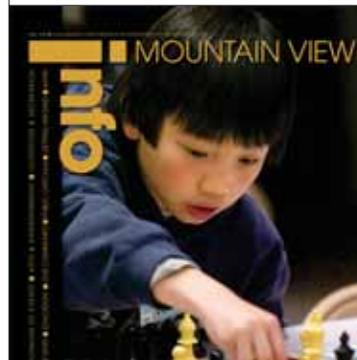


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NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

Though it looks modest from the outside, this house on Eunice Avenue was designed by gangsters in the 1920s with vice in mind. The 7,200-square-foot interior included a bordello upstairs, a speakeasy downstairs, secret passages, a lookout point and a dog racing track in the back yard.

Good times on Eunice Avenue

PROHIBITION-ERA HOUSE BUILT FOR THE THREE GS: GAMBLING, GREYHOUNDS AND GIRLS

By Daniel DeBolt

It's been a long haul for the Wunderman house at 655 Eunice Avenue since it was built by hoodlums 86 years ago.

Gangsters designed the house during Prohibition to look like a modest farmhouse from the outside — while inside, there was a rip-roaring vice operation complete with dancing, drinking, gambling, greyhound racing and prostitution. Authorities managed to ignore the operation for 13 years before it was raided in 1933.

And it survived through the 1970s, when the Wunderman family fought off a city bent on bulldozing the house because of its sordid history.

Despite all this, the house still stands, inconspicuous in a suburb, with no shortage of remnants and newspaper clippings to tell its story. You might have to travel to the Winchester Mystery House to find a nearby dwelling as historically strange and significant.

"This place is the coolest thing around," said Alan Wunderman, who inherited

partial ownership of the 7,200-square-foot home when his father, Irwin Wunderman, passed away a year ago. As a Stanford graduate with two Ph.D.s, Irwin was an early businessman in Silicon Valley who went from working at Hewlett Packard to starting his own company, Cintra Inc. Alan said an invention of his, called the "Cintra Scientist," was an early computer.

"He was a great man," Alan said. Irwin sold his business in 1974 after a heart attack

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Guilty plea in hate crime

JONATHAN RHODES, 18, FACES EIGHT YEARS FOR ASSAULT IN PIONEER PARK

By Daniel DeBolt

One of two suspects accused of using a knife and shouting white supremacist slogans while beating a black man in Pioneer Park pleaded guilty in a plea bargain last week that could put him behind bars for eight years.

The two suspects, Jonathan Rhodes and Joseph Krueger, and

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Council puts leash on its own endorsements

By Daniel DeBolt

After a tense discussion, Mayor Nick Galiotto provided a swing vote Tuesday to enact a policy that will make people think twice before asking the city council for endorsements.

Although council member Tom Means initially made a proposal that would restrict all endorsements, the final wording of the new policy allows the council to take positions only on issues that affect "govern-

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Are you surprised at how Steve Irwin, the crocodile hunter, died?



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Mike Wilder, Mountain View



"I'm not so much surprised as amused. He's the one person who would actually get a harmless animal to kill him."

Dan Masters, San Jose



"I'm surprised he even died. I didn't know."

Wibke Hilberg, Germany



"Yes, because he was so young and he had a family. It makes us all sad."

Sandy Fleming, Seattle



"He died happy, the way he wanted to. It was just bad luck I guess."

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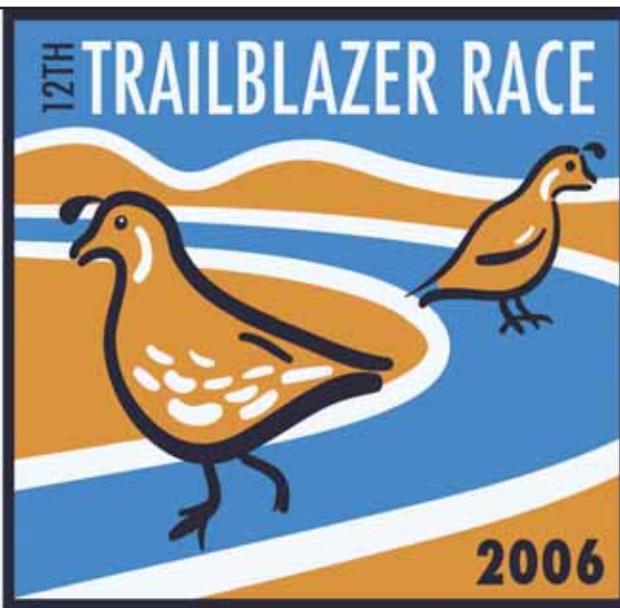
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— MIKE KASPERZAK

COUNCIL MEMBER, OPPOSING A NEW RULE
BARRING THE COUNCIL FROM ENDORSING “OUTSIDE ISSUES”

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600 block Sierra Vista Ave., 9/11
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■ CLARIFICATION

A story in last week’s *Voice*, “Report: ECHO caused problems for hospital,” may have given the impression that El Camino Hospital administered drugs incorrectly to 71 patients in the period between late March and the end of April. As the story states, the hospital during that period recorded

71 medical “problems,” which can refer to any administrative issue — such as a mislabeled drawer — which does not necessarily affect patient care. Neither the government report cited nor the hospital could say precisely how many of the “problems” were considered to be serious medical errors.

■ CORRECTIONS

■ A story in last week’s *Voice*, “Lieber’s hospital bill clears Senate,” incorrectly stated that El Camino Hospital’s nonprofit board meets in private. The nonprofit board, composed of five publicly elected trustees and the CEO, is subject to the Brown Act and holds open meetings.

■ Due to a production error, the caption beneath a photo of Kalwant Sandhu in last week’s *Voice* misspelled his name. He goes by Kal, not Kai.

■ In a story published Sept. 1, Theresa Muñoz was incorrectly identified as co-president of the Huff PTA. She is co-president of the Castro PTA.

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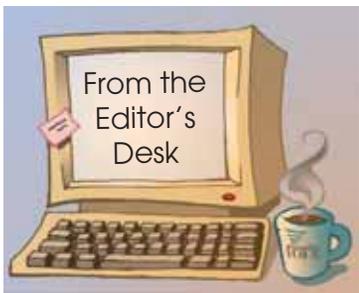
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Old news made new

By Don Frances

RICHARD BROOKS, curator of the Moffett Field Historical Society Museum, has been patient enough.

Ever since we automated our Calendar section (make entries via our Web site by clicking on “master community calendar”), some entrants have repeatedly fallen through the cracks. I don’t know why.

So Mr. Brooks, a Navy veteran, has been in the office a few times to try and get us to run — in perpetuity — the info on the museum, which reopened April 13, 2005 after being forced out of the hangar itself do to a little toxic contamination problem they have there. Here’s the calendar item, in its entirety:

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum: Displays memorabilia, artifacts, photos and aircraft models; tours of museum and view of exterior of Hangar One. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, Building 126, Moffett Federal Airfield, off Highway 101, Mountain View. Free admission. Photo ID is required for adults. (650) 603-9827.

“THERE WAS A BIT of excitement on Wednesday, September 6 at the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center in Mountain View,” wrote Lenny Park, director of the center, in a recent e-mail. “The construction crew working on the new parking lot damaged the gas supply and there was a gas leak. The police and fire departments responded immediately and helped us evacuate all of our seniors to a nearby church, The Rock Church.”

Park said it took only about 15 minutes to cap the leak, after which “firefighters and police officers once again helped us move all of our participants back to our activity room” on Escuela Avenue.

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VERONICA WEBER

Students of Graham and Crittenden Middle Schools share a laugh while on a tour of San Jose State University last Friday. The fieldtrip was organized to introduce students to college life.

Field trip to inspire college goals

LOCAL STUDENTS TOUR
SAN JOSE STATE

By Alexa Tondreau

Last Friday, several dozen “at-risk” Mountain View youth were given a peek at the good life that awaits them if they only knuckle down for a few more years.

In an effort to propel those kids onto a college-bound track, a group called the Challenge Team Gang Task Force organized a

tour of San Jose State University. Nearly 100 students — selected from Graham and Crittenden middle schools because of low academic performance and a perceived risk of drug or gang involvement — made the trip.

The Challenge Team also helped to chaperone the students, who were split up into small groups and led around campus Sept. 8 by SJSU student leaders.

The guides described some of the different undergraduate majors, including computer

science and business, and the students observed the overall atmosphere of campus life.

The students were able to “hear from college students themselves about what it’s like to go to college,” Ellen Wheeler said in an e-mail. Wheeler, who sits on the board of trustees, joined the excursion to SJSU and said the middle schoolers “listened intently to the student leader.”

In a Q&A session, students were

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MV cyclist mowed down on Old Page Mill Road

DEATH OF JOHN PECKHAM, 31, AT HANDS OF ALLEGED DRUNK DRIVER SPARKS OUTRAGE AND MOURNING

By Jay Thorwaldson

Friends and family are mourning the death of Mountain View resident and well-known bicycle racer John Eric Peckham, who was struck and killed last Friday by an alleged drunk driver while riding on Page Mill Road above Palo Alto.

According to the California Highway Patrol, Peckham, 31, was westbound on Old Page Mill Road above Palo Alto in the early afternoon when an Oldsmobile driven by Chevelle Bailey, 41, of Fremont, crossed into his lane and collided

with him head-on.

Bailey left the scene but ran off the road a short distance away, plunging about 50 feet down an embankment, where officers found him. He is in Santa Clara County Main Jail facing a variety of charges, including felony manslaughter and driving under the influence, the CHP reported.

Peckham was on a ride with his



John Eric Peckham

bicycle racing club, the Alto Velo Bicycle Racing Club, when the crash occurred. His mother, Mary Ann Parker, says she told her son to “be careful” when he left for the training ride that Friday morning.

“He murdered him,” she said in a phone interview. “John was doing nothing wrong but riding his bike where everybody rides their bikes.”

Parker, 62, said John had interested her in cycling, and they did a 60-mile ride together the weekend before the fatal crash. “He gave that to me,” she said of cycling.

Members of Alto Velo were

shaken by the death, the first in recent memory, according to club President Brian Peterson — who stopped to compose himself twice as he discussed Peckham’s rise within the race rankings despite his relatively recent entry into bicycle racing, and his positive influence on the club.

He said the club — a Bay Area-wide group of just under 400 members, with a “center of gravity” in Mountain View — is planning a memorial ride to the scene of the crash on Sunday, Sept. 24. A more

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■ **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

COUNTY HOLDS ANNUAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Volunteers are gathering at the banks of 24 streams, including Stevens Creek in Mountain View, this Saturday, Sept. 16 as part of Coastal Cleanup Day.

The Creek Connections Action Group (CCAG) holds the annual event statewide in an effort to clear the waterways of trash. Each year, locals spend their Saturday morning, starting at 9 a.m., picking up trash and debris.

CCAG was originally formed in San Jose in 1995 by local agency coordinators whose goal was to collaborate their creek cleanup efforts in Santa Clara County. CCAG helps protect water quality and the habitat of the plants and animals that live in the creeks.

Since the group was developed, thousands of volunteers have participated in hundreds of cleanups, removing thousands of pounds of trash each year from creeks, rivers and lakes in the county.

Last year, hundreds of volunteers removed 18,670 pounds of trash in Santa Clara County, including 1,110 pounds of trash from Stevens Creek.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes and plenty of sunscreen. For more information, volunteers can visit the Santa Clara Valley Water District Web site, www.valleywater.org, or the Creek Connections Action Group site, www.cleanacreek.org, or call (408) 265-2607, ext. 2238.

CSA READIES FOR 'HOMETOWN HEROES' CELEBRATION

The Community Services Agency is hosting its annual "Hometown Heroes" event, which recognizes individuals that have had a positive impact on the community during the previous year.

This year's "Hometown

Heroes," a celebration of community service, is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at the Crowne Plaza Cabana in Palo Alto. More than 200 community leaders, activists, volunteers and involved citizens will be attending the event, which will feature the traditional "breakfast-fest" and a speech by Roy Lave, executive director and founder of the Los Altos Community Foundation.

Tickets for "Hometown Heroes" are \$45. For reservations or more information, contact Eileen Caliva at (650) 968-0836 or ecaliva@csacares.org, or visit www.csacares.org.

LEAGUE PRESENTS FILM ON ELECTION FAIRNESS

The local chapter of the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a film showing this Tuesday at Mountain View's Adobe Building which examines the persistent controversies surrounding the 2004 presidential election.

"Who Counts? The Quest for Fair Elections," a new documentary film from Palo Alto filmmaker Dorothy Fadiman, examines a spectrum of issues concerning the election, including discrepancies between exit polls and final official tallies, technological glitches such as "vote flipping," and the media's post-election silence.

The one-hour film starts at 7 p.m., followed by a discussion period. The free event will feature a speech by Steve Chessin, president of Californians for Election Reform. Chessin will be speaking about what Santa Clara County is doing to protect the vote and about possible changes to the electoral system to ensure better representation.

For more information on the event, contact the League at (650) 941-4846, or visit www.lwvlamv.org.

—Andrea Pyka

Community Education Series
For Your Health

The Truth about "MRSA" Staph Infections
Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Nobody likes getting an infection. Sometimes infections are minor and can be easily treated. Others can be a major health concern. One common type of infection you may have heard about lately is "Staph" or *Staphylococcus aureus*.



Daniel Shin, M.D.

Staph infections usually respond to treatment with antibiotics. However, one form of the bacterium, Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (commonly known as MRSA) is resistant to several antibiotics. We are now seeing higher numbers of these infections in healthy children and adults, and this is called Community Acquired MRSA.

This lecture will discuss the recognition of Staph infections, preventative measures and treatments. Join us to learn more about MRSA at this enlightening lecture by Dr. Shin, a board certified infectious diseases specialist.

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EDITOR'S DESK

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"I would like to thank the police officers and firefighters for all their help, the church for letting us wait in their meeting area and our seniors and staff members for their excellent cooperation during this emergency situation," Park wrote. "It was good practice for us all."

ALSO: Former *Voice* stringer Nicholas Perry will be at the Jehning Family Lock Museum this weekend to sign copies of his book,

"Mountain View." Signing is Sunday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the museum is located at 175 Castro St. ... The Support Network For Battered Women has a new executive director, Chata Alfaro. Alfaro has a quarter-century of experience in social services, including as former executive director of the San Mateo Red Cross, and she "hopes to increase the agency's shelter program as well as legal advocacy and outreach," the network says. Call (408) 541-6100 or visit www.snbw.org for more info. ... Next week: Adopt a cat! ♣

Don Frances can be reached at dfrances@mv-voice.com.

■ NEWS BRIEFS

EPA TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS ON TCE

The EPA will be in town Sept. 19, 20 and 22 to conduct private interviews with key community members about the pollutant trichlorethylene, which is found in some of Mountain View's groundwater.

Alana David of the EPA said representatives of the community would have the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns about the cleanup process. She said information would be used to update the demographics used in EPA's studies and help with community outreach.

TCE has been detected in the groundwater where computer companies used the solvent making circuit boards in northeast Mountain View. It has also been found under the Orion Park housing complex at Moffett Field. Vapors emanating from the groundwater have been measured to be too high in one home at Whisman Station, but special ventilation measures were used to address the problem. Generally, the contaminant is believed to be under control.

Those interested in participating can reach Viola Cooper at (415) 972-3243 or call the EPA's toll free message line at (800) 231-3075.

— Daniel DeBolt

LIEBER NAMED ASSEMBLY SPEAKER PRO TEM

Sally Lieber of Mountain View has been named California Assembly speaker pro tem, becoming only the third woman to hold that post in state history. Her appointment was announced Monday by Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez.

As she enters her third term in office, she will replace Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, who is running for state Senate, as the person responsible for presiding over floor sessions in the absence of the speaker.

Lieber, a former Mountain View City Council member and mayor, was elected to the Assembly in November 2002 after a surprise win in the spring

primary against a candidate strongly backed by the county's Democratic establishment.

She is the author of a bill to increase California's minimum wage to \$8 by January 2008, which Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law on Tuesday.

Her district includes Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and parts of Santa Clara and San Jose.

MAJOR ACCIDENT, MINOR INJURIES FOR CHP OFFICER

A California Highway Patrol officer who crashed in Mountain View Sunday morning while on his way to help in a stolen vehicle pursuit is lucky to be alive, according to CHP Officer Steve Perea.

On Sept. 10, just after at 6:30 a.m., the officer lost control of his Ford Crown Victoria on state Highway 85 at El Camino Real and hit a sound wall, Perea said.

"The crash was pretty violent," Perea said. "It actually cut the vehicle in half." He said the car's engine was ejected upon impact.

The officer was able to get out of the vehicle on his own and did not appear to be seriously injured. He was taken to Stanford Medical Center to be treated for minor injuries, but was kept overnight after doctors heard of the severity of the damage to the vehicle.

The chase began about 20 minutes before the officer's crash, when a different CHP

officer spotted a green 1997 Toyota Camry that had been reported stolen. The officer attempted to stop the driver, who was described only as a male adult, but the driver fled and officers gave chase.

According to Perea, the driver of the Toyota reached speeds in excess of 100 mph and was driving erratically as he entered and exited several highways in an attempt to elude police. Officers called off the pursuit when they heard that an officer had crashed. The driver of the Toyota remains at large.

PEDESTRIAN SURVIVES COLLISION ON EL CAMINO

A collision between a pedestrian and a car last Friday sent a man to the hospital with severe but non-life-threatening injuries, according to Mountain View Police Department spokesman Jim Bennett.

The man was walking just west of Grant Road at W. El Camino Real on Sept. 8 when a compact car hit him around 9:03 p.m., Bennett said.

When emergency crews arrived, they found the man trapped under the car but conscious and breathing, Bennett said. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The incident caused delays along El Camino, and buses were re-routed accordingly, Bennett said.

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The City of Mountain View is developing a Recreation Plan to guide City recreation programs for the next 10 years. The purpose of the plan is to review current recreation programs, services and facilities and develop a recreation-focused vision for the Mountain View community. Efforts to involve the community in this process include recreation participant surveys, interviews, focus groups, and two community workshops.

Workshop participants will discuss the following question:

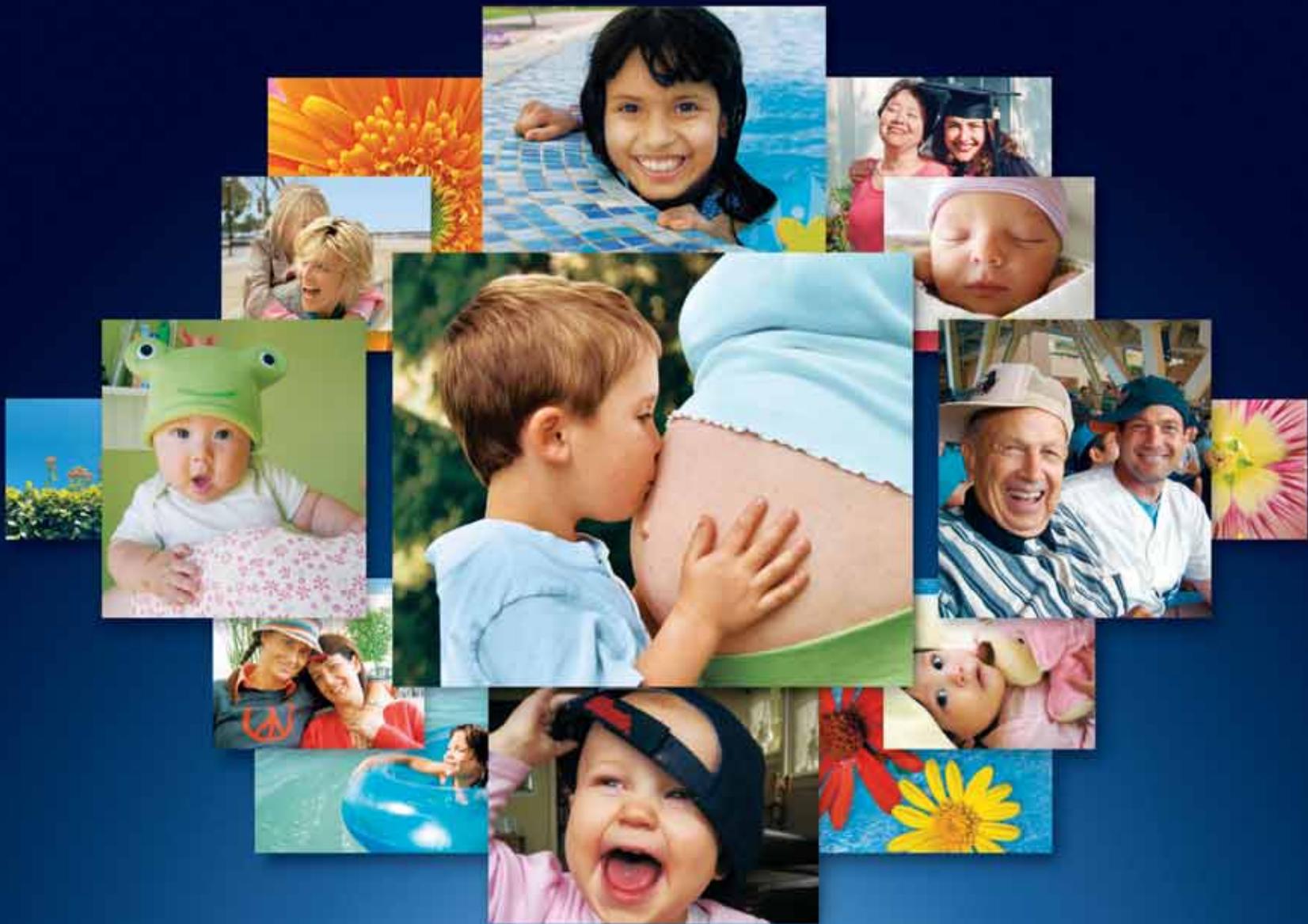
"What are the most important recreation programs, services and facilities that will best support the Mountain View community and why?"

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■ COUNCIL BRIEFS

CITY TO PAY FOR CALTRAIN PARK STUDY

The council voted unanimously to spend \$455,000 Tuesday to study doubling the parking at the downtown train station. The study is usually something paid for by the VTA.

The council was ready to make the \$455,000 sacrifice to ensure the project was given priority in a highly competitive process where local cities compete for project money and priority with the VTA. Longtime VTA critic and council member Greg Perry said it was worth the money, because more parking would mean more Caltrain service in the future. "Let me assure you, I'm never

first in line to give money to the VTA," he said to a laughing audience.

The proposed parking structure would provide one deck over the majority of the lot, from View Street east, essentially doubling the 345 spaces.

When Baby Bullet train service started in Mountain View, ridership jumped to unexpected highs. The city has been allowing Caltrain to use a city-owned lot on Evelyn Avenue just west of Castro Street for overflow parking.

GOOGLE GETS EXCLUSIVE LAND RIGHTS

Google will be able to use a

9.2-acre site called Charleston East however it likes, thanks to a council decision Tuesday.

Greg Perry was the sole opponent of the idea, saying it wasn't a good use of the city-owned land. He said the idea of using money from a ground lease to help jump start a hotel and conference center on the half of the parcel wasn't realistic, because there has been no interest in the site from hotels every since it was rezoned for such a use in 2001.

Google has shown a strong desire for expansion recently, gaining a 500,000-square-foot office complex on Crittenden Lane a few months ago.

— Daniel DeBolt

COUNCIL

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ment finances, responsibilities and legal authority," said Vice Mayor Greg Perry before the vote. Means said he knew the council would come to a compromise.

Council members Laura Macias and Mike Kasperzak opposed the measure.

Means printed the text of all 13 state propositions on the ballot and showed the thick packet to the council. "Every one of the propositions effect residents," Means said. His argument was that individual council members could endorse things on their own time, but that the council shouldn't waste time on endorsements as a group when that time could go to more important things.

Matt Pear said Mountain View had become a "drive through" endorsement process, where any group could come and pitch one side of an issue and get the council to consider an endorsement. He

described it as a "political game" being played.

Council members complained about not having enough time to consider all of the information on every endorsement that came forward, and that their time could be better spent on concerns more directly affecting the city.

Galiotto said he wanted to make sure that those issues which really required the council to take a stand were not cut out of the process. He and others abstained from voting to endorse the county's open space initiative in July, saying that it wasn't an issue directly affecting the city.

"The nexus to the cities' interest is what is important to me," Galiotto said. "I don't know how to get a handle on that nexus."

Perry gave an example of something the council should spend more time on.

"We have a garbage contract with a garbage company under indictment," Perry said. "None of us have read the contract."

Kasperzak disagreed with the direction the council seemed to be heading.

"I think the process we have is flexible, and it works," he said. "If you don't have the time, don't be on the city council."

Perry said the policy would give the council a clear standard, and a clear response to groups seeking endorsements.

"It would do us well to adopt it," he said.

In an e-mail last week, Macias stated her position.

"I think that it is necessary for our city to take a stand on some issues beyond our city boundaries — we are not an island separated from the rest of civilization," she wrote.

Cities around the country routinely pass resolutions on many national issues, such the Iraq war. But the wording is sufficiently vague in the new policy that some national and state issues may still be considered by a council willing to interpret the issue as part of its "responsibilities." ■

Krueger's lawyer, private attorney Patrick H. Kelly, seemed more hesitant, and is expected to consider the matter further before a Sept. 25 hearing. Krueger, 21, will be given the same deal by Boyarski, but faces an additional year in prison for actually holding the knife. Both are charged with assault with a deadly weapon, which is worth four years in prison. The hate crime enhancement is also worth four years.

On the record, Boyarski stated that although no fingerprints were found on the knife, several witnesses saw it being used in the incident. He said that it's common not to find fingerprints on a weapon, and that the witness accounts make it still relevant to the case.

Witnesses claim that Rhodes

and Krueger beat a 19-year-old black man while shouting white supremacists slogans such as "white power" and doing Nazi salutes. In the police report, the victim recalls one of the men saying, "I'll kill you. ... We got people to come down here and kill you. Put you in a casket."

Nazi paraphernalia was later found in the suspects' homes, but no allegations have been made that the two are in a white supremacist group. Rhodes and Krueger are from Ceres, near Modesto, but were in Mountain View doing construction work on Oak Street.

Both suspects are still being held in lieu of \$1 million bail. ■

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from the stress, Alan said.

Alan Wunderman grew up in the house, which the family bought in 1962.

One of the first things a visitor encounters upon entering is a 1917 Edison record player, complete with quarter-inch-thick records, that still works. The house's "Bonnie and Clyde flavor" has been kept intact with a clutter of period-piece additions — "Not that we're collectors or anything," said Wunderman sarcastically.

A 2,800-square-foot carriage house and 1,500-square-foot servants' quarters also remain, though the carriage house has been partially converted to a rental unit and workshop.

Long after Prohibition ended, people continued to enjoy parties in the house's former speakeasy, located in the basement, where illegal booze once flowed and many an enthusiastic flapper danced the Charleston on a ball-room dance floor.

Today, walking downstairs is like walking onto the set of an old movie. The walls are covered with antique paintings of nude women. Spilled liquor was caught by an intricate drain

Time Line	
1919	The 18th Amendment that made Prohibition possible was passed
1920s	Prohibition starts. House opens for business; greyhound racing, gambling, prostitution and illegal liquor served
1930s to '40s	Davies Model Aircraft Co. leased house's bottling building.
1933	Operation busted just days after Prohibition ends, gangster George White, 44, jailed briefly
1935	House sold to Whitehall distilleries
1939	Shooting leads to seizure of house by the feds. San Francisco engineer Harold Skinner wins house in auction
1941 to 1945	Skinner allows military officers to stay in the home during WWII
1962	House sold to Irwin and Gilda Wunderman, who restore it
1970s	Wunderman fights with city to protect the house
2005	Irwin Wunderman dies, leaves house to ex-wife Gilda and two children
2006	City annexes land under the house.

system in the cement floor. The original bar is missing, but the long cabinet behind it remains.

In a display case are bottles that once held the whiskey made by Whitehall distilleries behind the house. The lion from the Whitehall label is painted on the floor, with the word "Wunderbar" painted underneath, a twist on the family name. There's an entrance to the basement from the side of the house, and a small coat check-

room. Patrons told someone at the door, "Joe sent me."

The Kennel Club

Much is said about the house's past, but "It's all hearsay," Wunderman says.

On the top floor of the three-story house is where prostitutes once lived and worked and the Wundermans now live. The rooms are strangely shaped, and some have secret passageways. In one

room there is a small window to a shower in the next room, but it's been boarded shut. "Probably for a little extra, you could have a little viewing," Wunderman said.

A guard equipped with a Tommy gun and controls for an elaborate alarm system sat by a top-story window watching the dirt road that made its way through orchards to the house.

In its heyday, the house was called the "Blue and Gold Kennel Club." A greyhound racetrack in the back had grandstands for as many as 300 people. The previous owner dismantled the track and bleachers.

One old newspaper article described a five-acre antennae system, long since removed, that was used for sending greyhound race scores to bookies around the country. Wunderman remembers playing behind the house as a kid and digging up old bottles, noticing that the gangsters must have buried their trash.

When the Wundermans bought the house, there was an option to buy the 13 acres behind it as well. "If we had only known," Wunderman said, referring to how much that property would be worth today. The Mormon Church eventually bought the land. It is now a

suburban neighborhood, along with all the orchards that once surrounded the house.

A shady past

The law seems to have ignored the operation throughout Prohibition, from 1920 to 1933. No police raid occurred until several days after Prohibition ended — because, as one old newspaper article put it, "The militant neighbors were able to purchase their fun more inexpensively."

According to a *Mountain View Register-Leader* article dated Dec. 22, 1933, George White, a Chicago gangster, came forward as the man in charge at the house and was arrested. He was later released on \$500 bail and never indicted.

White sold the house to Whitehall distilleries in 1935, but managed to get the house back a few years later. A shooting brought federal agents to the house in 1939, which led to its placement on the auction block.

Harold Skinner, a San Francisco engineer, bought the house and the 13 acres behind it for \$8,000. Skinner was able to leave much from the "sporting house" days intact until Irwin and Gilda Wunderman bought it in 1962.

According to one newspaper

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MICHAEL MULLADY

Alan Wunderman stands in the underground bar which used to be a speakeasy during Prohibition.

WUNDERMAN

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article, Skinner once received a visit from a man who knocked on the door and talked about how much he loved the house, said his name was George White and walked away.

'Why?'

In the living room is a painting reportedly commissioned by the house's owners in 1922. A prostitute sits in a chair wearing a shawl, a beaded necklace and a strapless dress. Her parents stand a few feet away with their arms outstretched. The painting is titled "Why?"

The Wundermans had their

share of fun in the house as well. A large photo album keeps track of parties held in the basement, including election fundraisers, petition signing "soirees," and Stanford alumni parties. One picture shows a serious-looking man with horn-rimmed glasses and the words "Wanted, for indecent exposure at Wunderman party."

The Wundermans weren't averse to inviting the press to the house, even for the parties. The album contains numerous articles written about the house over the years.

Irwin Wunderman fought several battles with a city bent on developing the area around his house, telling a reporter in the 1970s that "it's been a

battle from day one." In fighting development, he also fought annexation, which is partly why the house sat on county land for so long.

"We don't want what the city calls improvements," said neighbor Helen Nelson in an old newspaper article. Another neighbor characterized the fight as a "battle for survival."

Last month, the Wunderman home finally moved into Mountain View's jurisdiction, when the city annexed a few pockets of unincorporated county land, ending the family's earlier battle to keep the property out of the city. ▣

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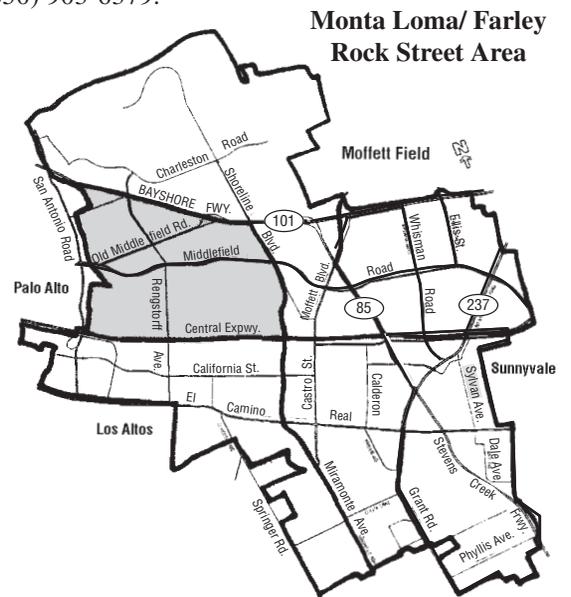


CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW Council Neighborhoods Committee Monta Loma/ Farley/ Rock Street Area Neighborhood Meeting

Monta Loma Elementary School
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September 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee will be hosting a neighborhood meeting for residents in the Monta Loma/ Farley/ Rock Street area on September 21, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. (area designated on the map below). The Neighborhood Meeting will be an open forum to hear your comments and answer your questions about City services.

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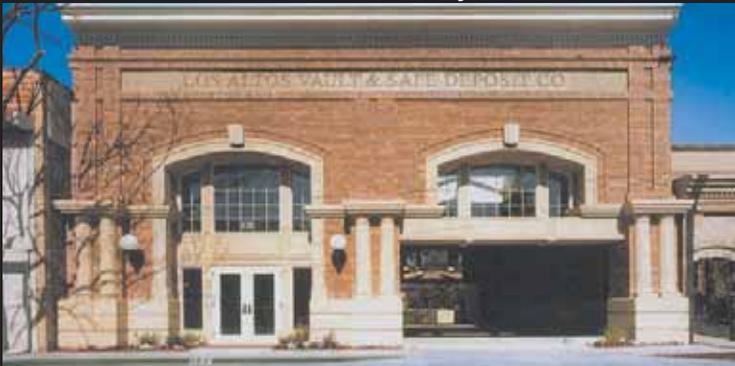


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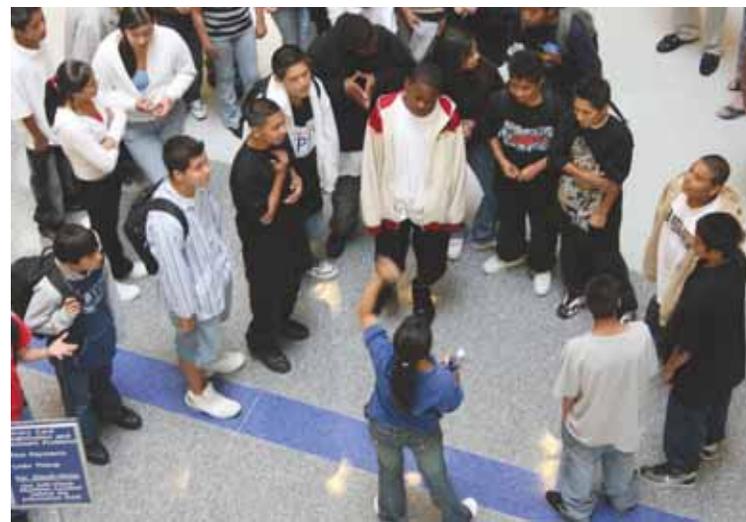
debriefed on what it takes to get into SJSU — namely, a 3.0 GPA. Marco Garcia, a member of the Challenge Team and the At Risk Intervention Supervisor at Graham, said the students wondered how they could get into SJSU. “They said, ‘How do I get in if my GPA is low?’ We explained to them the option of going to community college first.”

Many of the students on the field trip had never been on a college campus, and don’t have any family members who attended college.

“The junior high years are the most important time to intervene,” Garcia said.

The Gang Task Force, formed in 2005 as a response to an increase in local gang activity, is comprised of representatives from local school districts, the Mountain View and Los Altos police departments, the Santa Clara County Probation Department, the YMCA, Mesa de la Comunidad and other groups. It is an offshoot of the collaborative known as The Challenge Team, which focuses on helping children and their families in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

MV Whisman Superintendent Maurice Ghysels, a member of the task force, began organizing events a year ago for students the district believed needed intervention. One such event gathered the selected



VERONICA WEBER

Sheryl Pailma leads a campus tour of the university to Graham and Crittenden Middle School students.

students to listen to guest speaker Richard Santana, a former third-generation gang member who went on to graduate from Harvard University. Half way through the speech, Santana changed his clothes from gang attire to a professional business suit, demonstrating the possibility of dramatic personal transformation.

Ghysels was himself the first to attend college in his family, and used his own story in a speech to inspire students from the field trip to consider all of their available options.

“I am convinced that they are starting to believe that they can and will go to college,” Ghysels said.

Last year, MV Whisman made Arturo Noriega and Marco Garcia “at-risk intervention supervi-

sors” at Crittenden and Graham, respectively. The two have been friends since they were 9 years old and attended Graham Middle School together. Noriega says they speak almost every day, thinking of new ways to help students.

“The collaboration between schools, it’s never been done before,” Garcia said. “We feel like we were helped out when we were young, and it’s time for us to give back.”

Garcia and Noriega take a personal approach with students, including playing with them at recess, assisting with after-school activities, and taking students to the occasional football game.

“The key,” Garcia said, “is to expose them to as many things as possible.” ▀

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formal service was held Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Spangler Mortuary on Castro Street. A separate service will be held in St. Louis for friends and family there.

“I’m going to be on that ride,” Parker said, citing the comfort she has gotten from “such an outpouring from that cycling community. It just makes me so proud of him, and so happy he was able to find a community of people who cared about him.”

Peterson said that while looking over ride photos to post on the group’s Web site, it struck him that Peckham “always has the biggest smile. He was so happy to be riding. He had this very easygoing personality, but he was very enthusiastic about what he did.”

Peterson said he stopped by the gathering spot of a Sunday ride and “every club member there had good things to say about him. John had such an effect on everybody in the club, whether they knew him personally or not.”

Peterson said club records

show Peckham did his first road-bike race in February 2005, and won it. He rose from a Category 5 to a Category 2 racer, based on points earned in races, in an incredibly short time.

“John was a very strong sprinter, as opposed to a climber,” and used his strength to win races, Peterson said. Peckham also raced at the Hellyer County Park Velodrome, a steeply banked outdoor track in San Jose. He had just recovered from a crash in a Velodrome race earlier this year, and was concentrating on improving his hill-climbing abilities when he died, Peterson said.

Parker said her son always was athletic, mountain biking as far back as high school. She said he owned eight bicycles, including a mountain bike, a time-trial bike, a velodrome bike and two road bikes.

“I bought the bike he died on two Christmases ago,” she said, adding that she worried at the time that he might get hurt on it, “as mother’s do.” But cycling “was his joy, it was his life.” ▀

Jay Thorwaldson is editor of the Palo Alto Weekly, the Voice’s sister paper.

JOHN PECKHAM, 31, CYCLIST AND ENGINEER

John Eric Peckham was born in Laguna Beach, but the family moved to the remote community of Salyer in Northern California when he was very young. His mother and father, Mary Ann Parker and William Peckham, separated when John was 7, and he moved with his mother to Santa Rosa.

They then moved to St. Louis, Mo., where Parker was raised and had family and where John attended high school, playing football and making a national merit scholars’ list in 1993.

Peckham attended the Christian Brothers College, studying mechanical engineering. Recently, he worked for Boston Scientific in Fremont, and just started a new job in Mountain View with a start-up firm.

Peckham had just purchased a condo in Mountain View, moving from an apartment in Sunnyvale with his girlfriend, Cindy Sanford.



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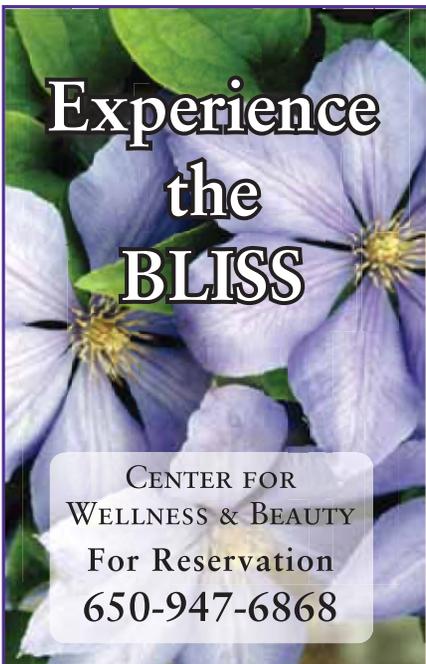
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Hills move could cost MVLA

By Alexa Tondreau

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District could lose close to 200 students — and nearly \$4 million in annual revenue — if the Los Altos Hills Town Council's plan for creating its own elementary school district is approved by the county's committee on school organization.

Superintendents and school board members from Mountain View-Los Altos, Los Altos and Palo Alto Unified school districts met Aug. 30 to discuss the impact of the Hills opening its own elementary school. The students now attend elementary school in the Los Altos district, and go to high school in the MVLA district or at Palo Alto's Gunn High School.

And that is the issue that concerns local educators. Previously, it was hoped that MVLA would not see any changes in attendance as a result of the Hills effort — but those hopes are slowing fading, according to MVLA Superintendent Barry Groves.

That's because the Los Altos Hills council would need "to get special legislation to enact such a plan," Groves said, adding that state law is unclear about sending students from a local K-8 to two different high school districts.

"If they can't get the special legislation, all the students will go to Gunn," Groves said.

The Santa Clara County Committee on School Organization will begin deliberations Dec. 7 on whether to proceed with a reorga-

nization plan, and on what process will be necessary to do so. Groves believes "it will take more than one meeting to process the information and go forward from there."

The redistricting movement in Los Altos Hills began with the closing of Bullis Elementary School in 2003, and the subsequent creation of Bullis Charter School on the grounds of Egan Junior High. The current Hills petition states that "we will have public schools back in the Hills and do not intend to stop until that is a reality."

At the Aug. 30 meeting, LASD Superintendent Tim Justus said his district had "committed to reopening Bullis School in 2008 as a neighborhood public elementary school in Los Altos Hills."

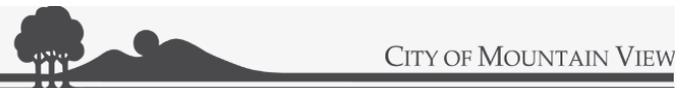
The creation of a K-8 school would be "a very long process," Groves said. A timeline provided by the county calculated that at the very minimum, it would take a year from December for the state Board of Education to even vote on the plan.

The group of superintendents and board members will meet two more times before December in order to discuss the many ways that their respective districts would be affected by the redistricting efforts.

Groves stressed that "We would like to maintain the school districts."

The Dec. 7 hearing at the county Office of Education in San Jose will be open to the public. ■

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need to construct a barricade out of anything available in the classroom and place one of two cards, either red or green, under the outside door. A red card tells patrolling officers or staff that immediate assistance is needed, while green indicates that the classroom is safe. These cards are kept in a backpack that remains in the classroom at all times.

Additionally, staff should open their e-mail accounts to receive any information from other teachers, administrators or the police.

The training also provided instruction on how to employ anti-anxiety exercises like breathing on a four-count, playing simple mental games and having students occupy their time by writing down witness accounts if they might have seen the shooter.

Holtzclaw explained that remaining calm is an essential practice because teachers must be able "to manage classrooms in extreme anxiety" before police arrive on the scene.

Staff and students who are outside when a code red alert occurs should run for cover in a zigzag pattern so that they aren't viewed "as a standing target by a shooter," MV Whisman executive assistant Kathi Lilga explained.

Lilga, who helped organize the training at MV Whisman, also explained how students and staff must ready themselves by holding their hands behind their heads and removing bulky jackets and sweat-shirts because "police officers want to see a waistline." An officer demonstrated to staff how he was able to conceal five guns in his pants while wearing oversized clothing.

The participation of both the Mountain View and Los Altos police departments is integral to the success of the emergency plan. MVPD Captain Bruce Barsi, who manages the Field Operations Division and the School Resource Officers, said in a statement, "When people know what to do in an emergency and they don't panic, the likelihood of a positive outcome increases significantly. The police are much better able to handle such an incident when there is a solid procedure in place and everyone is trained to follow it."

To enact the training, the Silicon Valley Safe Schools Consortium, which includes more

than 75 schools in the Sunnyvale and Santa Clara Unified school districts as well as law enforcement and emergency agencies, applied for and received a grant from the federal Emergency Response and Crisis Management program. Holtzclaw was hired to implement the curriculum,

which she had helped to create.

"There is a very unique partnership between schools and the police department," Holtzclaw explained.

After Columbine, Holtzclaw studied emergency simulations and found that "schools knew nothing" about dealing with a code red situation. Most schools in Santa Clara County are on board, she reported, and plan to begin yearly drills that will involve the student body as well.

For now, teachers will take what they learned back to their classrooms to share with students. Maurice Ghysels, MV Whisman's superintendent, said in an e-mail to the *Voice* that he is "very impressed with our teachers and support staff who took this training so seriously." ▀

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Students and staff must ready themselves by holding their hands behind their heads.

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

TCE trouble

After years of high-powered scientific study, including a report released July 27 by the National Research Council, an arm of the National Academies of Sciences, there still is no precise definition of the dangers of TCE, the toxic chemical leached into the soil in northeast Mountain View by high-tech companies and a number of small local businesses.

But there has been progress, and as has been reported in the *Voice* often in recent years, scientists have concluded that there is a risk from breathing air contaminated by TCE, and that the risk may be higher than once thought. Luckily, the chemical is present in such small amounts that it is not a threat unless the gas is trapped in a confined space — and a person occupies that space for a period of years.

In Mountain View, leakage of TCE (trichloroethylene) has been confined to an area near Moffett Field known by the initials of its three delineating streets (MEW) which is south of U.S. 101 and bordered by Whisman and Middlefield roads and Ellis Street. Unsafe TCE levels have been found in one home at the Whisman Station development, south of the MEW, although a special ventilation system has been installed in its foundation to remedy the problem.

City officials are aware of the TCE threat in the neighborhood, but say it is not great enough to hold up the potential development of as many as 1,300 homes south of the MEW area and north of Whisman Station. Other homes built in the area have used special fabric in the foundation to block vapors from entering basements or crawl spaces, a precaution that could be called for in the new development.

The various companies whose practices contaminated the MEW area, including GTE, have been using complex filtration systems for 17 years to remove TCE from the groundwater. Lenny Siegel, director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight, which is based in Mountain View, believes the latest NRC report may speed the federal government's effort to remove TCE in the area, as well as in hundreds of other sites where it is found across the nation.

New technologies are available that are cheaper and more effective than the "pump and treat" systems in use today, which could bring quicker relief to residents of the affected areas. Even though these technologies and other improvements in understanding or eliminating TCE could be years away, the public could be much better informed about the progress that is being made.

One way the Environmental Protection Agency could help is to direct its staff and contractors to publish more user-friendly materials in print and on a public Web site that would:

- Explain in clear terms the health hazards from coming in contact with TCE, including its cancer-causing potential;
- Include good maps that show the location of the groundwater plumes and the areas where the most toxic vapors are emitted;
- If possible, provide directions on how residents can have their property tested, or at least access information from tests done in nearby locations;
- Include a list of frequently asked questions on the Web site that aim to take the scientific mystery out of TCE contamination.

Mountain View has endured the presence of TCE for many years, and the problem won't go away anytime soon. But clear answers and fact sheets from the EPA or other agencies would go a long way toward taking the mystery out of the scientific effort to understand this toxic substance.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

PAPER IS FULL OF LIES

Editor:

Several miss-quotes (and/or untruths) have been printed in your Mountain View city information sheet (psuedo newspaper) recently. The one that directly affects me is the city attorney's (Michael D. Martello) quote in the Aug. 25, 2006 *Mountain View Voice*.

"We actually tried to get him to say he lived in Mountain View," Martello said, "but we confirmed that he does not reside in Mountain View. It's a very fascinating story." I claim these statements are not only completely untrue, but malicious deliberate lies that insinuate that I have committed felonies under California law. (Voting from an address where you do not reside to influence elections out of your jurisdiction, or some such wording.)

I absolutely am a fully qualified registered voter in Mountain View to run for city office or vote. I have NO other address or residency where I could legally vote or run for office in the world (for the past several years).

Your newspaper should demand a retraction from the city or be FORCED to confirm Martello's accusations. (Criminal accusations in your newspaper should be confirmed BEFORE printing.)

Don Letcher
N. Rengstorff Avenue

MOBILE PARK RESIDENT SHOULD SEEK MEDIATION

Editor:

I just read the article on the senior man, Al Stuetzle, at Sahara Mobile Home Park, who sued one neighbor and is fight-

ing several others over cat traps and rezoning arguments ("Court ends Sahara cat fight," Sept. 8).

I must say I am shocked that this elderly man is spending so much time and energy bringing people into court, rather than inviting his neighbors to mediation to resolve this. The county and Project Sentinel provide free mediation services to neighbors in conflict. Stuetzle might consider trying mediation instead. Maybe then he can achieve the closure he so desperately wants.

Suing people is no way to achieve a peaceful living environment, nor any way to get closure. It only causes hard feelings, and makes other people fearful he'll sue them too.

Also, why isn't the park's management trapping these feral cats on the property, instead of putting an 85-year-old resident in harm's way? Isn't that why people pay such high space rent? I say shame on the park manager, and the property owner, John Vidovich, for endangering elderly residents by not trapping wild cats, skunks, and other such animals that can cause property damage and bodily harm to the park's elderly residents.

Kathleen Flynn
Starview Drive

NO TCE AT SLATER SCHOOL

Editor:

While the information you printed about TCE being more dangerous than previously recognized is greatly appreciated, the incorrect statement that TCE has been found under Slater School is not.

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LETTERS

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When former Mountain View Whisman Superintendent Eleanor Yick used this misinformation last year as one justification to close Slater School, I arranged a meeting with Ms. Yick, Alana Lee of Region 9 EPA, several scientists and other experts on TCE, myself and others.

Numerous pages of data and test results were presented at this meeting. There is no groundwater contamination under Slater School and there was no TCE in the air that was tested both in the classrooms or in the ambient air. Subsequently, Ms. Yick publicly apologized for having presented this incorrect information, and it was removed from the documents presenting reasons for Slater School to be closed.

This is very important to correct, as Google is now leasing the site for a daycare center for the children of Goggle employees. We cannot have them believing that Slater is over a contaminated TCE groundwater site.

I have been a board member of the Citizen's Advisory Group to the EPA on the issue of TCE groundwater contamination for several years. My home has remediation because it, in fact, is over a contaminated groundwater plume, causing vapor intrusion. I traveled to San Diego and testified before the National Academy of Sciences, urging them to lower the acceptable levels of TCE in the air and to force responsible polluting parties to clean up ground water and remediate the buildings and homes contaminated with TCE vapor intrusion.

It is not true that Slater is contaminated, nor is it true that the Slater site is over TCE-contaminated groundwater. Please do not be instrumental in misinforming the people of Mountain View and our business partners and neighbors. We need to focus on the sites that are actually polluted, not waste resources and energy correcting wrong information.

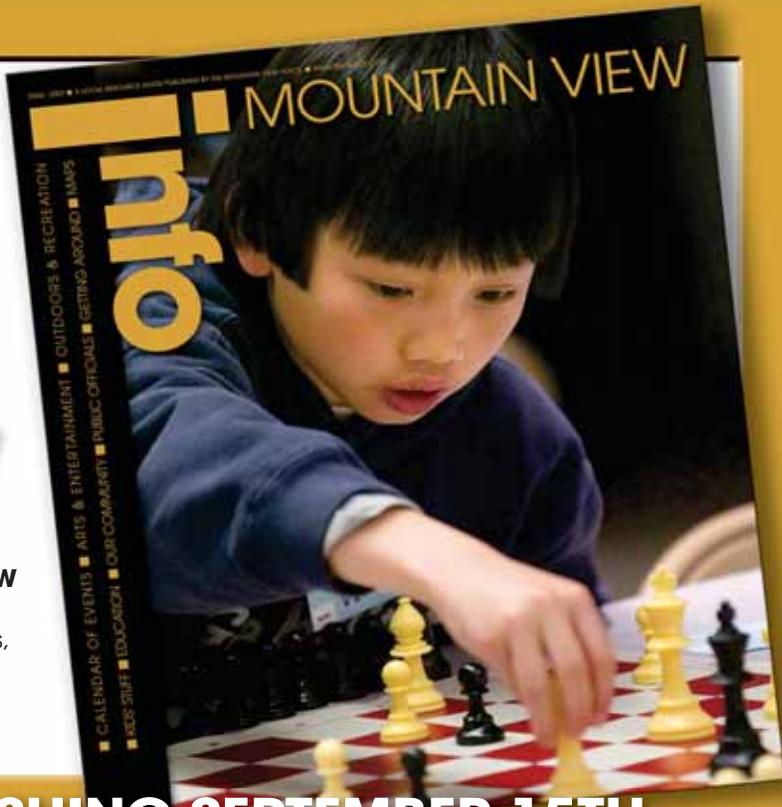
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Editor:

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San Antonio Avenue



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Très français

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By Dale F. Bentson

Bistro Maxine is about the size of a Los Altos living room.

It is a diminutive nook, half a block off University Avenue in Palo Alto. Nestled in the side of the Cardinal Hotel between Osteria and Coupa Café, it has a maximum seating of 15. Unless you work for a small company, I wouldn't plan the office Christmas party there.

However, if you're in the mood for a perfectly prepared crêpe, the three-month-old Bistro Maxine is the place for you. Prices are reasonable, \$4.25 to \$8.95 for a tasty crêpe and a tangy small salad. There are sweet crêpes for morning and dessert, heartier crêpes for midday and beyond, and crêpes doused in liqueur for a more full-bodied crêpe experience. All crêpes are available any time of day.

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dict there soon will be. The drift towards wrapped and stuffed sandwiches and entrees has been on the upswing for more than half a dozen years, and crêpes fit the category perfectly.

And why not? Crêpes are nourishing, filling and inexpensive. Bistro Maxine offers a lengthy menu of meticulously prepared sweet and savory crêpes. Each one is made to order and filled at the last moment. Large crêpe restaurants often make a stack ahead of time, then reheat and fill. None of that at Maxine's.

The kitchen equipment at Maxine's is from France — as is one of the partners, George Wansek. He learned the art of crêpe-making in Paris and has passed the skill on to his chefs. When Wansek is not whipping up batter in the kitchen, he is off piloting corporate jets. His ex-wife, Stephanie, the general manager of the Cardinal Hotel, is also a partner as is longtime friend Judy Chapman. The trio keeps the bistro humming 15 hours per day, six days per week, and 14 hours on Sundays. That's a lot of time in a little space, so rotating staff is important.

Crêpes originated in Brittany, that arm of France that juts into the Atlantic shouldering the southwest corner of the English Channel. Legend has it that the thin soil of Brittany did not support enough wheat for bread-making, so the creative Bretons extended what wheat they had by perfecting the crêpe.

Crêpes have been ubiquitous to Europe for centuries with slight variations in almost every culture. From blini in Russia to filloas in Galicia, crêpes are filled with everything from fish to fruit and nuts.

In Brittany, crêpes are traditionally served with apple cider. Maxine offers a 4 percent alcohol hard cider from France. It also serves beer from Fischer, the 185-year-old French brewery. There are house white and house red wines available as well, \$4.95 per glass, \$19.95 per bottle.

If you're not quite up to a crêpe in the morning, you may choose a croissant or a brioche with orange juice. Maxine makes fancy coffees as well, serving them in swimming-pool-sized cups.

There are special combinations offered at both breakfast and after 6 p.m. For instance, at dinner, for \$15.95 one can order both a savory and a sweet crêpe with a bowl of cappuccino. I guarantee, you'll be stuffed.

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BISTRO MAXINE

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and chewy walnuts. It sang of the coming autumn. The strawberry crêpe (\$5.95) was loaded with macerated berries and topped with a sprinkle of powdered sugar. With late-harvest berries just coming to market, this made a tasty crêpe filling.

The goat cheese crêpe (\$8.95), however, was a tad deficient in cheese. The pot of honey that came with it added only sweetness. The idea was that the honey would balance the bitterness of the cheese. Alas, there wasn't enough to balance.

The divine Normandy crêpe (\$7.95) was wrapped around apples and cooked with butter and calvados (apple brandy) and served with a scoop of creme fraiche on the side. It was a heavenly combination.

There are additional liqueur inspired crêpes, all \$7.95: Malicious with orange jam, hot chocolate and Grand Marnier; Crêpes Suzette splashed with Cointreau or Grand Marnier; Josephine made with bananas, roasted almonds and Grand Marnier; and others.

The crêpes are oversized, rectangular and carefully folded around the filling. They are feathery but pliant enough that they won't break and leak the filling over the plate. Buckwheat flour will be substituted on request. Buckwheat is darker, with an earthier, vaguely mushroom-like taste.

Bistro Maxine offers several sandwiches as well, all \$6.95. I



VERONICA WEBER

Crêpe maker Megan Morris prepares a butter and strawberry jam crêpe for a customer at Bistro Maxine.

was happy with the ham and brie with Dijon mustard on a French roll. All sandwiches come with a small salad dressed in olive oil,

lemon juice, balsamic vinegar and Dijon mustard. Other sandwiches include ham, cheese or salmon combinations. Subtract one dollar if you don't want the salad.

The interior is bright with cheery yellow walls and a high ceiling that enhances the vertical dimension of the space. Hardwood floors add a clean linearity to the room. There is a wood table for four and several iron-based French bistro tables, as well as two seats at the bar overlooking the kitchen. It is on the cozy side without being jammed up.

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From left: Eric Rice, John S. Russell, Diane Tasca, and Tom Ammon in "Long Day's Journey Into Night," which opens next Friday at the Pear Avenue Theatre.

JEANIE FORTE

Journey full circle

PEAR AVENUE THEATRE TAKES 'LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT' TO THE PLACE IT WAS WRITTEN

By Rebecca Wallace

THEATER PREVIEW

Comic actors are often the ones talking about timing. But this month, the timing is perfect for a tragedy.

The Pear Avenue Theatre is taking on "Long Day's Journey Into Night," playwright Eugene O'Neill's lamenting look at his suffering family. It's the 50th anniversary of the play's Broadway opening and the fifth birthday of the Mountain View theater group.

To add to the power of the experience, the actors will perform one weekend of shows at Tao House in Danville, where O'Neill wrote the play.

"I feel so excited and just thrilled beyond belief to be doing this," said John Russell, who plays younger son Edmund. The 24-year-old is the same age as his young character, and he's also fresh to the Bay Area, having moved here from Boston last fall. He hasn't even been to Danville yet.

The people at the young theater group he found on the Peninsula are also energized about staging such a classic to kick off the Pear's fifth anniversary season.

"We thought, 'For our landmark, what can we do to be ambitious?'" said Jeanie Forte, who's directing the play. (Forte is a theater critic for the *Palo Alto Weekly*, the *Voice's* sister paper.)

She added, chuckling: "It's like being a mountain climber and trying to tackle Mount Everest. You just assume you're up for it."

The Pear season also includes another play with a big birthday. In May and June, the group will present John Millington Synge's "The Playboy of the Western World," which hits the century mark in 2007.

As for "Long Day's Journey,"

the autobiographical play follows the Tyrone family through a day of arguments and heartbreak. Travails include the morphine addiction of mother Mary (played by Pear founder Diane Tasca), Edmund's illness, and older son Jamie's alcoholism. O'Neill's family specters are confronted head-on, creating a tragedy that many can, unfortunately, relate to.

Forte first encountered the play in its film version starring Katharine Hepburn, and couldn't look away.

"It's so intense and so layered, and the emotional honesty and depth of it is remarkable," she said. "It doesn't age at all."

One thing that people don't always realize about this sad story is that it's underscored by a great, if flawed, love among the family members, Forte said.

That's something she's focusing on in this production.

"The love is so palpable in this play — and how it gets unexpressed or messed up. They're so linked to each other," she said.

Interestingly, "Long Day's Journey" has never been performed at Tao House before, said Dan Cawthon, vice president for programming for the Eugene O'Neill Foundation at Tao House. He's also the artistic director of Playwrights' Theatre, which regularly presents staged readings at Tao House of plays by O'Neill and by playwrights who influenced him.

The Pear production will be part of the house's annual Eugene O'Neill Festival, which also includes seminars, exhibits and lectures.

The house is built on the former Bryant Ranch, of which O'Neill and his wife, Carlotta, bought 158 acres in the 1930s, according to the O'Neill foundation. The writer had an interest in Asian philosophy, and the couple gave the home a name that they interpreted as meaning "the right way of life." There are both Chinese and California ranch elements in the architecture.

Plays are performed in the house's barn, which seats about a hundred.

"The ambience is rustic; the weather can influence the mood of any production — it can be hot for matinees, foggy for late performances. Our audiences seem to love it," Cawthon said.

Such an intimate venue is par for the course for Pear actors; the Pear theater seats about 40.

Russell loves the up-close-and-personal feel of the Pear and is looking forward to more of the same at Tao House.

"It gives you the luxury of not having to make your intentions visible to the thousandth row," he said. "That's exactly what this play calls for. ... So much is contained, so much is just simmering below the surface waiting to explode." ■

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AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) ★★☆☆1/2

Century 20: 3:20 & 7:25 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 3:30 & 7:30 p.m.;
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THE ANT BULLY (PG) Century 20: 12:05, 2:35 & 4:45 p.m.

BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG)

Century 20: 12:15, 2:25, 4:25 & 6:50 p.m.

BEERFEST (R) Century 20: Noon, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.

THE BLACK DAHLIA (R) ★★☆☆

Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:15, 3:45, 5, 6:30, 7:45, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m.

Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:15, 3:40, 5, 6:30, 7:45, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m.

BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (NOT RATED) ★★☆☆ Guild: 3:30 & 6 p.m.

THE COVENANT (PG-13) Century 16: 12:05, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10 &
9:35 p.m. Century 20: 12:10, 1:30, 2:30, 3:50, 4:50, 6:45, 7:30, 9 & 10 p.m.

CRANK (R) Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 1:35, 3:35, 5:45, 8 & 10 p.m.

Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 1:55, 3:55, 5:55, 8:05 & 10:05 p.m.

CROSSOVER (PG-13) ★★☆☆ Century 20: 9:10 p.m.

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) ★★☆☆

Century 16: Noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m.

Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 2:25, 5:15, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.

EVERYONE'S HERO (G) Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 1:50, 3:50, 5:55,
8:05 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:25, 1:40, 2:40, 4, 5:05,
6:15, 7:15, 8:25, 9:20 & 10:25 p.m.

GRIDIRON GANG (PG-13) ★★☆☆

Century 16: 12:15, 1:45, 3:10, 4:40, 6:15, 7:35, 9:10 & 10:25 p.m.

THE GUARDIAN (PG-13) (SNEAK PREVIEW)

Century 16: Sat. at 7:30 p.m.

HALF NELSON (R) ★★☆☆ Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:30, 7:10 &
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HEADING SOUTH (NOT RATED) ★★☆☆

Guild: 1:45, 4:15, 6:45 & 9:15 p.m.

HOLLYWOODLAND (R) ★★☆☆ Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2:20, 5:05,
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MOVIE REVIEWS

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

★★★1/2

(CineArts, Century 20) 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, 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 multi-media 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.

BOYNTON BEACH CLUB ★★☆☆

(Aquarius) Boynton Beach, Florida is an active adult community filled with frisky seniors in the transitions of life, many of them revolving around death. Enter the Boynton Beach Bereavement Club, a caring support group for widowed retirees who need to air their grief. Marilyn (Brenda Vaccaro) and Jack (Len Cariou) have recently lost their longtime partners and are functioning on auto-pilot, unable to cope with the day-to-day tedium of bills, meals, and laundry. With the help of kindly club members Harry (Joe Bologna) and Lois (Dyan Cannon), Marilyn and Jack reluctantly jump back into the game. Jack — overwhelmed by condolence casseroles — tentatively starts dating a widow named Sandy (Sally Kellerman) while Marilyn sets her sights on a driver's license. "Boynton" delivers its message loud and clear: it's never too late to love. Affairs of the heart are neatly packaged with the sticky wickets of adult relations: lies and games masking insecurities and fears. *Rated: Unrated but should be PG-13 for adult situations and images. 1 hour, 40 minutes.* — J.A.

CROSSOVER ★★☆☆

(Century 20) Although lifelong friends Tech (Anthony Mackie) and Noah (Wesley Jonathan) seem to come from different worlds — Tech was recently released from prison while Noah is gearing up to attend medical school — they find a common bond on the basketball courts of inner-city Detroit. Vaughn (Wayne Brady), a former sports agent turned shameful promoter, organizes midnight streetball contests where

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teams of five compete for cash and bragging rights. A match between Tech and Noah's "Enemy of the State" and the reigning champions, "Platinum," leaves Tech dejected and Vaughn eager to exploit Noah's natural talents. Tension and predictability ensue as Noah shows no interest in seriously pursuing a career in basketball while Tech wonders how he can permanently make his mark on the sport. Novice writer/director Preston A. Whitmore II infuses his pet project with unnecessary quick cuts and flashy camerawork that make "Cross-over" feel like a film school freshman's first assignment. *Rated: PG-13 for sexual content and some language.* 1 hour, 35 minutes. — T.H.

HALF NELSON ★★★★★

(CineArts) Ryan Gosling's astonishing talent enhances this unexpectedly captivating and disturbing drama. Gosling dazzles as Brooklyn middle school teacher Dan Dunne, a gentle soul reaching out to inner city kids with the unique gift of caring. Dan is knight in shining armor to a group of students facing harsh choices on life's mean streets, his dedication extending to coaching a makeshift girls' basketball team with conviction and humor. Too good to be true? You betcha. Hero by day and crack whore by night, Dan is smoking away his future with the same brilliant intensity he brings to his work. It's a matter of time before one of his kids gets wise and she does, spying Dan in the girls' locker room with crack pipe in hand. Thirteen-year-old Drey's (Shareeka Epps) unsettling discovery is the improbable glue that bonds two lost souls together in a curious meeting of the minds: latch-key kid and crackhead trying to get it right. Kudos to writer/director Ryan Fleck for keeping it real — no fairy-tale endings and no quick cinematic fixes. Great stuff. *Rated: R for drug use, profanity and mature themes.* 1 hour, 47

minutes. — J.A.

HOLLYWOODLAND ★★★

(Century 16) Baby-boomers fondly recall the derring-do of TV's "Superman," who was faster than a speeding bullet and leaped tall buildings in a single bound. But less is known about enigmatic George Reeves, the beleaguered actor who battled to break away from the long shadow cast by his popular superhero. Reeves' death in 1959 was ruled a suicide; he was said to be despondent over a stalled movie career and shot himself during an evening at home with friends. With crowded suspicions — murder or suicide? — washed-up P.I. Louis Simo (Adrien Brody) determines to unravel the truth behind Reeves' death. He greases palms all over town, digging into the lives and loves of the man who would be Superman. The mystery deepens with Simo's each and every interview, creating a tangled web of deception and greed. Costumes and locations are quintessential '50s chic; this one is worth a look. *Rated: R for language and violence.* 2 hours, 6 minutes. — J.A.

INVINCIBLE ★★★½

(Century 16) Once again Mark Wahlberg plays a diehard fan — the archetypal working-class underdog with talent and even more heart — who makes it to the big time. Long-time cinematographer Ericson Core ("The Fast and the Furious") shows his skill as a utility player, making his directorial debut *and* shooting this story inspired by South Philly's Vince Papale. In 1976, Papale soared where Philadelphia Eagles dare as an NFL wide receiver and special-teams performer. Thirty-year-old Papale (Wahlberg) has lost his substitute-teaching job and his wife (Lola Glaudini). When the Philadelphia Eagles hire UCLA coach Dick Vermeil (Greg Kinnear), the newcomer makes a surprise announcement: open

tryouts. Papale is a walk-on who takes all the emotional and physical hits from the players, coaches and Eagles fans. He keeps getting up for more until he makes the team against all odds — becoming the oldest rookie in NFL history, excluding kickers, without college football experience. Although "Invincible" sports every cliché in the inspirational playbook, this football drama's three-act structure still pushes your buttons and gets you to cheer on cue. *Rated: PG for sports action and some mild language.* 1 hour, 39 minutes. — S.T.

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THE PROTECTOR ½

(Century 16, Century 20) Tony Jaa is a martial-arts star who doesn't need wires or stunt doubles. What he does need is protection from movies like this: a bone-snapping, skull-smashing, tendon-cutting spectacle of extreme violence that exploits and cheapens his Muay Thai talents. Four screenwriters get credit for the bottom-feeder script. What happens to its promised tale of Muay Thai guards entrusted with the elephants that bring their kings power?

Kham's (Jaa) family may care for elephants, but the animals are never tied to the welfare of Thailand's government. When two of the elephants are stolen and shipped to Sydney, Australia, Kham tracks them down. A good cop (comedian Petchtai Wongkamlao) tries to help him tackle a dragon lady (Xing Jing), her drug dealer (Johnny Nguyen) and bodyguard (Megaman Nathan Jones), and hundreds of gang members. The only thing higher than the body count is the volume of the sound effects amplifying the violence. *Rated: R for pervasive strong violence and some sexual content. In English and Thai with English subtitles. 1 hour, 49 minutes. — S.T.*

deliver self-conscious performances that color the narrative's slow and easy charm with the unintentional aura of convention. *Rated: R for language and sexuality. 1 hour, 30 minutes. — J.A.*

WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? ★★★

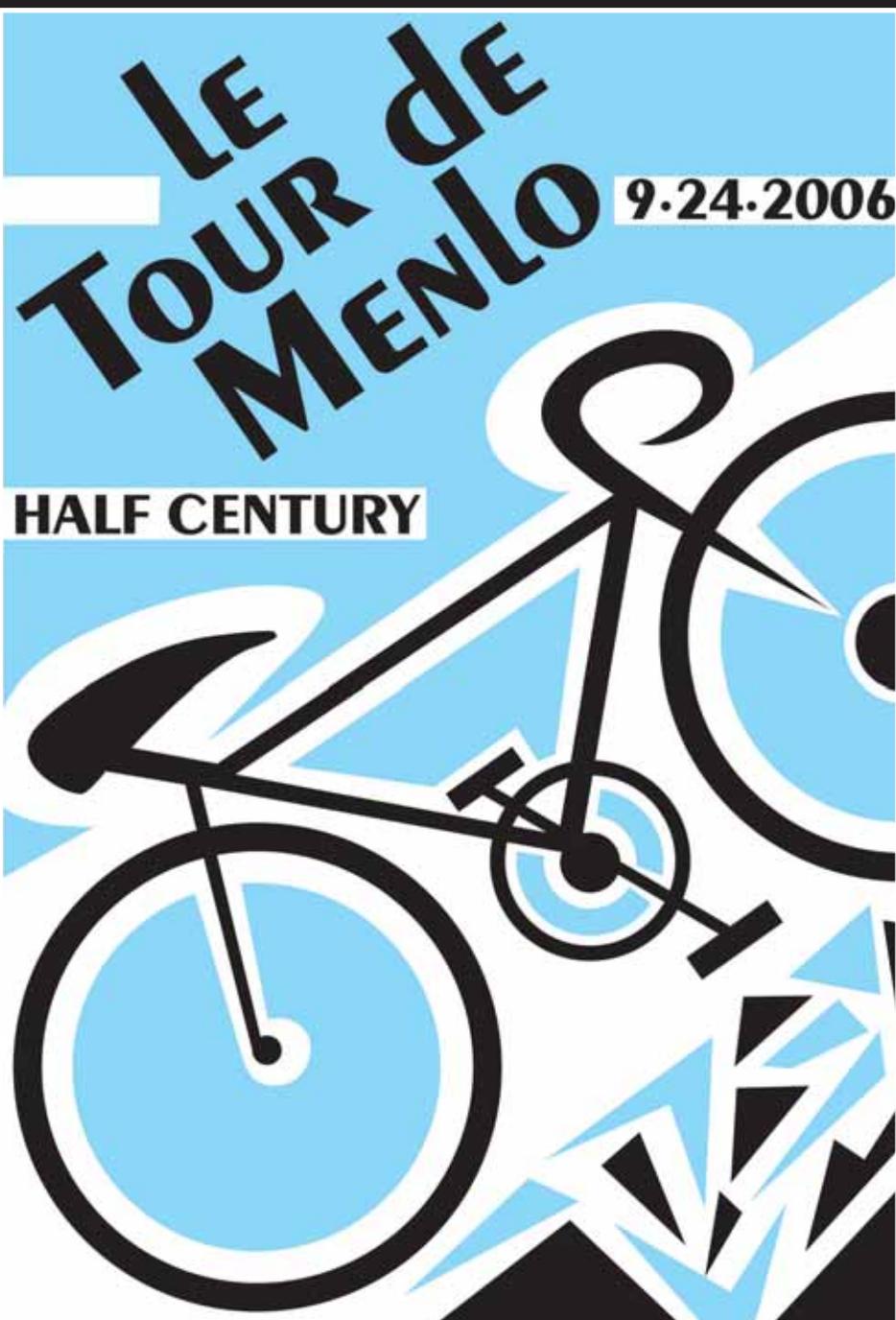
(Century 20) Rising prices at the gas pumps are certain to make this incisive documentary de rigueur summer viewing. Writer/director (and Palo Alto native) Chris Paine's requiem for the electric automobile takes the country's reluctance to accept the serious nature of our future (as we continue to pour 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.*

QUINCEANERA ★★★½

(CineArts) Hummer limos, catered eats and designer dresses are all the rage at a fashionable Quinceanera in Los Angeles' gentrified Echo Park. But not all families can afford fancy trappings to celebrate the fact that their adolescent daughters have become women. For 14-year-old Magdalena (Emily Rios), the dream of a posh coming-of-age party is only that ... a dream. Dad Ernesto (Jesus Castanos-Chima) preaches God's word at a storefront church and shuns the notion of limos outfitted with hot tubs and stripper poles, preferring to focus on the spiritual aspect of this significant occasion. Quick as a wink ambitions are shattered. Magdalena finds herself pregnant by her gangling teenage boyfriend (J. R. Cruz as Herman), whose ambitious mother wants college for him and refuses to let the young couple meet. Ernesto throws Magdalena out of the house, forcing her to bunk with her great-uncle Tomas (Chalo Gonzalez) and big brother Carlos (Jesse Garcia), who was ousted by dad for cruising a gay Web site. Unfortunately the cast, most of them relative unknowns,

MOVIE CRITICS

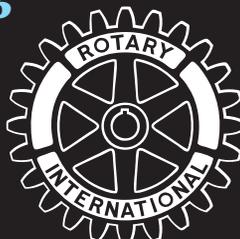
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SPECIAL EVENTS

7TH ANNUAL "TO LIFE" A JEWISH CULTURAL STREET FESTIVAL Showcasing fine art, traditional Jewish music, dance, and foods. Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 852-3506. www.tolifestival.org

KARA'S "AT YOUR OWN PACE" WALK Walk 3 miles in memory of loved ones and raise funds to help those who are grieving. See website for registration. Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$25. Mitchell Park, Pine Grove Picnic Area, 600 East Meadow Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-5272 ext. 17. www.kara-grief.org

PALO ALTO HIGH CLASS OF 1956 REUNION Sept. 15-17 at 5 venues in Palo Alto. See website for details. Call 329-8575. www.home.earthlink.net/~paly56/

U.S. ELECTION FAIRNESS FILM, TALK A documentary on the 2004 presidential election from Palo Alto filmmaker Dorothy Fadiman. A public forum on the state of U.S. elections. Tue., Sept. 19, 7 p.m.-midnight. Steve Chessin, president of Californians for Election Reform, will speak on local reform efforts and possible changes. Free. The Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call (640) 941-4846. www.lwvlamv.org

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AJNA LICHAU San Francisco Art Institute graduate's debut solo show featuring photography, video and installation work. Through Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Spur Projects, 888 Portola Road, Portola Valley. www.SpurProjects.com

IRELAND: CASTLES, CHURCHES AND MORE Black and white photography exhibit by Bay Area artist, Roy Harrington, features images from Ireland. Through Sept. 23. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

PEOPLE AND PLACES Oil landscapes of the Peninsula by Kevyn Warnock and figurative oil painting of everyday activities by Sandra Cochran. Sept. 19-Oct. 14; reception Sept. 22, 6-8 p.m. Free. Gallery House, 320 California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 574-4654.

THE MAIN GALLERY "The Male Mystique," pastel paintings by Terri Wilson Moore and "Breathing Crows and other Poems," sculpture and monotype by Nina Koepcke. Through Oct. 15; reception Sun., Sept. 17, 4-7 p.m. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City.

TRANSFORMATION Sept. 16-Oct. 7. Swiss artist and poet Anna Coulter, presents new works on canvas. 539 Alma St., Palo Alto.

AUDITIONS

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STORIES ON STAGE COMPANY PYT seeks youth's ages 12-18 for its Stories on Stage Company, which dramatizes children's books Oct.-May. Auditions Sept. 16, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Prepare 1-minute prose monologue. \$45/month. Peninsula Youth Theatre, 2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. www.pyt.net.org

TENOR SOLOIST AUDITION St. Ann Chapel is seeking a tenor to join the professional solo quartet that provides service music for masses. Prospective singers must be able to sight-read and be able to produce a straight tone. Call to schedule appointment. Through Sept. 30. St. Ann Chapel, 541 Melville Ave., Palo Alto. Call (408) 480-9730.

BENEFITS

12TH ANNUAL TRAILBLAZER RACE AND TRAIL WALK 10K/5K races, 3 mile trail walk to benefit Friends of Stevens Creek Trail. Sun., Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m. Register online or at event.

Discount for youths 19 and under. Microsoft, 1065 La Avenida, Mountain View. www.stevenscreektrail.org

30TH BENEFIT TAILGATE Hosted by The Association for Senior Day Health. Sept. 16, 4-6:30 p.m. before the Stanford vs. Navy football game. \$30 adult/\$15 students and children. Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club, 474 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto. Call 327-8825. www.avenidas.org/site.php?page=healthcenter

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT'S 17TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC A day of golf and cuisine Sept. 18, noon-8 p.m. Net proceeds will support Junior Achievement's educational programs. Junior Achievement prepares youth to succeed in a global economy by developing career, financial and entrepreneurial skills. Call regarding sponsorship. Los Altos Golf & Country Club, 1560 Country Club Dr., Los Altos. Call (408) 988-8915 ext. 208. www.siliconvalley.ja.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

ARTIST ACCESS 3rd Thursdays through Oct., 3:30-6:30 p.m. Artists and photographers have access to the gardens after hours. Limited to artists who work with watercolor, pen, pencil, charcoal, pastels and photography. No oils or acrylics. Pre-registration recommended. \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

DANCE WORKOUT Class combines elements of modern ballet and jazz, yoga and Pilates. Beginners and over 40's welcome. Ongoing class, meets Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$15 single; \$50 for 4; \$84 for 8. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain

View. Call 969-4110. www.livelyfoundation.net

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A discussion about financial management for technology entrepreneurs, including some accounting basics. Free. Fenwick & West LLP Office, 801 California St., Mountain View. www.techventures.org

FLORA IN FOCUS WORKSHOPS: CHILI PEPPERS Open to all skill levels. Studio techniques are supplemented by observation and discussion of the botanical features of Filoli's plants. Students work in medium of their choice and provide own materials. No oils or acrylics. A materials list will be sent upon registration. Sept. 19-20, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$130 members/\$160 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

HYDRANGEA CARE Learn about hydrangea growing requirements, special care and techniques for pruning, propagation and cutting in this lecture and demonstration. Sept. 16, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$25 members/\$35 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

PAPER ALTERING Sat., Sept 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn techniques to use in collages, assemblages and mixed media works. \$75. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

PYT'S FALL SESSION Weekly classes in acting, singing and dancing for ages 3.5-18. Sept. 25-Dec. 8. \$115-\$250 per class per session. PYT also offers a drama camp for ages 8-14, Dec. 26-Jan. 5. \$250. Registration now available. Peninsula Youth Theatre, 2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. www.pyt.net.org

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CLUBS/MEETINGS

CLUB The Peninsula Gem and Geology Society meets the 4th Wednesday monthly, 8 p.m. Guest speakers and displays of geological specimens. Sept. 20, 8-10 p.m. Garden House, 400 University Ave., Los Altos.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

22ND PALO ALTO WEEKLY MOONLIGHT RUN & WALK For runners, athletic groups and families. Prize giveaways and refreshments. 5K walk begins at 7:30 p.m.; 10K run begins at 8:15 p.m.; 5K run begins at 8:45 p.m. Deadline to pre-register is Sept. 29. See website for details. Oct. 6, 6-10 p.m. \$20 pre-registration before Sept. 29/\$25 day of event. Palo Alto Baylands Athletic Center, 1900 Geng Road at Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto. Call 326-8210. www.paloaltoonline.com

3RD ANNUAL BREAST CANCER CONFERENCE Hosted by CBHP. A conference for those who have or have had breast cancer, their family, friends, and concerned community members. Registration \$50 by Sept. 22/\$60 after. Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Decathlon Club, 3250 Central Expressway, Santa Clara. www.cbhp.org

BOOKSIGNING Kepler's Mystery and Mayhem series, Wed., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. Dot Dead: A Silicon Valley Mystery. A talk and booksigning by Palo Alto native and author Keith Raffel. Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1601 El Camino Real, #204, Belmont. Call (949) 376-5780. www.keplers.com

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ON STAGE

"LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT"
A play by Eugene O'Neill. Thu.-Sat., Sept. 21-Oct. 22. See website for details. \$10-\$25. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave. Unit K, Mountain View. www.thepear.org

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TALKS/AUTHORS

"EDGAR CAYCE AND THE ETERNAL FEMININE" Lynn Rogers, author of "Edgar Cayce and the Eternal Feminine" will explore Edgar Cayce's work with the re-emerging Goddess tradition, plus insights regarding Creation myths and twin souls. Sept. 16, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 988-9800. www.eastwest.com

BOOK SIGNING With local author Nick Perry. Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. "Mountain View" is pictorial history book of the city of Mountain View. Free event; books available for purchase. Jehning Family Lock Museum, 175 Castro St., Mountain View. Call (843) 853-2070 ext. 363.

DAVID BROOKS, COLUMNIST. Speaking Mon., Sept. 18, 6 p.m. registration; 6:30 p.m. program begins. Tickets available now. Standard seats member \$20/non-member \$35; preferred seating, \$45/\$65. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

EMOTIONAL FREEDOM TECHNIQUES TALK Phillip Mountrou, co-author of "The Heart and Soul of EFT and Beyond" will share tips and tools that can be applied to almost any issue. Sept. 21, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 988-9800. www.eastwest.com

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MOUNTAIN VIEW...Lovely new 4BR/2.5BA home in unique loc near downtown, library, park, Bubba Elem & more! Offers upscale finishes including high ceil, grnt cntrs, hrwd flrs tru-out 1st flr, Indry rm inside, 2 ovens, milgaord dbl pane windows, firplc in LR.

\$1,099,000



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



MOUNTAIN VIEW...Beautiful 3rd flr Parc Crossing 1BR+Den. Deck off LR looks out onto tranquil inner courtyard with fountain. Light filled BR w/xtra windows. Inside laundry, secured underground parking. Complex 7 yrs new.

\$425,000

OPEN SUN • 9/17, 1:30-4:30 PM • 14482 Oak Pl.



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

\$1,795,000



SARATOGA...Immcht 3BR/2BA Mtn Hm above SA w/serene setting & easy commute to PA or Silicon Vly w/Cupertino Schls. Open flr plan, Great Rm Kitch w/Cherry Cabinets open to LR w/frplc & Bamboo flrs. Mstr Ste w/Jacuzzi tub. Flagstone patio w/flpc.

\$1,195,000



MENLO PARK...Newly remod. home situated in desirable West MP. 3BR/2BA, Mstr BR feat. French doors leading to newly construct. 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

ATHERTON

Prime W. Atherton flag lot boasts sunny, approx. acre + lvl lot. Lot is cleared & ready for you to bld your dream home. A perim. of mature trees lends priv. to this lot. MP Schls.

\$3,950,000

CAMPBELL

Very unique dev. opp. on the Campbell-Los Gatos border! The perfect site to build 3 luxurious single family homes or 6 townhomes (buyer to verify possibilities w/the City of Campbell). Seller has pending plans available

\$1,950,000

CUPERTINO

Amazing Remod main hse w/3 charming Ctgs on a mostly flat lot w/views of bay, mtns & valley! Mult. storage sheds, BBQ area, rec ctr w/new pool. 2 hole 3 par golf course, horse arena, sports court, new playgrnd & much more!

\$3,288,000

HAYWARD

Open Sun. 9/17, 2:00-4:00 PM • 992 Silverado Ct.

This spacious tri-lvl, 2BR/2BA Skywest twnhm is a dream come true! Renovated from top to bottom w/designer colors & new flooring. It looks like a model home! Lovely golf course vw. Near Kennedy Park & airport. \$448,000

LOS ALTOS

Open Sun. 9/17, 1:30-4:30 PM • 2005 El Sereno Ave.

Enjoy contemp. hacienda-style indr/outdr living at this extraordinary 3BR/3.5BA home that showcases solid simplicity, rich archtrl elements, & exquisite grdn "rooms" that are seamlessly integrated w/the struc. \$1,749,000

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Wonderful Opp! Substantial Price Reduction! Renovate & expand or bld your dream home w/guest house or your choice of invstmnt props! Loc. on the west side of El Camino, close to dntwn. Easy commute. \$890,000

REDWOOD CITY

Open Sun. 9/17, 1:30-4:30 PM • 979 Edgecliff Wy.

Charming 3BR/2BA in Farm Hill area. Open flr plan includes Mstr Ste w/picture window w/views of bay & city lights, FR, spacious updated kit w/Corrian Cntr tops & breakfast bar. Wall to wall newer carpet, 2 car garage. \$990,000

OPEN SUN • 9/17, 1:30-4:30 PM • 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 surrndd by lush Grdn. Oak & redwd trees feat. a blk bottom pool, hot tub & gazebo.

\$2,999,000

SAN FRANCISCO

Open Sun. 9/17, 2:00-4:00 PM • 855 Folsom St. #521

Designed by award winning architect Stanley Saitowitz! 2BR/2BA, xtra lrg Balc, Cherry Hdwd flrs, Grnt Cntrs, Fiber-optics for fast internet, washer/dryer. One of the few Balc lofts in the building & the only one available for sale!

\$969,000

SAN JOSE

Completely updated & Remod 3BR/1BA on a level lot. New Kitchen, windows, Paver Driveway & Patio. Separate FR. Wood burning fireplace in LR. Attic & Extra storage. 2 Car Garage. Excellent schools & location.

\$699,950

Enjoy the charm & character of this beautifuly updated Mediterranean Tri-Level TownHm. This exquisite Hm has 3BR/3.5BA LR/DR Combo, updated Country Kit w/upgraded tile Countertops. 2 Car Garage. Mountain & City Lights from most rooms. \$635,000

Gorgeous 2 story 2BR/2.5BA townhome w/brkfst nook, brkfst bar, firplc in LR, Cathdrl ceil, built-ins, Indry rm, enclosed patio, central a/c, att garage. New pergo flrs, fresh 2 tone interior paint, & window treatments. Near shopping. \$559,000

SANTA CLARA

Delightful 2BD/2BA ground level, end unit condo in sought after Hampton Place complex. Elegant LR w/frplc opens to sunny, expansive rear patio. Lrg MB Ste. Inside Indry. Unit is well located, adjacent to parking, close to pool & club house. \$452,500

SUNNYVALE

Multi Units-Excellent Investment opportunity-10 units (1BR/1BA) Apartment Complex in Heart of Sunnyvale. Close to El Camino, stores & major freeways. New dual pane windows, new carpets, tile countertops, A/C, lots of parking! \$1,575,000

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