure. Voters approved the measure in

June to provide long-overdue facilities renovations and technology upgrades to Foothill and De Anza colleges.

After being granted a 10-day extension past Monday's deadline, Saratoga attorney Aaron Katz says he also plans on joining the validation action by July 27.

Measure C passed with 65 percent of the vote on June 6. The college district immediately pursued a validation action — a specialized type of lawsuit to ensure the legitimacy of the bond election — to prevent future litigants from challenging the measure, and to be able

'Measure C is a blank check with regard to the projects to be funded.'

GARY WESLEY

to prevent construction delays. The action preempted a potential lawsuit by Katz, who has brought legal actions against several local school districts and El Camino Hospital over their bond and parcel tax elections. The suits have resulted in construction delays, legal fees and increased building costs, all of which Foothill-De Anza hoped to avoid.

Prior to the election, Katz had indicated that he was considering suing the district if Measure C passed. In his previous lawsuits against other districts, he argued that he should be able to vote in an election as a property owner — he owns 10 Mountain View condos — even though he lives outside of the district.

"Since 50 percent or more of voters are not property owners and as such won't have to pay a penny of the tax, the process

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MICHAEL MULLADY

TRADITIONAL BEATS: Mountain View's annual Obon festival took place Sunday, July 16 at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple on Shoreline Boulevard. To conclude the event, the temple's taiko group performed. The group was lead by Steven Hiramoto (right), of Sunnyvale.

Not your grandmother's bookmobile

GOOGLE, CITY DEBUT WIFI-EQUIPPED ROLLING LIBRARY

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View can now claim it's got the most high-tech bookmobile in the world.

At Google's headquarters last week, the city unveiled its new WiFi-equipped, environmentally friendly \$200,000 bookmobile, replacing a tired predecessor cut from a strapped library budget three years ago.

"It's not your mother's or your grandmother's bookmobile," said Karen Burnett, library services director.

The rolling library is also an Internet access point, with two laptops that fold out from its sides so the Web can be

brought to places, such as senior centers, where people may not normally have access.

The bookmobile even awed the high-tech gurus of Google, the company that provided the \$200,000 to build the machine.

"It's like the ice cream man, but instead of ice cream it's the Internet," said project manager Minnie Ingersoll. She recommended it play a catchy jingle as it rolled through neighborhoods.

Google stepped in as a partner on the project after the city said, "We need a hotel and conference center — no no, that was my dream the other night," said Mayor Nick



NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

The Bookmobile

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Orion Park pollution still a mystery

By Daniel DeBolt

Just outside the Moffett Field main gate is a rare sight in the booming housing market of Silicon Valley: a large, completely vacant apartment complex.

Orion Park was once home for National Guard, Army and Navy families based at Moffett field. And for some

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What's the dumbest movie you've seen recently?



"The Scientology movie, or 'Superman Returns.'"

Julian Zidarevich, Mountain View



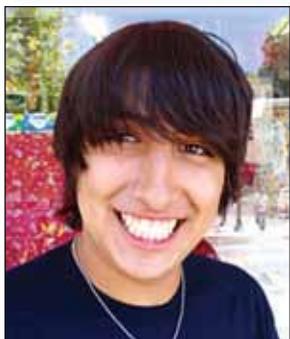
"The Lake House.' There hasn't been a stupider movie than that in a long time."

Ryan Sordal, Palo Alto



"Amityville Horror.' It was lame."

Cathy Chen, Palo Alto



"Attack of the Chupacabras.' It's a horror film that never came out in theaters."

Jesse Burke, Mountain View



"The dumbest movie I saw recently was 'The Bridges of Madison County.' She fell in love with the guy just because he didn't slam the screen door!"

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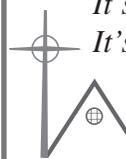
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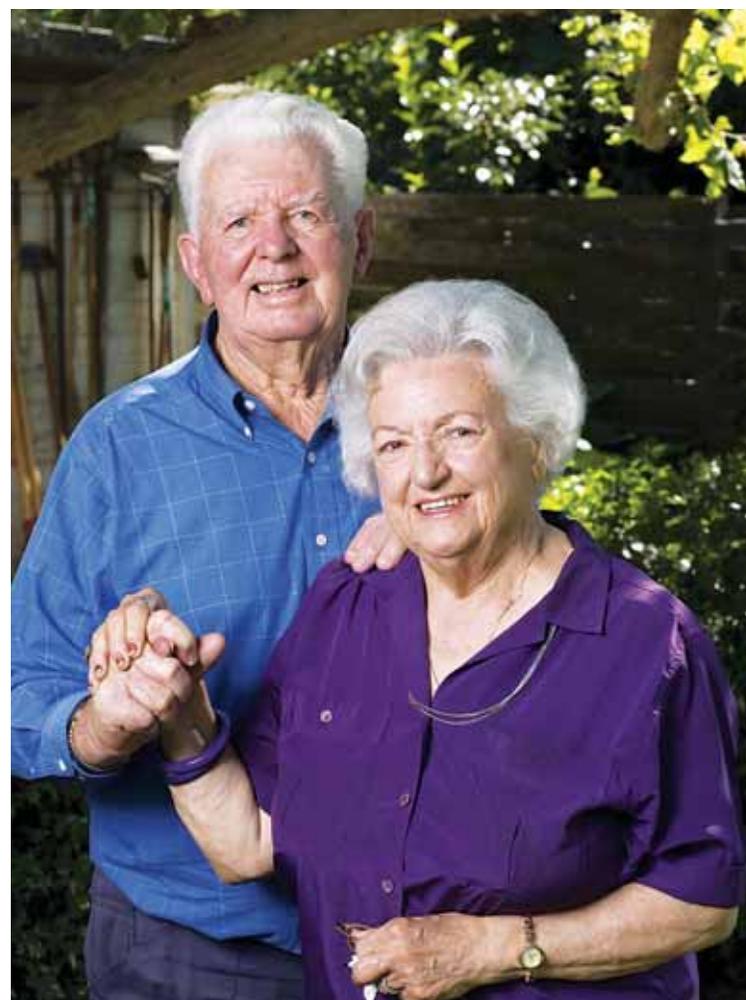
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JACK AND MUNCIE MCCARTHY STILL REVEL IN
THEIR MARRIAGE AFTER 58 YEARS

By Chelsea Young

"I'm Irish, and Irish men have a pretty loose tongue," said 90-year-old Jack McCarthy, "I can talk all day if you want me to."

That certainly seems to be the case. In the course of an hour-long interview at his home on Sun Mor Avenue, Jack talks about his childhood in Oregon, his career in construction, his service during World War II, his two sons, golf and volunteering. But what really gets him talking is his wife of 58 years, Muncie McCarthy, who sits nearby beaming at her gregarious husband.

At one point, she is asked, "Why are you smiling?"

"Because he's so cute," she responds.

The couple met when Muncie, an Oakland resident, came to Los Altos to visit a friend, one of Jack's girlfriends. A devout Catholic, Muncie told her friend she wanted to attend church on Sunday. Not a churchgoer, the friend enlisted Jack to take Muncie along with him to church.

Laughingly, Jack recounts how Muncie warned her friend, "You better look out for that blue-eyed Irish boy or somebody's gonna steal him."

Indeed, after a year-long courtship, Jack proposed to Muncie during a company vacation in the snow. The two were on a sled when

Jack popped the question. He recalls, "We were at the bottom of the hill. We hit a rock or something, and I said, 'Boy, now's the time!'"

In 1951, the couple bought a piece of land in Mountain View for \$1,300 and Jack, who had been doing construction since he was 8, started building his own house. The 55-year-old structure still stands. Jack also built a few other houses in his neighborhood. He retired from construction 31 years ago, although he still works once a week at the Stanford golf course.

Muncie worked as a secretary for the Whisman School District for 17 years. The couple raised two kids, Mike and John.

The loving pair had advice about maintaining a happy marriage. Muncie counseled, "Well, you have to take everything very carefully when you have an argument. 'You're going to make this a lasting, permanent relationship. We've been very careful.'"

Jack agreed. "We're both Catholics and when we got married in church we made a contract with God that says we would be one forever, for better or for worse."

Muncie added, "If you get angry, it's fun making up." ▀

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Zoned out

By Don Frances

MOTHER-DAUGHTER team Bernadette and Jennifer DeArmond wrote in with a gentle reminder:

"We enjoyed your recent article about Mountain View health clubs but we were disappointed that we were not included. Reconstruction Zone is a locally owned fitness center that focuses on strength training and cardiovascular conditioning for middle-aged and older men and women."

It was especially foolish of me to forget Reconstruction Zone, since we did a whole story on the club only three months ago, in our April 14 Health & Fitness section.

As we explained then, DeArmond and DeArmond founded the club to provide a quieter, more easygoing place for the over-40 set to work out, with specialized exercise routines for those who need it (for example, people with conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or arthritis).

Reconstruction Zone is located at 1954 Old Middlefield Way, Suite 1. Call (650) 564-9388, or visit www.reconstructionzone.com, to find out prices, etc.

BELATEDLY, I would like to welcome Aaron Smith, recently ordained as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church on 1075 El Monte Avenue. According to Rich Anderson, president of the church, "St. Paul has had an interim pastor, The Rev. Robert Nicholas, for the past two and one-half years." ■

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NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger attends the opening of the GOP campaign office in Mountain View.

Gov. inaugurates local GOP office

SCHWARZENEGGER MAKES BRIEF MOUNTAIN VIEW APPEARANCE, TALKS ABOUT CELL PHONES

By Daniel DeBolt

About a hundred Republican volunteers squeezed into a stuffy upstairs office in Mountain View last week to see Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who showed up briefly for the opening of his party's county campaign headquarters.

Schwarzenegger gave a short

speech on issues including public safety, the environment and not raising taxes.

"Government's number-one responsibility is protecting people," he said during the July 13 talk at the office on Fairchild Drive.

Among his topics, the governor discussed the danger posed by those who drive while talking on cell phones. He said government had a role to play in fixing the problem, but did not elaborate on how.

Monte Bishop came all the way from Alameda to volunteer for Schwarzenegger because, he said,

"If you don't participate you have no right to complain." He said he aligned himself with Schwarzenegger because the Democratic alternative is "bleak," and because the governor is familiar to him.

"We know what we got," he said. "We know what to expect."

Around the office, people were selling T-shirts with images from the governor's Hollywood days, including such movies as "The Terminator." One person wore a shirt reading "Welcome to Kali-fornia" with a picture

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EL CAMINO HOSPITAL

Hospital board raises some rates

By Molly Tanenbaum

El Camino Hospital will start off the new fiscal year with a rate increase, after the board of directors approved the budget at last Wednesday's meeting.

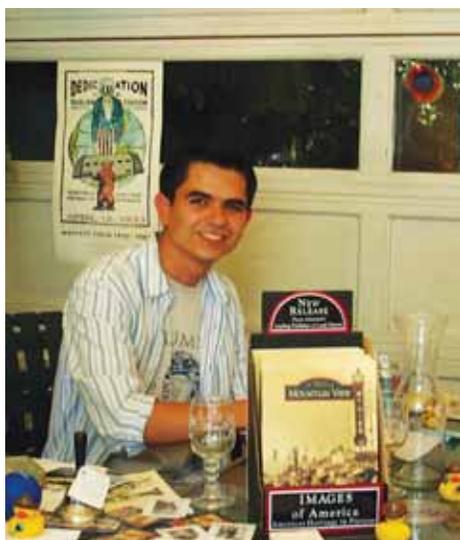
The increase in cost of services is intended to bring El Camino up to charging at the 75th percentile compared with local hospitals such as Stanford Hospital, Good Samaritan and O'Connor hospitals in San Jose, and Mills Hospital in San Mateo, according to CFO and interim CEO Marla Gularte. Previous rates at El Camino had been around the 25th percentile for the area, and in the 10th percentile for Northern California, Gularte said.

The rate increases, which took effect July 1, focused mainly on hospital stays and emergency room costs. For example, a one-night stay in the intensive care unit went from \$8,000 to about \$10,000.

To offset the increases, Gularte said the hospital would offer a 75 percent discount to patients who pay cash instead of using their medical insurance. Further, El Camino would reduce some pharmacy prices.

The increase was met with apprehension from board member and cardiologist

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Nicholas Perry

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Mountain View's history in pictures

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLES BOOK ON CITY'S PAST

By Daniel DeBolt

When Nicholas Perry was in the eighth grade, he discovered there weren't any books published about Mountain View's history. So he decided to create his own Web site about it, at www.guidemv.com.

Seven years later, he is back at it as the author of a book on Mountain View's history. "Images of America, Mountain View" (Arcadia Publishing) is different than the book published by the Mountain View Historical Association, "Milestones" in that its stories are told entirely in photos and photo captions.

Perry, 23, calls himself a product of the diversity of Mountain View — diversity that has existed since the city's birth. Perry is a fourth generation resident, half Mexican, half Portuguese. His parents met in Spanish class at Mountain View High School (back when the school was still downtown, located in a building of the mission style more common in Mountain View's early days).

Ethnic diversity is "what has made Mountain View unique for a long time," he said. He opened the book and pointed to a Filipino

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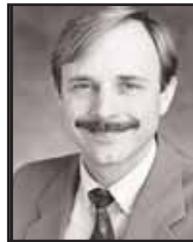
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800 block Independence Ave., 7/11
1900 block Latham St., 7/11
2500 block Grant Rd., 7/12
800 block E. El Camino Real, 7/14
200 block Castro St., 7/14
2300 block California St., 7/16
400 block Carmelita Dr., 7/17

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300 block Moffett Blvd., 7/15
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civilians it was below-market-rate housing.

Now it's a ghost town. At night the street lights are still lit, but there is no one around except a few straggling residents with a U-Haul truck parked outside. The grass is dead, the buildings are plain and worn and a ballpark sits unused.

How the groundwater underneath the facility became polluted with Trichloroethane (TCE) has been a mystery for years. A few years ago residents reported strange health problems, and the Navy and Environmental Protection Agency found TCE vapors seeping into homes from the water table underneath. The chemical is believed to be a carcinogen which can cause kidney and liver disease.

The Navy has continued to study the site, and released its latest report at the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board meeting on July 13. While the Navy wasn't clear about its findings, it was clear of its conclusion: that the TCE was coming from somewhere south of the base, supporting the Navy's position that it is not responsible for the problem.

But the report had many critics, possibly because the Navy's attempts to simplify and narrow the information for a PowerPoint

presentation led to incorrect representations.

"You're not showing us how the water is really flowing through here," said Don Chucks of NASA.

"I think you've come to a convenient conclusion," said Lenny Siegel, director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight.

Until the data is released in full, the advisory committee will not know whether the Navy's conclusions are premature. Alana Lee, project manager for the EPA, said she expects a full study to be available in August. Lee said the Navy has been misleading in the past and that there are concerns about the full report.

Whodunnit

The new data in the study came from 11 permanent test wells placed throughout the site that tested TCE levels, as well as water levels to determine which way the water was flowing. Data from soil samples was used to create a map of the soil geology. Clay, sand and silt affects how the water will flow and gives clues to where the water came from and is going to.

But no matter how much data the Navy has to support its case, it won't exempt the Navy from cleanup duties if another responsible polluter isn't found.

The EPA will have the final say on who is responsible for cleanup, but there is no deadline for a decision. Lee said she is encour-

aged by the Navy's efforts.

Before RAB co-chair Bob Moss put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting, he made an offhanded remark that the study said the TCE was coming from an area bounded by Middlefield Road, Ellis Street and Whisman Road — referred to as the MEW — where semiconductor companies are responsible for TCE contaminated groundwater.

Jim McClure, a consultant for some of the companies, said he had to protest that remark. Lee clarified by saying the EPA found that the Orion and MEW plumes were not linked.

A possible source of the TCE is a former county vector control facility near Highway 101 at 750 Moffett Blvd. Lee said the EPA has looked through past city directories and aerial photos for businesses or operations that would have made or contributed to the TCE plume, but so far nothing has been pinned down.

The chemical is a solvent used in household products, at drycleaners, in semiconductor factories and, in the past, to clean aircraft at Moffett Field.

If the Army gets its way, the entire Orion Park area will soon become an Army training facility, regardless of what happens with the contaminated groundwater. There are plans for building foundations that will block TCE vapors from emanating into the buildings. ■

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■ CITY BRIEFS

NEIGHBORHOOD FINALLY GETS 'MINI-PARK'

The city approved a contract with Scapes Landscape company on July 18 to build a "mini park" on Devonshire Avenue west of Whisman Road.

Michael Fuller of the public works department said the neighborhood has been in need of a park for long time. Plans include 9,000 square feet of turf, a playground primarily for 5- to 12-year-olds, and seating under a trellis.

Part of the \$692,433 contract calls for demolishing a house on one of the two city-owned parcels on which the park will be built. The city included \$69,000 in contingency money to Scapes Landscape Company as part of the deal.

WATER DISTRICT TO LOWER CHLORAMINE LEVELS

The Santa Clara Valley Water District announced that it is converting to ozone

to disinfect water at its three plants. The process involves shooting millions of tiny bubbles into the water, and will significantly reduce the amount of chloramines used by the district.

Only about 10 percent of Mountain View's tap water comes from SCVWD. The rest comes from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which has not announced plans to convert to ozone use.

When the SFPUC converted to chloramine from chlorine in 2004, some Peninsula residents reported skin and respiratory problems ranging from blisters to severe respiratory attacks.

The SCVWD says one of its three plants has already converted to ozone. One more will convert in the fall, and the last will convert in 2013.

FARMER'S MARKET LIMITS CALTRAIN PARKING

The Farmer's Market will be held in the Caltrain parking lot

this Sunday, July 23. The city is asking that cars be parked on the east side of the lot so that the Farmer's Market can be held on the Castro Street side near the bus terminals.

— Daniel DeBolt

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS: Friday, August 25, 2006, 5:00 p.m.

CATEGORIES:

- *Physical Projects:* Architectural design, landscape and site design, environmental enhancement and remodeling projects.
- *Social Programs:* Social contribution; educational contribution; youth development; human services; tolerance, inclusivity and involvement contribution; and environmental contribution.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: A completed Mayor's Award nomination form and illustrative still photos (digital preferred).

WHERE TO OBTAIN NOMINATION FORMS:

- City of Mountain View web page: www.mountainview.gov
- Community Development Department or Public Works Department, Mountain View City Hall, 500 Castro Street
- Library Information Desk, 585 Franklin Street
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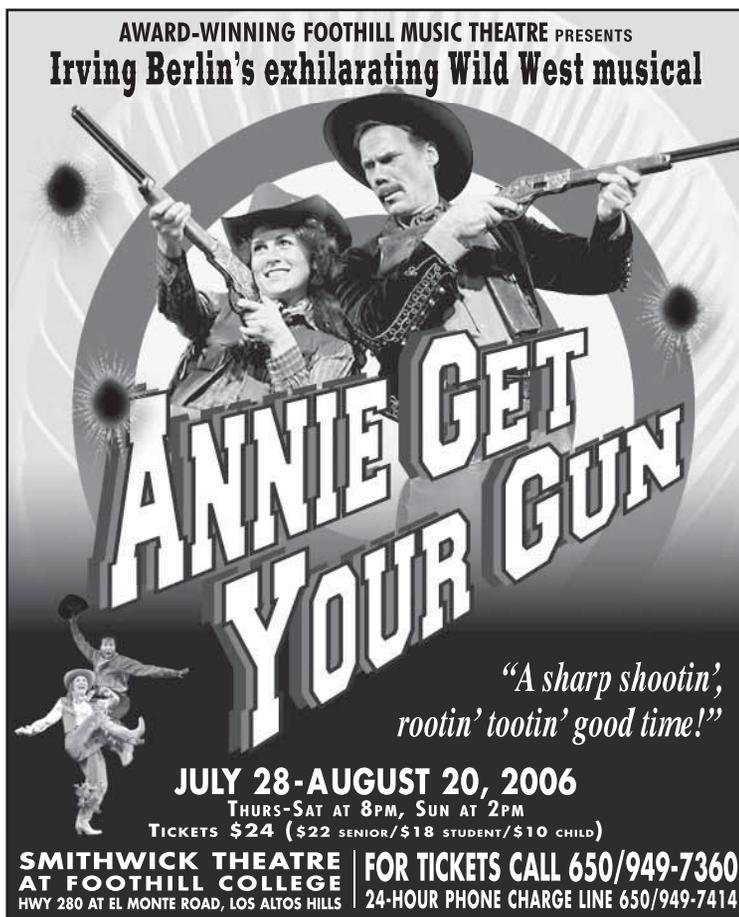
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Galiotto to a laughing crowd. After a ribbon-cutting ceremo-

ny people lined up to apply for library cards. Google employees, many in their 20s, were pleased with the selection of DVDs and CDs inside.

The bookmobile also has a com-

puterized self checkout machine connected to the WiFi network, which was a first for the software company, Innovative Interfaces.

Steve Miller, the city's fleet service manager, had a hand in the Bookmobile's design, because its unique features had to be specified to the builder, the Ohio Bus Company. The Utili-master body sits on a Freightliner chassis and the whole thing is pushed by a Cummins diesel engine, which may burn a mixture of vegetable-based biodiesel in the future.

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becomes a joke," he wrote the *Voice* in a May e-mail about Measure C. "Politicians call it securing the will of those primarily affected. I call it manipulation of the process because the ends justify the means."

Wesley's main gripe with Measure C differs from Katz's. He says the bond does not comply with Proposition 39 because it lacks a list of specific campus improvements. Proposition 39, which passed in 2000, allows school bonds like Measure C to pass with 55 percent of the vote instead of two thirds.

The measure's full text breaks down bond-funded projects by campus and includes items such as: "Improve safety and disabled access ... Remove all harmful asbestos ... Upgrade classrooms/labs for nursing

and emergency medical services."

But Wesley thinks this is not enough.

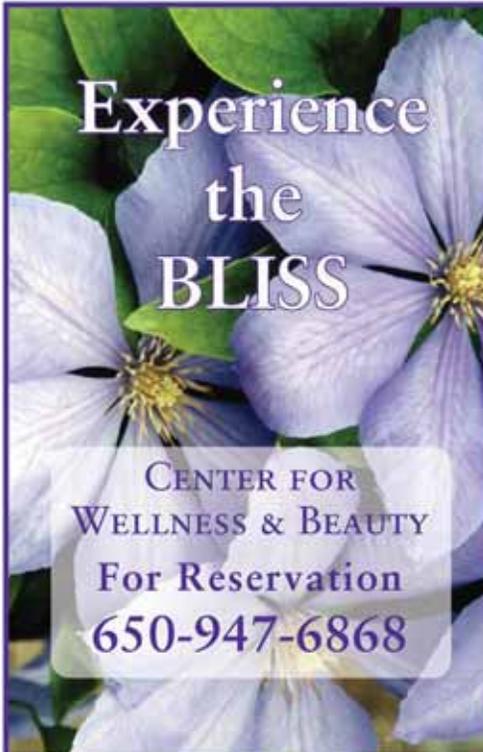
"Measure C is a blank check with regard to the projects to be funded," Wesley said, adding that the district could "bait and switch" to use the bond money for "Jacuzzis and massages and a palace for the now higher-paid administrators."

Now that the deadline has passed for members of the public to join the validation action, the issue will come to trial "on an expedited basis," said Foothill-De Anza attorney Sean Absher, who must first look at what Wesley and Katz have filed.

"We would evaluate the claims that are being made and decide how to challenge them in the court proceeding," said Sean Absher, Foothill-De Anza's attorney. "No decision will be made and won't be made until we have an opportunity to thoroughly review what's been filed." ■

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"This much-needed funding comes at a time when we are asking more of our teachers and students in terms of accountability and meeting rigorous standards," O'Connell said.

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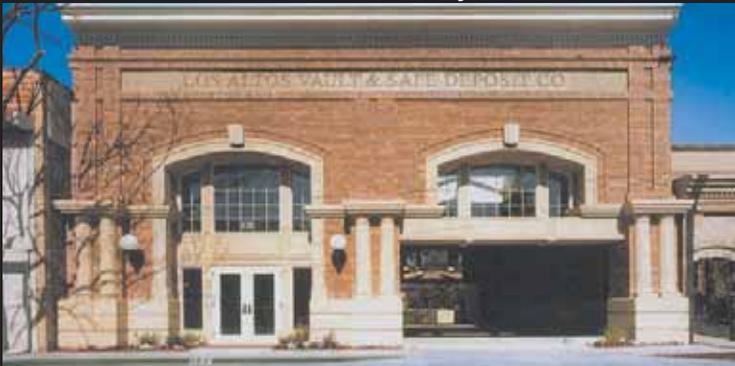
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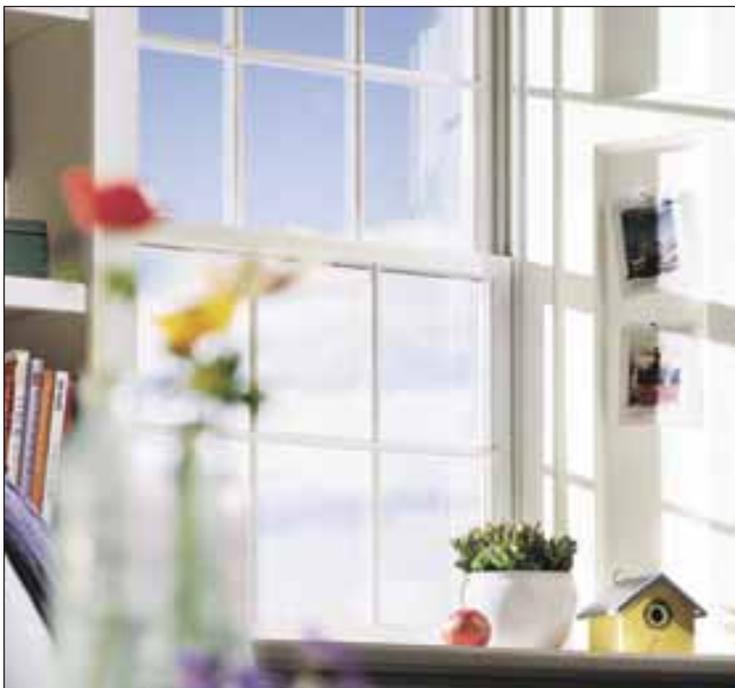


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Dominick Curatola.

"I'm concerned this is going to push more patients to go elsewhere," Curatola said, adding, "I have a nurse and a receptionist who won't have their work done here because of the out-of-pocket expense."

However, Gularte said keeping the rates equal or lowering them would not be an option.

"We would have to increase our volume three to four times to lower our rates to those levels," she said.

The board, minus the absent president Edward Bough and director Mark O'Connor, approved the budget with a net operating revenue of nearly \$400 million, which is up \$40 million from the prior fiscal year.

The budget also indicated \$3

million in savings that the hospital would experience based on phasing out the subacute, long-term care unit, which will close in 2008. The unit held about 40 patients, half of whom have already transferred to another facility.

Also at the meeting, the board unanimously approved \$3 million for upgrades and repairs for ECHO, the new computerized patient record system. Part of that project would include re-implementing the pharmacy computer system to prevent errors that had been occurring when the system was first installed.

The improvements would attempt to streamline the system and make it more intuitive, addressing complaints from physicians and nurses about ECHO since it was launched in March.

"We still have a long way to go to make it as user friendly as pos-

sible," said Frank Galli, cardiologist and new chief of staff, during the meeting.

Because this round of improvements will take more than a year to complete, the budget for the current fiscal year removed \$2 million for ECHO training, which Diana Russell, vice president of patient care, said will be reinstated for the subsequent fiscal year.

Additionally, the board unanimously approved a motion that would bring in an outside pharmacy management company, Cardinal Health, for at least the next three years. Gularte said current pharmacy employees would stay on, and current managers would have the option of applying for one of four managerial positions through Cardinal.

"We're not looking to fire anyone," Gularte said after the meeting.

Gularte will negotiate a contract with Cardinal, and the hospital intends to pay \$400,000 for the first six months. ▀

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of Schwarzenegger in his role as Conan the Barbarian.

Posters on the wall read "Don't be a girly man," "Viva Bush" and "Friends don't let friends become Democrats." American flags hung from the ceiling, and precinct maps signaled future campaign activity.

Funded by the National Republican Committee, the Mountain View office is one of 48 like it throughout the state, to be used by for the governor's campaign as well as any local candidates. Press secretary Julie Sutherland said the Republicans were about to embark on an "unprecedented volunteer effort."

Three days before the November election, she said, Republicans plan to use the Fairchild Avenue office as a staging ground for a huge get-out-the-vote operation. Volunteers will meet there and 40 phone lines will be opened in support of Schwarzenegger as well as any local Republican candidates. (No candidate for Mountain View City Council has declared himself or herself to be Republican).

As Schwarzenegger left the premises Thursday, climbing into a black SUV, people crowded onto the balcony and waved. He waved back and flashed his big smile, and the volunteers started chanting "Arnold! Arnold!" ▀

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ROMANIAN AU PAIR ENRICHES MOUNTAIN VIEW FAMILY'S LIFE

By Chelsea Young

"Yes, I do think of myself as a big sister," said 25-year-old Lia Gagyi of her relationship with 3-year-old Maya Sullivan.

Although Gagyi lives in Romania and Sullivan in Mountain View, the two were brought together in January 2005 by a U.S. State Department program that allows young people from other countries to enter the U.S. in order to work as au pairs. The State Department sponsors a number of agencies that place au pairs in U.S. households for up to two years, the largest being Cultural Care Au Pair.

Au pairs work up to 10 hours a day at a minimum of 45 hours a week. Because the rates are calculated nationally, one perk for California residents is the price: \$7 per hour, plus room and board. Cultural Care Au Pair estimates the cost of an au pair to be around \$280 per week, compared to up to \$1,000 per week for a traditional nanny.

Gagyi said she enjoyed her time in the U.S. and encountered no difficulties adjusting to American culture; she will now return to Romania to finish a bachelor's degree in psychology. However, she plans to come back to the



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Lia Gagyi and Maya Sullivan

U.S. for a master's degree.

"I learned a lot about the education of children and how to deal with children," she said of her time as an au pair.

Gagyi was not the only one who learned from her experience. Her young charge, Maya, picked up a few Romanian phrases and songs and an increased affinity for foreign food.

Maya's mother, Gilda Sullivan, could not say enough nice things about Gagyi and about the family's experience with the au pair program.

"We underestimated how much cultural exchange would enrich our family life," she said. ▀

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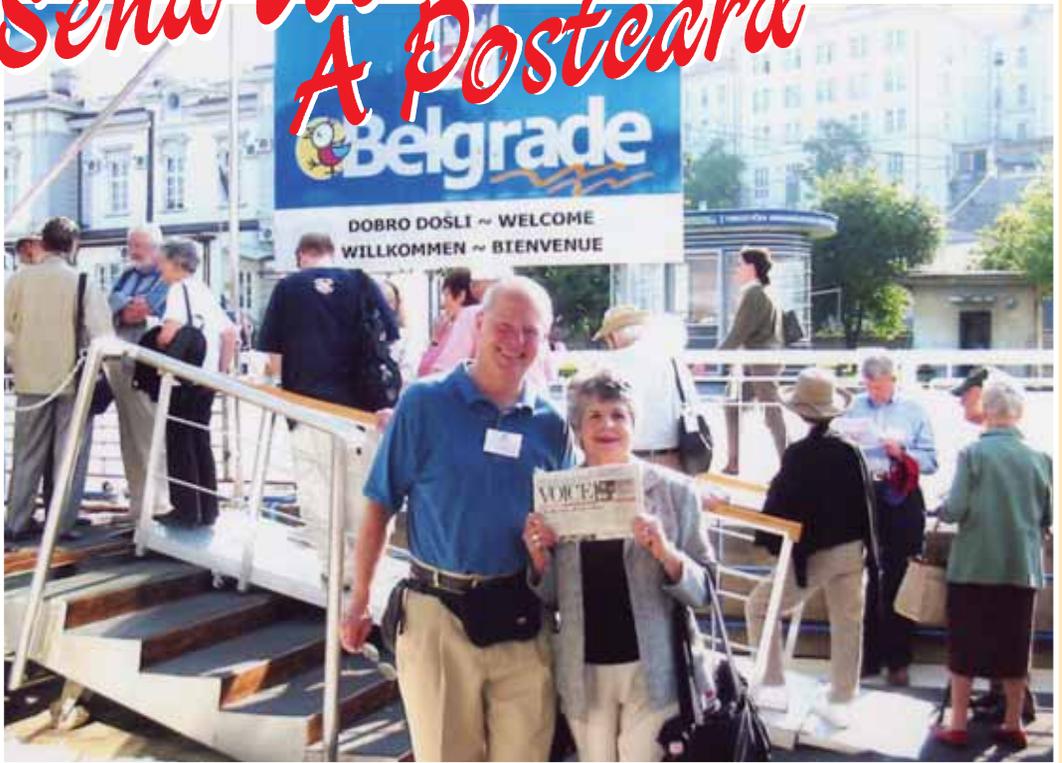
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association's float in a parade in the 1950s, a time when many places in America were still segregated.

Mountain View has always had a significant Chinese, Mexican, Filipino, Japanese and Portuguese population, Perry said.

He called pages 118 and 119 the "me spread," because of the Portuguese focus and the photo of his grandparents at the bottom of page 119.

Perry said that in picking the photos and writing the captions, he tried to focus on a variety of buildings and places that people could relate to. "I didn't want to make it a book about the leading stars in Mountain View history," he said.

Perry says he receives e-mails from people who enjoyed the book's walk down memory lane. The remembrances are on such places as the Old Mill Mall, the Menu Tree restaurant and the Mayfield Mall.

The project started when Perry saw the books Arcadia had published about other Bay Area cities. He contacted Arcadia to see if there was one in the works about Mountain View. Some

may think it would be hard for a young author to get a book deal, but Perry said the company was more than happy to give him the reins when they learned of his past work about Mountain View.

He said he pretty much knew what he wanted in the book before he even approached the publisher, since he had previously worked as an intern in the city's planning department, and as a freelancer for the *Voice*,

'I didn't want to make it a book about the leading stars in Mountain View history.'

NICHOLAS PERRY

writing about the city's history. As a college student studying city planning — he is currently a graduate student at UC Berkeley — he used some of that information for his research papers.

One of the book's more scandalous stories describes how in 1959 the city bought the Castro family's home and surrounding

23 acres for use as a park. After a suspicious fire partially damaged the home, it was quickly demolished by a city never keen on restoring it.

"To add insult to injury," Perry writes, Councilman Harry True persuaded his colleagues to name the park Mountain View Recreation Center Park. Perry found an article in the *Palo Alto Times* quoting True as saying, "I go along that the Castro family was a great family in Mountain View, but this is 1959 and this park belongs to all the people of Mountain View. I would like to see the city's name on it."

In 1971, the park was renamed Rengstorff Park, even though the land had little connection to Henry Rengstorff other than its location on Rengstorff Avenue.

The book also tells the story of the oldest house in Mountain View, the now restored Rengstorff house, which was built by German immigrant Henry Rengstorff in 1867.

Rengstorff went from rags to riches as a farmer and started the Mountain View Whisman School District. His house sat un-restored for many years, and the book says those involved in the infamous Chowchilla kidnapping wanted to take the ransom money from kidnapping a bus

full of children and restore the house.

If you talk about the area surrounding downtown as "Old Mountain View" in front of city historian Barbara Kinchen, she will be quick to correct you, Perry said. As the book makes clear, the real Old Mountain View was located at what is now the intersection of El Camino Real and Highway 85. The only remaining evidence of this is a house that has been moved three times and is significantly altered, Perry said.

Kinchen, who helped Nick select the photos and reviewed the accompanying captions he wrote, said the work was inclusive and well done.

The Saturday after the book was released, Perry was at his family's home on Dana Street making hamburgers. (He used a special sauce from a recipe obtained from the now-closed Linda's Diner.) Perry said he plans to finish his graduate degree at Berkeley and do something related to city planning.

He added that he will probably leave the area for a while, but would like to return when he is older to settle down. "If I can still afford it." ▣

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EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

No reason to abstain on open space initiative

Given the success of previous county efforts to preserve open space, it was surprising to see three members of the city council effectively kill a measure that would throw the city's support behind a new land conservation initiative that is on the November ballot.

With only Mike Kasperzak and Laura Macias in favor and Greg Perry opposed, Mayor Nick Galiotto was joined by Tom Means and Matt Pear in the abstention column. Those who abstained said the city council wasn't the place to decide on the initiative. The mayor said he would only support putting it to a public vote, with pro and con arguments presented.

If passed by a majority vote in November, the initiative would limit subdivisions and increase minimum parcel sizes in unincorporated areas of the county, mostly in the Mount Hamilton and Gilroy area. It will cover some 400,000 acres of undeveloped hillsides and ranchlands and is expected to reduce the number of new homes permitted in the area from 100 to 80 a year. Land within city limits is not covered by the initiative, which means no Mountain View parcels would be affected.

The measure was advanced by environmentalists, whose aim is to limit urban sprawl, particularly in areas that are undeveloped now, but that easily could become giant subdivisions by a vote of county supervisors.

Mountain View's support of the initiative is not critical. Peter Drekmeier, who spearheaded the petition drive, has said early polls show 70 percent of county voters support restricting development on agricultural lands. Petitioners collected more than 56,000 signatures, far exceeding the 36,000 needed to put the measure on the ballot.

Santa Clara County is already one of the most populous counties in the state. The land conservation initiative would apply a small amount of pressure on large land owners who might want to subdivide, rather than farm, their property. It deserves to be supported, especially by urban communities like Mountain View whose residents look to rural county areas for recreation and open space.

Similar initiatives, like Measure A in 1986, formed the highly successful Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, and Measure D passed in Alameda County in 2000.

At the very least, council members should vote the initiative up or down; saying that it isn't their place to decide on such an initiative is a copout. We would like to see another vote soon, with all members voting yes or no on whether to preserve open space in the South County.

GUEST OPINION

Where have you been, Voice?

THOSE MOST IN NEED OF PARKLAND ARE IGNORED BY THEIR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

By Chuck Shih

I can't believe the hypocrisy in the *Mountain View Voice's* July 7 editorial, "Time to put brakes on housing?"

I have been involved with the Mayfield process, where the city council ignored all the major concerns of the Monta Loma neighbors on everything from density to traffic in order to, as you put it, "cover all the remaining open space of the city with housing or commercial development."

During the Mayfield process, the *Voice* did not come out once to support the Monta Loma community in its fight for more open space, its fight to save heritage trees at Mayfield, and not even once did the *Voice* bring up the perspective that perhaps "a certain quality of life ... may quickly be lost along with the city's old trees and open space, if full-speed-ahead development continues."

The perspective of many from the Monta Loma neighborhood involved with the Mayfield process was that the *Voice* did the Monta Loma community a disservice, by unfairly depicting the neighborhood as hostile towards housing at Mayfield. The Monta Loma neighborhood has generally supported housing at Mayfield, but with the legitimate concerns that you are so eloquently advocating now with

your July 7 editorial.

The timing of your editorial will also perpetuate the splitting of Mountain View between those living west of El Camino Real and those like us, in Monta Loma, living east of El Camino Real. By timing your editorial as the Pumpkin Patch and the Cuesta Park Annex come up for planning discussions, the *Voice* will only reinforce the view of many on this side of town that we bear the brunt of the density, without the accommodating open space and parks. As part of the Mayfield process, we had a study done that shows the discrepancy of park and open space per capita west of El Camino compared to park and open space east of El Camino in Mountain View.

We reviewed the city's own Parks and Open Space Plan (available on the city's Web site) and found that areas west and south of El Camino have more than three times the city goal of park space per resident. The areas adjacent to the Mayfield project are at half the city's goal. That places them at one sixth the park service of the west/south El Camino area. The *Voice* is proposing that area needs more park space?

Let's take a look at the city as a whole. Twenty-two percent of the population of the city is

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in that well-served area. Nearly two-thirds of the population is dramatically underserved by parks. That same two-thirds of the city's population needs a 50 percent increase in park space to reach the city's goal.

Twenty-two percent of the population has 300 percent of the city's goal, nearly two-thirds of the population has less than the goal, and the *Voice* is suggesting that the 22 percent area needs *more* open space?

It is shocking that the *Voice* has said nothing in support of the underserved areas.

Let's look at the per capita income. The 22 percent of the population with the 300 percent park service has an average per capita income of \$48,000 according to the 2000 Federal Census. The nearly 66 percent of the population that needs a 50 percent growth in parks has an average income of \$38,000. And the *Voice* is silent until now.

One question that many people will ask: Where is the land going to come from to address the rampant park shortage? Simple: 95 percent of new units that are in the pipeline are being built in

The Voice has said nothing in support of the underserved areas.

the underserved areas. All those projects represent land that is being converted in use. The city could have offered to purchase that land and address the park shortage, but did not.

The Save Open Space (SOS) organization has steadily and consistently supported and spoken in favor of addressing the park shortage throughout the city, including addressing the city council repeatedly during sessions regarding the Mayfield project. The *Voice* should have done the same.

If the *Voice* truly wants to appeal to the Mountain View community, it will need to advocate for all residents of Mountain View and not just the 22 percent of the population with more than adequate open and park space and with far less density than those of us living east of El Camino.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Our own bit of Cuba

HEM MIGHT HAVE LOVED LA BODEGUITA DEL MEDIO — EVEN ITS FAMILY AMBIANCE

By Dale F. Bentson

Ernest Hemingway was an unsettled man, marrying four times and moving around the globe from Illinois to Spain, Venice, Paris, Africa, Cuba and Idaho. His carousing was as legendary as his gritty writing.

Hemingway lived in Cuba for 20 years. Some of his most significant works were penned there, including "The Old Man and the Sea."

In Havana, one of his favorite hangouts was a raucous bar called La Bodeguita del Medio. There, he enjoyed hand-rolled cigars, rum mojitos and the local color, which he often incorporated into his work.

Our local version of La Bodeguita del Medio was opened in 1997 by Michael and Lara Ekwall. The Palo Alto restaurant bears little resemblance to its

namesake in Havana. The food is well prepared, the drinks are ably concocted, and the ambiance is fit for families.

The space is bright and airy, with comfortable seating in both the separated bar and the dining room. Works by Cuban artists Rojas and Alejandro Lazo, as well as photographs of Cuba by local photographer Todd Rafalovich, enliven the walls.

Tropical drinks come with the recipes embossed on the glassware. There is a divan in the back and a humidor with more than 40 leading brands of cigars for sale. Even the bathrooms are fun here, with bright tiles and ceramics, Hemingway memorabilia and Cuban lore.

Cuban cuisine has been influenced by Spanish, French, African, Arabic, Chinese and Portuguese cultures, and the Ekwalls have invested considerable time studying it. The menu is crafted after

everyday Cuban fare — simple dishes with fresh ingredients. Little is deep-fried and there are no heavy sauces.

Many dishes employ sofrito as their base. Consisting of onions, peppers, garlic, and oregano, and quick-fried in olive oil, sofrito is what gives the food its flavor. It is used in black beans, stews, meat dishes and tomato-based sauces.

The appetizer menu is lengthy at La Bodeguita, and narrowing down the choices proved difficult on my first visit. We sent the waitress away twice before coming to a decision. She was understanding and offered to explain any dish. Overall, service was efficient and friendly during all my visits.

We started with the croquetas (\$7.50), crispy fritters stuffed with potatoes, cheese and green onion, and brushed



The Cubano sandwich at La Bodeguita del Medio.

MICHAEL MULLADY

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with tasty tamarind-chipotle barbeque sauce. The portion was just right to whet the appetite.

Chilled spiced shrimp (\$10.50) had been marinated in chilies, cayenne, old bay (celery, bay leaves, dry mustard, red pepper and ginger), cumin and olive oil. It was sauteed, then chilled. The shrimp were peeled to the tail and the thick cool sauce did not overwhelm them.

Tomato-based Graycliff conch and shrimp chowder (\$6.50) was zingy with pureed habanero peppers and coconut milk, resulting in a grainy, rich soup. The recipe hails from the Graycliff Hotel, Nassau. The conch, from the Bahamas, is a sea-dwelling gastropod with chewy, firm flesh and a sweet, smoky flavor. It was an unusual, tasty tropical chowder.

Crab cakes (\$9) consisted of blue crab, old bay, cilantro pesto, red pepper, sofrito and roasted corn salsa. This was blue crab and not Dungeness, with its fishier, less delicate flavors. It was too fishy for my dining companion but I liked the brininess.

Empanadas (\$8.50) were deep-fried stuffed turnovers, of shredded picadillo pork (ground pork with onions, tomatoes and chilies), pepper jack, cabbage salad

and roasted chilies awash in coconut-roasted jalapeno sauce. There was a squiggle of something sugary on the shell, which added a dimension of sweetness to this agreeable dish.

Some of the principal plates lacked the imagination of the appetizers and were not quite as satisfying. However, my dining experience was compressed into a short time span, so duplication of ingredients stood out more than if I had supped at greater intervals.

Ropa vieja (\$16.50) was shredded skirt steak, sweet red peppers, tomatoes, spiced yellow rice and plantanos maduros (fried sweet red plantains). A plantain is a green, squash-like banana. The dish was like a stew, not unpleasant, but not especially interesting.

Arroz con pollo (\$15.50) was identical to the ropa vieja, swapping overdone chicken for skirt steak. The chicken was so overcooked that the bones disintegrated into the stew. Bite after bite, I removed splinters of bone from my mouth, an annoying and unpleasant experience.

Spice-dusted snapper (\$19) was excellent. The pan-seared filet came with bonito mash (white sweet potato), wilted greens and delicious pineapple-habanero chutney.

The masitas (\$18) was easily my favorite. A hunk of spicy white pork was served over white rice, black beans and caramelized red onions. The broth imbued the rice with rich, luscious flavor and the juicy pork was fork-tender.

The delightful Cubano sandwich (\$8.50) was made with delicious roasted pork loin, ham, Swiss cheese and dill pickle grilled on hard-crust, Cuban-style bread. The large, delicious sandwich was accompanied with a tossed green salad.

Desserts are made in-house save for the sorbet. Havana bananas (\$7.50), caramelized sweet bananas, walnuts, cinnamon and vanilla ice cream, is the most popular of the desserts, according to Ekwall. It resembled Bananas Foster, a dish created at Brennan's in New

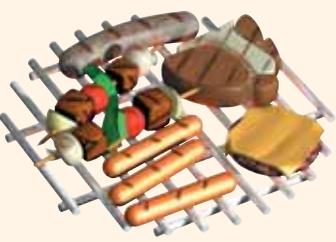
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Anibal Martinez fills a jar with clean silverware as La Bodeguita del Medio owner Michael Ekwall prepares a meal in the kitchen.

MICHAEL MULLADY



Orleans. La Bodeguita's version is not prepared tableside, though.

Key lime tart (\$6) was creamy, citrus custard, perched over graham cracker crust under a splotch of pureed guava-berry sauce. The graham cracker crust, nearly ubiquitous in restaurants, was uninspired and mushy. Overall, it was disappointing.

Mr. Johnson's chocolate rum cake (\$7), was a chocolate lover's dream. The moist cake, enveloped in Callebaut brand chocolate rum sauce, was Warren Buffet-rich.

La Bodeguita features nearly a dozen rum-based cocktails as well as a lengthy menu of aged rums.

When Hemingway was in Cuba, rum was his preferred drink and the mojito his cocktail of choice. Papa would have endorsed this local version (\$6.50), made with rum, mint, sugar, fresh citrus juice and a splash of soda.

Other cocktails include the Cuban Sidecar, Havana Sunrise, Cuba Libre, El Presidente and Mulatta.

Besides serving cocktails and rum, La Bodeguita touts a small but impressive wine list. I was delighted to find the French Domaine Leflaive Bourgogne Blanc (\$75) and the exceptional and scarce Spanish wine Vega Sicilia (\$200).

Other interesting selections, from Europe and California, have more down-to-earth prices. Two dozen are available by the glass. Corkage fee is \$12.

Hemingway would have approved of the food, the drink and the service at La Bodeguita. He would have embraced the cigar divan.

The ambiance, though, might have been too refined for his rough-and-tumble sensibilities. He would have been troubled by the clean glassware, the handsome decor and the family atmosphere. But then, maybe, Papa didn't always know best. ■

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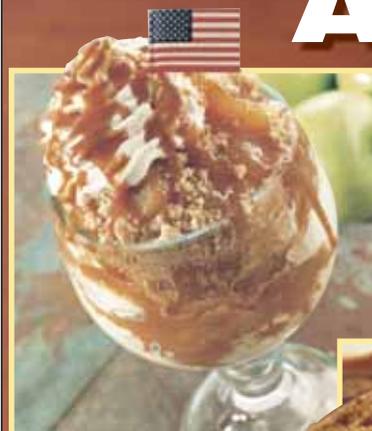
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Sanjay Rao, Teresa Chang, Lisa Wurm and Kelii Bibar play during Samba drumming class at the Rengstorff Community Center on a recent Wednesday.

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Samba sensations

LOCAL DRUMMERS COME ALIVE TO BRAZILIAN SAMBA SCHOOL STANDARDS

By Molly Tanenbaum

Every Wednesday night, the Rengstorff Community Center transforms into an official *escola de samba*, or Brazilian samba school. The loud, lively Afro-Brazilian rhythms resonate from the basement as Sambao Para o Povo's drummers and dancers from around the Peninsula and South Bay escape their day jobs to pound out beats.

“People asked me, ‘How can you stand the noise?’” said longtime Mountain View resident Olga Outzs, who has been drumming for more than 20 years. “But it’s very uplifting. It’s like therapy.”

Sambao Para o Povo, which means “samba for the people,” is led by ex-engineer Brad Hamilton of San Jose. On July 5, Hamilton was exhausted and sunburned from the previous day’s Redwood City parade, where Sambao performed.

But that didn’t stop him from leading two straight hours of bateria, or drumming class, that night at Rengstorff. He has taught bateria for eight years, but said he first started drumming “in the womb. Ask my mom.”

On Wednesday night, he stood in front of a semicircle of nine drummers playing a range of instruments — from the large bass *surdo* (which means “deaf” in Portuguese) to the handheld *tamborim*. Though he’s a self-proclaimed “surdo player at heart,” Hamilton led the group with a small drum called a *repenique*.

With a stick in one hand, Hamilton called out instructions, either through words, hand signs, his own drum or the whistle around his neck.

Sambao became a nonprofit in 2001 after splitting off from

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a Palo Alto group. Supported by dues (about \$12 per class), it provides drum and dance classes throughout the year.

Each year, Sambao prepares for its major performance at the San Francisco Carnaval parade in May. As in the yearly Carnaval in Brazil, preparation involves developing a new, original theme song, or *enredo*, which is complete with costumes, dance moves and a float that all relate to the theme.

Sambao’s theme this year, written by Hamilton with some help from Portuguese translators, was “Carnaval is a dream come true.”

■ INFORMATION

What: Sambao Para o Povo is playing at the upcoming Culture Fest street fair on Castro Street

When: Saturday, July 22, between 1 and 3 p.m.

Where: City Hall Plaza in downtown Mountain View

Info: Weekly classes are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Rengstorff Community Center. Visit www.sambao.org.

For Hamilton, Carnaval embodies “the constant integration of music and dance into every element of Brazilian life,” he said.

In the weeks leading up to Carnaval, Sambao’s numbers explode to more than 100, due to people who want to perform in the parade. But throughout the year there are about 15 regular drummers in the group, and the same number of dancers, coming

from Mountain View and surrounding cities.

The most enthusiastic member of the group is also the youngest. Kelii Bibar, 18, comes from San Jose to bang on the surdo, with an enormous smile on her face.

“I start playing the drum and I get happier. I forget about everything,” she said.

Bibar joined Sambao at 16 with her older brother, and quickly worked her way up from the tamborim to the surdo.

“Kelii was one of the few people who could hold it down,” Hamilton said.

Sambao’s drummers have a range of experience, from 20 years to a few months. They are men and women of various ages and ethnicities; none are Brazilian.

Outzs traded her Middle Eastern drum for a samba drum 20 years ago and hasn’t looked back.

“I got hooked,” she said. Outzs, who plays the tamborim and a shaker called a *caixixi*, has been involved in various samba groups throughout the years at the Community School of Music and Arts, and in San Francisco, but finally landed at Rengstorff Community Center with Sambao.

“I discovered it was right in my own backyard. This is wonderful,” she said.

Ted Syrett, Sambao’s treasurer and a retired software engineer from Menlo Park, sits during practice while playing the two-toned *agogo*, or bells. He’s been at it for 10 years, and says participating in Sambao is about more than the music: When the drummers aren’t playing, they’re chatting and laughing together as a group.

“What we have here is a little church, minus the theology,” Syrett said. ■

MOVIE TIMES

A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (PG-13) ★★1/2

Palo Alto Square: 4:40 & 7:25 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at noon.

A SCANNER DARKLY (R) ★★1/2

Guild: 2:10, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 11:50 a.m.

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) ★★★1/2

Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:25, 7 & 9:35 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 11:40 a.m.

CARS (G) ★★1/2

Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 1:45, 4:35 & 7:30 p.m.

Century 12: 11:15 a.m.; 1:55, 4:50 & 7:35 p.m.

CLERKS II (R) ★★★

Century 16: 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8 & 10:15 p.m.

Century 12: 11:40 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.

CLICK (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m.

Century 12: 12:10, 2:50, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:40, 4:10, 7:05 & 9:35 p.m.

Century 12: 11:55 a.m.; 2:40, 5:20, 8 & 10:30 p.m.

LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:05, 1:10, 2:40, 3:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:50, 9 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 12: 11 a.m.; 1:35, 4:15, 7, 9:35 & 10:25 p.m.

LITTLE MAN (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:55 a.m.; 2:25, 5:05, 7:40 & 9:55 p.m.

Century 12: 11:45 a.m.; 2:15, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m.

MONSTER HOUSE (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:20, 1:30, 2:35, 3:40, 4:40, 5:50, 6:55, 7:55, 9:10 & 10 p.m.

Century 12: 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:30, 7:05 & 9:35 p.m.

MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: Noon, 2:20, 5, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.

Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:25, 4:55, 7:25 & 10:05 p.m.

NACHO LIBRE (PG) ★★1/2

Century 16: 10:05 p.m.

Century 12: 11:25 a.m.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 11 & 11:40 a.m.; 12:30, 2:15, 3, 3:50, 5:30, 6:20, 7:10, 8:50, 9:40 & 10:30 p.m.

Century 12: Noon, 1:40, 3:20, 5, 6:40, 8:20 & 9:55 p.m.

STRANGERS WITH CANDY (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Palo Alto Square: 2:25 & 9:45 p.m.

SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: 12:10, 3:25, 7 & 10:10 p.m.

Century 12: 12:15, 3:35, 7 & 10:15 p.m.

WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? (PG) ★★★

Aquarius: 2:20, 4:30, 7 & 9:20 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 12:10 p.m.

WORDPLAY (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Aquarius: 3, 5, 7:30 & 9:40 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1 p.m.

YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 12:05, 2, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:55, 7:45, 9:30 & 10:20 p.m.

Century 12: 11:20 a.m.; 1:50, 4:40, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

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- ★★★ A good bet
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MOVIE REVIEWS

A SCANNER DARKLY ★★1/2

(Guild) Psychedelic cinema takes center stage in this animated adaptation of the sci-fi story by Philip K. Dick. Seven years in the future, many of America's citizens are hooked on a designer drug called Substance D, even as law enforcement continues to crack down on users and abusers. Undercover cop Bob Arctor (Keanu Reeves) spends his days either dwelling with a handful of addicts (including Robert Downey Jr. and Woody Harrelson) or studying their actions back at the office thanks to an array of hidden cameras. But Arctor's life isn't all subterfuge and excitement. His girlfriend (Winona Ryder) is an enigmatic recluse, his white-picket-fence past perpetually haunts him, and he too is hooked on Substance D. "A Scanner Darkly" is well worth viewing solely because films this unusual are rare in our Hollywood-infused world of pirates and popcorn. But spending 10 bucks at the theater for a cinematic acid trip may have been more enticing in the 1960s. *Rated: R for drug and sexual content, language and a brief violent image. 1 hour, 40 minutes.* — T.H.

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA ★★★

(Century 16, Century 12) A staff of size 0s in stilettos surrounds Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep), the high-powered and intimidating editor of the fictional Runway Magazine. Except for one. Priestly takes a chance and hires "the smart fat girl" as her assistant. Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), a size 6 with a closet of polyblend instead of Chanel, lands the job that a million young New York women would kill for. She sells her soul the first day she slips on a pair of designer shoes. The story focuses on the wide-eyed (and whiny) Andy, whose transformation from frumpy aspiring journalist to Miranda's stylish slave comes with a hefty price tag. But Aline Brosh McKenna's script fleshes out the Anna Wintour-inspired Miranda, engendering sympathy for the demanding fashion diva and suggesting that successful men never get tagged with labels equivalent to "snow queen" or "dragon lady." Despite themes as outdated as last season's wardrobe, the comedy delivers lightweight entertainment. The devil may wear Prada but so does the Pope, so a guilty summer pleasure probably won't send you straight to hell. *Rated: PG-13 for some sensuality. 1 hour, 35 minutes.* — S.T.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST ★★

(Century 16, Century 12) Director Gore Verbinski returns to continue the high-seas tale of Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp), Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley). All compasses point to a fabled dead man's chest, and Captain Jack owes the legendary Davy Jones (Bill Nighy) a blood debt. To escape eternal damnation in Davy Jones' Locker and aboard the spooky Flying Dutchman ship, Sparrow must recover the key to the chest. Meanwhile, pirate hunter Lord Beckett (Tom Hollander) of the imperialistic East India Trading Company interrupts Will and Elizabeth's wedding,

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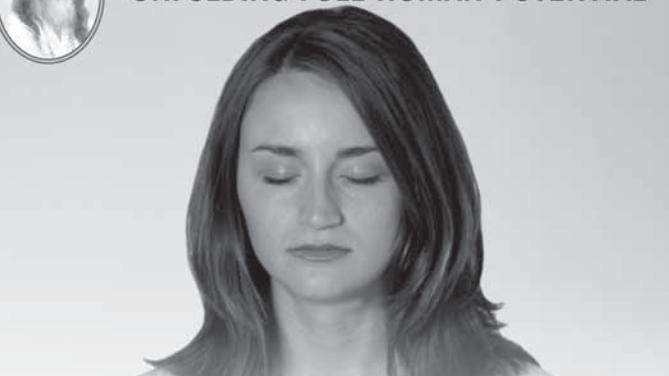
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arresting them on false charges and threatening death — unless Will can beat Jack to the booty. The adventure leads to encounters with Will's long-lost dad, Bootstrap Bill (Stellan Skarsgard), a bayou

soothsayer (Naomie Harris), sea monsters, an unfriendly island tribe and plenty of swashbuckling. Depp maintains his delightfully eccentric comic performance, but the element of surprise is gone. Ultimately, the action adventure plays like a too-long version of the Disney theme park ride that inspired it in the first place.

Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images. 2 hours, 31 minutes. — S.T.

WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? ★★★

(Aquarius) Rising prices at the gas pumps are certain to make this incisive documentary de rigueur summer viewing. Writer/director (and Palo Alto native) Chris Paine's requiem for the electric automobile takes the country's reluctance to accept the serious nature of our future (as we continue to pour massive amounts of CO2 into the atmosphere) and runs with it. Are we addicted to oil? Are we afraid of an environmentally clean future? Yes, say the

brains behind General Motors' EV1, the first electric car to be manufactured on these shores. In 1996 the original electric car appeared on the backroads; 10 years later they are all gone despite California legislation requiring automakers to manufacture a portion of future assemblies with zero-emission engines. What's wrong with this picture? With well-crafted momentum and a modicum of suspense, Paine analyzes the conspiracy involving the untimely death of the EV1. Paine goes to great lengths to wholly examine his theories, resulting in a too-lengthy running time and a surplus of facts and figures. Yet the specifics create a sit-up-and-take-notice aura of doom that pervades the narrative much like Al Gore's

impending disaster in "An Inconvenient Truth." Rated: PG for mature themes. 1 hour, 32 minutes. — J.A.

YOU, ME AND DUPREE ★★★

(Century 16, Century 12) Owen Wilson plays it fast and loose and only just spares this tepid romantic comedy from droll oblivion. Molly Thompson (Kate Hudson) and Carl Peterson (Matt Dillon) are newlyweds in the best sense of the word, glowing with the potential of their young careers, their swanky digs, and a fabulous new life together. All is right in the world of the new Petersons. Almost. Carl is working for Molly's dad (Michael Douglas), an arrogant land developer who wants only the best for his little girl and doesn't think Carl is it. Adding insult to injury is Carl's best friend Randy Dupree (Wilson), who's on the down-and-out and looking for a place to crash. Naturally Carl can't turn his back on his wildly immature pal, so Dupree moves in until he lands on his feet. Fat chance. Dupree is the classic man-child, high on life but lacking the necessary skills to navigate its tricky wickets. "Dupree" vacillates wildly between the scattered pearls of comic classics and bone-tired comic convention. Rated: PG-13 for nudity and language. 1 hour, 48 minutes. — J.A.

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MUSIC AT MENLO'S CAFE CONVERSATIONS Informal discussion events led by festival artists and special guests. July 25-28, July 31-Aug. 4, Aug. 7-10, 1:30 p.m.; July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 11, 1 p.m. Free. Music at Menlo, 50 Valparaiso Ave, Atherton. www.musicatmenlo.org

TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES Red Beans and Rice. July 25, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Peers Park, 1899 Park Blvd, Palo Alto. Call 463-4940. www.cityofpaloalto.org/concerts

DANCE

CHURCH OF ECSTATIC DANCE Barefoot boogie. Free instruction. No children. Sundays, June 25-Aug. 20, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$10. Flex-It-Gym, 425 W. Evelyn Ave., Mt. View. Call (408) 245-4543.

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

EXHIBITS

CHINESE PAINTING ON THE EVE OF THE

COMMUNIST REVOLUTION Exploring the art of the 20th-century with Chinese artist Zhang Suqi. Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Through Oct. 29. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 723-4177. museum.stanford.edu

CONFLICT AND ART Encompassing a spectrum of responses to conflicts of war and solitary quests, this exhibition conveys how artists and makers of ritual objects have interpreted the harsh realities of conflict in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia. Through Aug. 27. Free. Cantor Arts Center, Museum Way and Lomita Dr., Stanford. <http://museum.stanford.edu>

KIDS ART ON MAIN STREET Through Aug. 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free exhibit of kids art from Arts in Action program of the Community School of Music and Arts. Sponsored by Los Altos Cultural Association. Collage, watercolor & tempera paintings, pen and ink drawings. By 30 children, grades 1-6. Open daily during cafe hours. Free. Main Street Cafe & Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 948-8040. www.arts4all.org

ON STAGE

"PIRATES OF PENZANCE, JR" A farce of sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dim-witted lovers, and an eccentric Major-General. July 25, 7:30 p.m.; July 21, 26-27, 2:30 p.m. \$4 children/\$8 adults Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

"THE BELLE OF AMHERST" By William Luce. July 21-30, 8 p.m. A production celebrating the life and works of Emily Dickinson, featuring Pear Artistic Director and Palo Alto resident Diane Tasca and directed by local director Jeanie Forte. \$10-\$25. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1221 Pear Ave. Unit K, Mountain View. www.thepear.org

"RED HOUSE" BY IGNACIO ZULUETA In an attempt to destroy a scandalous past, a dutiful Victorian wife finds herself tangled up in the very shades of memory that she had set out to erase. July 21-22, 8 p.m. \$12. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 941-0551. www.busbarn.org

"STILL IN THE GAME" BY JAN AUGUST A comedy that features a young executive who suddenly, through an inheritance, finds herself in charge of a senior shared-home and the five residents who occupy it. July 27, 28, 8 p.m.; July 30, 7 p.m. \$12. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 941-0551. www.busbarn.org

TALKS/AUTHORS

"MANY WAYS, MIDDLE WAY, NO WAY" Mon., July 24, 7:30 p.m. Free. "Many Ways, Middle Way, No Way: A Guide to Meditation, Spiritual Awakening and Fun" Michael Attie will discuss and read from his guide to spiritual life. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 988-9800. www.eastwest.com

"THE LOVE OF IMPERMANENT THINGS: A THRESHOLD ECOLOGY" Sun., July 23, 2 p.m. Free. A Quaker, Buddhist and spiritual guide by Mary Rose O'Reilly. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 988-9800. www.eastwest.com

TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE LUNCHEON FORUM Stanley Yang, CEO of NeuroSky, a startup developing technology to harness a person's brain waves to control video games, describes the technology behind the interface and discusses the range of possible applications. Tue., July 25, 11:45 a.m. Lunch is \$8.50/\$9.50 for non-members. Golden Wok restaurant, 895 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 969-7215. www.tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

FREE TEEN DANCE CLASSES For Mountain View middle school and high school students. The Waltz and Salsa will be taught. No partner necessary. Sponsored by the Mountain View Recreation Division. Saturdays, July 22-Aug. 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Whisman Sport Center, 1500 Middlefield Road, Mountain View. Call 903-6331.

■ MORE LISTINGS

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



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MENLO PARK... Newly remod. home situated in desirable West MP. 3BR/2BA, Mstr BR feat. French doors leading to newly consrct. deck & charming gdn. Remod. Kit feat. grnt cntrs, Cherry cbnt & stnls stl appl. Vlt ceil in LR, DR, & Kit. Lrg 2 car gar.
\$1,295,000



■ OPEN SUNDAY • 1:30-4:30 • 108 Ferne Ave.
PALO ALTO... This bright & airy Condo feels like home. 2 bedroom/2 bath, Cathedral ceilings, walls of glass, Hdwd flrs, skylights, Kitch w/Brkfst bar, Living room w/fireplace, the best Palo Alto Schools, inside laundry & slate entry to large patio.
\$605,000



■ OPEN SUNDAY • 1:30-4:30 • 14482 Oak Place
SARATOGA... Brand new, sophisticated custom 4BR/3.5BA home in lovely dwtwn neighborhood. Close to shops, rest. & park. Formal entry, LV w/marble frplce & DR w/wet bar. Skylghts, vaulted ceilings. Travrtine & hrwd flrs, in-law unit!
\$1,795,000



■ OPEN SAT & SUN • 1:30-4:30 • 11835 Skyline Blvd.
SARATOGA... Immaculate 3BR/2BA Mnt Hm behind SA w/serene setting & easy commute to PA or Silicon Vly & Cupertino Schls. Open flr pln, Grt Rm Kitch w/Cherry Cabinets open to LR w/frplc & Bamboo flrs. Mstr Ste w/Jacuzzi tub. Flagstone patio w/flpc.
\$1,195,000



■ OPEN SAT/SUN • 1:30-4:30 • 125 Connemara Wy #108
SUNNYVALE... Spacious 3BR/2BA 2 level townhouse in SU w/Cupertino Schools. End unit w/a private patio, vaulted ceilings in the LR, new interior paint, new Pergo floor, new kitchen appliances & a wood burning fireplace. Easy access to hwy 280 & 85
\$610,000



■ OPEN SUNDAY • 1:30-4:30 • 2404 Sharon Oaks Dr
MENLO PARK... Elegance in its finest! This 2BR/2.5BA 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, Sec alarm Sys., & more!
\$1,628,000

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

CUPERTINO
 Amazing Remod main hse w/3 charming Ctgs on a mostly flat lot w/views of bay, mountains & valley! Multiple storge sheds, BBQ area, rec center w/new pool. 2 hole 3 par golf course, horse arena, sports court, new playground & much more!
\$3,288,000

Spacious 5BR/3BA home luxuriously & extensively remod. Kitch w/brkfst nook, 3 cust BA w/claw ft tubs or waterfall shower. FR w/ frplc, formal entry, hardwood flrs, crown molding & recessed lighting thru-out. Beautiful yards & 2 car garage.
\$1,542,000

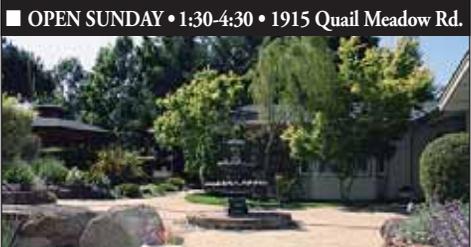
Open Sat/Sun, 7/23&24, 1:30-4:30PM • 10206 Lockwood Drive
 This highly desirable 4BR/2BA Monte Vista home is extremely well loc, w/in close proximity for Fwys, shopping & the best schools CU has to offer. Huge MB Ste, Spectacular Kitch/FR, Brkfst bar, Frplc in FR, Indry inside, util rm, 2 car Garage.
\$1,200,000

LOS ALTOS
Open Sun 7/23, 1:30-4:30PM • 2005 El Sereno Avenue
 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
\$2,000,000

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Open Sun 7/23, 1:30-4:30PM • 201 Mariposa Avenue
 There are 2 splendid homes on this level corner 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.
\$1,095,000

Lovely new home in a unique loc near downtown, library, park, Bub Elementary & more. Offers upscale finishes, including high ceil, granite cntrs, hrwd flr, frplc in living room, front & rear landscaping, CAT 5 cabling.
\$1,099,000

Lovely new 4BR/2BA home in unique loc near downtown, library, park, Bub Elem & more! Offers upscale finishes including high ceil, grnt cntrs, hrwd flrs tru-out 1st flr, laundry rm inside, 2 ovens, Milgard dbl pane windows, frplc in LR
\$1,099,000



■ OPEN SUNDAY • 1:30-4:30 • 1915 Quail Meadow Rd.
LOS ALTOS... Gracious LA country club Hm boasts 4BR, 3.5BA, Well appointed inside & out. Bay, city-lights & mtn vu. can be enjoyed from the property Loc. on flat lot surrded by lush Grdn. Oak & redwd trees feat. a blk bottom pool, hot tub & gazebo.
\$3,489,000

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 Price Reduction! Opportunity Awaits! Existing 2BR/1BA house & outbuildings are to be considered "teardowns". This parcel is waiting for Contractors/Developers to build investment props.
\$890,000

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

Coming Soon! Beautiful Newer 3BR/2.5BA hm in desirable location near Bobb Elementary School.
PRICE UPON REQUEST

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
\$1,999,900

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

SAN JOSE
Open Sun 7/23, 1:30-4:30PM • 4654 Hampton Falls Place
 Elegant tri-level town home w/designer touches thru-out, features include cathedral ceil & frplc in LR, separate formal DR, expansive kitch w/breakfast bar & great room, 2 luxurious mstr Ste, & attached two-car gar. Commun pool & spa.
\$615,000

SUNNYVALE
 Multi Units-Excellent Investment opp. - 10 units (1BR/1BA) Apt Complex in Heart of Sunnyvale. Close to El Camino, stores & major frwys. New dual pane windows, new carpets, tile countertops, A/C, lots of pkgng!
\$1,665,000

Open Sun 7/23, 1:30-4:30PM • 250 Santa Fe Terrace #217
 Charming 2nd flr 3BR/2BA Condo & balc. Spacious LR w/ Frplc, high Ceil, new cpt, fresh paint, Mstr BR w/walk-in closet, new appl & marble kitch flr, upgraded Dbl sinks in Mstr BA, secured underground prkng. Pool & Jacuzzi in complex
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