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KEITH PETERS

IN THE POCKET: Mountain View quarterback Jeff Jalaba completed 11 of 23 passes for 136 yards and one touchdown, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Spartans from losing 30-14 to visiting Palo Alto last Friday. It was Mountain View's first league loss.

Problems remain for hospital's pharmacy

NEW GOVERNMENT REPORT CALLS FOR FURTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION AT EL CAMINO

By Alexa Tondreau

A new government report has found that El Camino Hospital is still having problems with its pharmaceutical services, and must prove compliance with state standards or face termination of its Medicare provider agreement.

The 43-page report, conducted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and recently made public, cited various deficiencies in the recording, tracking and administering of pharmaceuticals to patients, including the charge that "the hospital failed to promote safe medication use to reduce or eliminate adverse medication consequences."

The report summarizes a survey conducted by CMS on Aug. 7-11. A previous survey of the hospital, conducted in May, cited problems in the area of pharmaceutical service, and initiated a process in which El Camino was required to submit a plan of correction. The August survey was meant to verify that the plan was in place, but instead found additional issues that needed addressing.

According to Deborah Romero, a CMS branch manager in charge of hospital and community care operations, there are "a number of ways that we become aware of problems at a hospital, including complaints."

CMS, a federal agency, authorizes a survey whenever a hospital "has a level of problems that rises

to the hospital not being in compliance with Medicare's condition of participation," she explained. The actual on-site surveys are conducted by officials from the state Department of Health Services.

A large part of the recent report is devoted to the misuse of a pain management drug called fentanyl, which is designed for chronic pain and administered in the form of

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Exit exam still looms for six

MVLA ADDS RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS PASS

By Alexa Tondreau

Results just released from the most recent round of exit exams show that of the 12 students in the Mountain View-Los Altos School District who had previously failed the exam, six passed this round and will soon receive their high school diplomas in the mail.

Two students from Mountain View High School, four from Los Altos and one student from Alta Vista High School, as well as five students from the Adult Educa-

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■ CITY COUNCIL

Members unclear on Rengstorff vote

SOME SAY DEVELOPMENT REQUEST WAS APPROVED, OTHERS SAY IT WAS DEFERRED

By Daniel DeBolt

The city council's decision last week on development at 333 N. Rengstorff Ave. has left some members in disagreement over what the vote meant.

After following up on the issue later in the week, it was found that some council members thought they were approving the

gatekeeper request for the Rengstorff site, while others thought they were deferring the request.

In the Oct. 10 meeting, council member Laura Macias made a motion that read, "We defer processing of the application for 333 N. Rengstorff Ave. until fiscal year 2007-08." The motion was approved 4-1, with council member Greg Perry abstaining.

But what exactly "defer processing" meant is different depending on who you ask.

To Macias and council member Tom Means, it meant that the gatekeeper request would have to come back to the council in the summer of 2007 for approval then.

But head planner Aarti Shriv-

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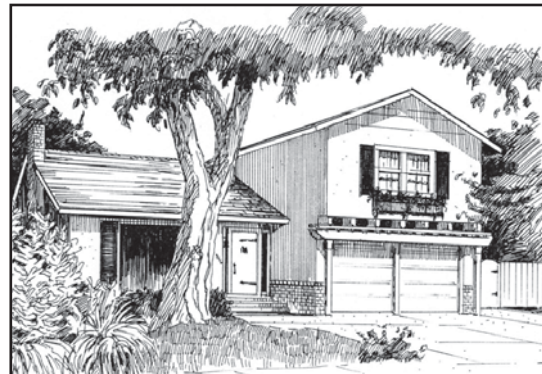
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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Amber Cleave.

What's the one thing you didn't do this summer that you wish you had done?



"I wish I would have taken more advantage of the outdoors."
Alli Keith, Santa Cruz



"I would have taken a vacation."
Jennifer Papa, Mountain View



"I wish I were able to do an internship this summer."
Deshawn Brandon, Mountain View



"I would have traveled anywhere with an ocean, where I would have been able to take some time to myself and come back to center."
Chante Fields, Saratoga



"Normally I try to camp every summer, but summer seemed so short this year. I wish I would have made it camping."
Ken Grant, Sunnyvale

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■ CRIMEWATCH

ARMED ROBBERY, CALIFORNIA ST., 10/15

Two hooded and masked men entered Mercado Marlin carrying black handguns on Sunday at 11:59 p.m. One of the men held an employee at gunpoint while the employee was taking out the garbage. The robbers walked the employee into the store and proceeded to steal an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register. They then sped away in a small two-door compact. There is currently no one under suspicion and no one was

harmed during the robbery.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY/AUTO THEFT, 600 BLOCK RAINBOW DR., 10/15

On Sunday morning between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30, an unknown person climbed through an unlocked window of an apartment on Rainbow Drive. The suspect stole personal property, electronics and car keys from the apartment and exited through a sliding glass door. The victim's Ford F150 was missing in the morning. There are currently no suspects.

■ POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

1700 block Spring St., 10/10
10 block Alley Way, 10/11
2300 block Gabriel Ave., 10/11
2600 block Casey Ave., 10/13

BATTERY

Graham Middle School, 10/10
1900 block California St., 10/10
700 block Castro St., 10/12
Amphitheatre, 10/13

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

100 block Grant Rd., 10/11

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

2200 block California St., 10/15

GRAND THEFT

8300 block Reinert Rd., 10/10
24 Hour Fitness, 10/10
1300 block W. Middlefield Rd., 10/12
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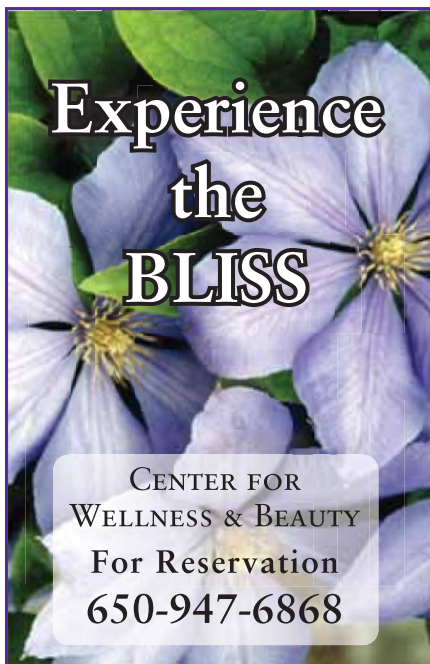
St. Francis High, 10/10
Mountain View High School, 10/10
1700 block California St., 10/10
Smart and Final, 10/11
4300 block Collins Ct., 10/12
County Inn, 10/13

■ CORRECTIONS

A story in the *Voice* last week on a proposed development at 333 N. Rengstorff stated that the council approved the development. In fact, the council apparently approved a "gatekeeper request" on the project, meaning that it has given staff permission to work on the project before the council considers

it again in the future. For more on this, see story, page 1.

In the article on condominiums in last week's Fall Real Estate section, the developer of condos at 220 View St. in Mountain View was misidentified. The developer is Nick Podell Company.



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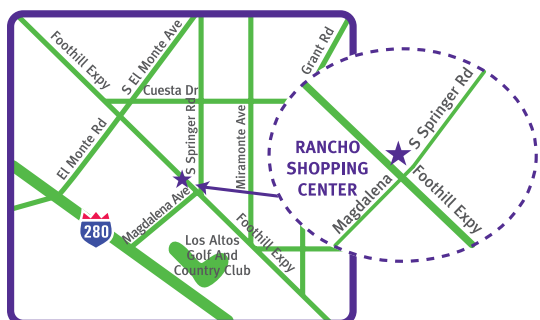
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Surgeons without borders

By Don Frances

ONE OF Mountain View's best-kept secrets is a gem of a group called Interplast. Last week this local non-profit — a sort of knockoff of Doctors Without Borders, except for plastic surgeons — brought 30 surgeons from around the world to Mountain View for an “exchange of ideas,” and though few people noticed, the event was surely one of the headiest things to happen here in quite a while.

Interplast destroys the pop-culture cliché of plastic surgeons: superficial body-sculptors to the rich and famous. Indeed, as the group demonstrates, it is the very poor who need their skills the most. That's because it's the impoverished places where men, women and (perhaps especially) children are most likely to be disfigured by war, disease or other calamity.

Usually, Interplast's members travel to those places, donating their skills, often at great personal expense and risk, in order to relieve suffering. But last week they took a different approach, bringing doctors from 16 countries here for a conference. The purpose was to share ideas and expertise, making their medicine more accessible, affordable and practical in the Third World.

So how did the conference go? Inspiring, answered Sara Anderson, an Interplast representative.

“It was wonderful to have so many people here from so many different countries learning from one another,” she said. “They share the common goal of helping people who need reconstructive surgery, and Interplast shares the common goal of empowering the surgeons to do so.”

Anderson said the doctors discussed a number of important

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NICHOLAS WRIGHT

Kim Thompson, a teacher at Bubb Elementary School, has been helping collect plastic bottle tops from students with the goal of reaching one million. The school has collected over 360,000 bottle caps so far.

365,112 and counting

U.S. SOLDIERS HELP BUBB CLOSE IN ON GOAL OF ONE MILLION

By Amber Cleave

The effort to collect a million bottle caps began last October at Bubb Elementary School. Back then, Ms. Thompson's class estimated it would take up to a decade to reach their goal.

A year later, the happy kids are realizing that this was a huge overestimation. As of Oct. 9,

they've collected 365,112 bottle caps and counting.

“We never dreamed this would happen,” said Ms. Thompson, whose first name is Kim. “The project has grown into superhuman proportions.”

The collection began as a math lesson — a hands-on attempt to help students visualize and understand extremely large

numbers and the relationships between numbers. Along with this project came writing assignments, lessons in creative thinking and problem solving. Also, as the collection gains momentum, lessons in the environment and community emerge.

Although the idea was originally

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Caltrain allots \$9 million to improve safety

THIRTEEN RAIL DEATHS THIS YEAR INCLUDE ONE AT RENGSTORFF AVENUE

Bay City News

In an effort to reduce deadly and injury accidents on railroad tracks, Caltrain has set aside nearly \$9 million to improve safety at crossings and popular but perilous shortcuts across the Peninsula rail corridor.

Warnings and outreach campaigns have so far failed to deter pedestrians from venturing onto tracks and motorists from trying to maneuver past lowered mechanical arms, so in the next few years Caltrain plans to spend millions on new pedestrian and vehicle

gates, as well as on fencing around unmarked rail passages between San Francisco and San Jose, Caltrain public information specialist Janet McGovern said Tuesday.

Cities up and down the Peninsula have submitted requests for barriers at vulnerable footpaths, which Caltrain officials are now sorting through to come up with a list of places that need fencing the most, McGovern said.

All projects are expected to get underway this year with completion in two to three years.

Thirteen people, including one motorist, have died in Caltrain accidents on the Peninsula so far this year.

On the night of Wednesday, Oct. 11, 50-year-old Fredrick Opp from Redwood City was killed

when he ducked underneath a lowered pedestrian gate to try to cross the tracks at the Redwood City station — apparently unaware that another train was en route in the opposite direction.

Six days earlier, 69-year-old Consuelo Coronel from Mountain View died when she attempted to cross the tracks at Rengstorff Avenue just as a Caltrain sped by. In both cases, mechanical arms, flashing lights and ringing bells were present and active but ignored, according to Caltrain officials.

“Caltrain is a safe railroad and it gets safer all the time,” McGovern said. “But we really want to stress to people that they need to pay attention to the warnings that are out there.”

Freestyle students get real

PERSONAL VALUES EXPLORED IN FIRST TECH ASSIGNMENT

by Alexa Tondreau

Teachers at Freestyle High started the school year with a question: How do you know your values are your own? And furthermore, students were asked: Can you express your answers using technology?

These students — the first class to attend the new school — had just under two months to develop a personal credo in response to the thought-provoking question. Then, in keeping with the program's multi-media emphasis, they translated it into a Web site or a short film.

This being Freestyle High — an afternoon program for Mountain View and Los Altos high schools founded on the ideals of innovation and creativity — there were no wrong answers and no wrong turns. Most of the time, there weren't even deadlines.

Explained Web design instruc-

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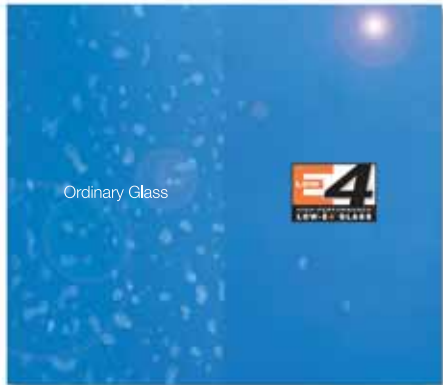
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BOTTLE CAPS

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Thompson's, most of the school's faculty got involved in some way. Kids, teachers and parents in other classes are participating as well, and with so many bottle caps to collect and count, there's always something to do.

Many of these people in the Bubb community say they've changed, in behavior and attitude, since the project began. Thompson notes that students now pick up bottle caps off the ground everywhere they go. Thanks to a math project, she says, they think about waste and the environment.

"Many of the children are focused on the planet and recycling. They are realizing how big the Earth is, how many people are living on the planet, and how much trash there is," Thompson said.

Meanwhile, help has come from surprising places. Soldiers in Afghanistan have supported Bubb's project by sending several thousand bottle caps. Thompson said her class wrote letters to the soldiers thanking them for the bottle caps, for spreading the word of their project to schools in Afghanistan, and for protecting the country.

Help also came from a school in New York. But most of the bottle caps have come from residents of Mountain View, some of whom donated them by the bag full.

Bubb principal Ruth Willen said she's pleased by the community's support. "I'm not sure if we had

a good sense of how many bottle caps we would actually collect," she said. "We've been overwhelmed by the community's support, it's spectacular. We've received so many caps from kids and parents."

Still, Thompson says there are some parts of the community — particularly big business — that could be more helpful, and is calling on them to support the effort.

"I wonder why the big companies like Google are not donating bottle caps. I thought to myself, 'Wait a minute, why aren't they on board?'" Thompson said, adding that "At least the Chamber recently made an effort to contact us concerning the project."

These days, the bottle caps are kept in bags of 10,000 on the staff patio, and already the patio is overflowing with them. Thompson plans to bring the bags out once they reach 500,000 so the children can get a visual of the half-way mark. They aspire to reach their final goal by the end of this year.

No one is sure what will be done with the bottle caps once the one million mark is reached. Thompson says that decision will go to the children. She thinks perhaps the children will want to recycle the caps — or build something with them. ■

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NEWS BRIEFS

CURT RIFFLE APPOINTED TO OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Longtime Peninsula resident Curt Riffle was recently appointed to represent Ward 4 — which covers Mountain View and Los Altos — on the board of directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

Riffle was appointed on Oct. 10, and his term will last until November 2008. He replaces Deane Little, who resigned in August.

Riffle has served on various committees, commissions and boards for more than 20 years. He has an MBA from Harvard University, works for the Packard Foundation's Conservation and Science Program, and describes himself as an avid user of local parks and open space.

— Amber Cleave

SETI OPENS CARL SAGAN CENTER

Mountain View's own SETI Institute announced on Tuesday that it is turning another set of eyes to the stars in the hopes of finding life there.

SETI's new Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe, named after the renowned astronomer, is designed to research the evolution of life in the universe — a field referred to as "astrobiology."

"Understanding the origin, evolution and distribution of life in the universe is one of the most important endeavors of the science community and all humanity," said SETI Institute trustee and Nobel Prize-winning scientist Baruch Blumberg.

The state-of-the-art center, located on Whisman Road, will staff 50 researchers under the administrative direction of Frank Drake, former Dean of Natural Sciences at UC Santa Cruz. They will research how organisms are able to thrive in extreme environments, aid in launching missions to Mars and the moons of Jupiter to look for life, and help search for other planets similar to Earth.

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— Alexa Tondreau

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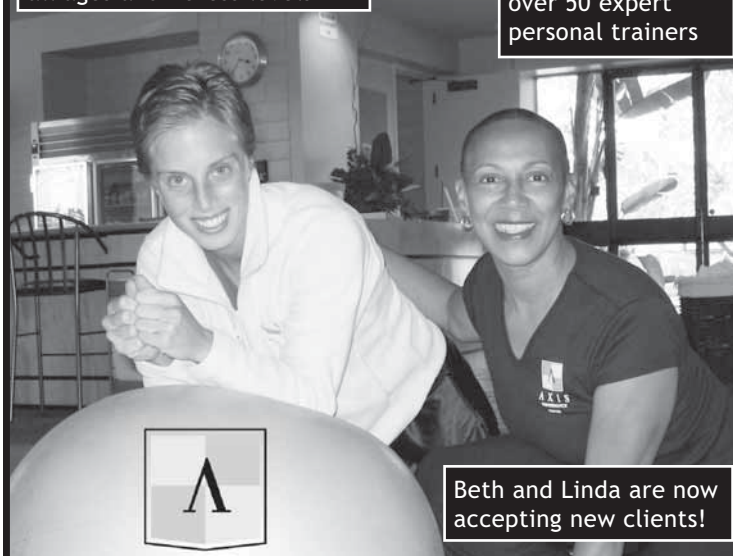
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issues: "How are they able to do follow-ups in remote countries where they have to travel through rough terrain to reach the patients? How do they ensure that someone with a cleft receives the proper speech therapy?" She added that the group paid particular attention to "successful models" in remote countries: "A surgeon in Nepal might adopt a model being used in Bangladesh."

The surgeons have also established a Web site, www.interplast-grandrounds.org, where they can share advice and ask for or offer support.

"It's not like Mountain View, where a plastic surgeon can walk down the hall and ask a coworker a question," Anderson said. "This Web site is a wonderful way for doctors working in Third World countries to be less remote."

(Warning: The surgeons, per their work, post photos of badly disfigured people, so this site is not for the squeamish.)

Everyone knows how fortunate we are to live in a place like Mountain View, where people are more likely to need plastic surgeons for a rhinoplasty than for third-degree burns. But it's easy to forget how unfortunate others are.

"The ratio of doctors to patients in Africa is 14 million people to one doctor," Anderson noted. "There is a huge lack of plastic surgeons."

Hopefully, thanks to groups like Interplast, this will eventually change. Maybe one day they'll be making appointments for simpler things, like nose jobs.

ELECTION DAY NEARS, and forums and programs are being added last-minute. ...

For one, the local League of Women Voters has added another forum on the 13 statewide ballot propositions. The League has already hosted several of these forums — in various locations, and usually focusing on different election topics — and they can be extremely helpful. The new forum is Monday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. at Foothills Congregational Church, 461 Orange Ave., Los Altos. (And for more on the state props, and the Voice's endorsements of them, see page 19.) ...

The other thing is from KMVT: The station has announced its lineup of election programs, including coverage of school board and DA races, measures and propositions, and of the Mountain View City Council race. For details, visit www.kmvt15.org. ▽

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PRIZE PUMPKIN: Assistant Principal Cristy Dawson holds up her winning jack-o-lantern from last week's pumpkin carving contest at Los Altos High School, part of a Pumpkin Patch fundraiser for LAHS athletics. Dawson is flanked by student judges (from left) Monique Kenny, Robert Falconer, Rosita Mancilla Aguilar and Trevor Kastrup. The school's pumpkin patch will remain open for business from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day until Halloween.

FREESTYLE

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tor Leo Florendo: "I said to them, look, if you're still exploring ideas, I won't knock you down with a deadline. And as long as it was appropriate, they were free to design whatever they wanted."

The result, on the whole, was an impressive presentation of technical know-how. No two projects were exactly alike, and students utilized various creative techniques, and cutting-edge technology, to express their views.

The students' work was presented at an exhibition last Thursday evening, held at the Freestyle campus directly behind Mountain View High School. Tech-savvy Web sites, audio blogs and short films were available to see or hear, and freedom of expression was an oft-mentioned high point from students in the program.

"In normal high school, they limit what you can do, and they expect you to act in a certain way," senior Megan Conway said. "At Freestyle, you can be yourself and express who you really are."

The innovative Web designs featured self-portraits, drawings and photographs, using the same design tools used by professionals. The short films, which varied from documentary style to narrative-driven depictions of students' lives, were edited using the same software routinely used by pros in the film industry. And as a finishing

touch, many of the Web sites and short films had audio tracks of music and sound effects which students created in Freestyle's own recording studio.

By all accounts, the students, who have grown up in the heart of Silicon Valley and have never known life without a computer, took to the various computer programs quickly.

"I'm not surprised by how natural it is for them," design teacher Elizabeth Pedinotti said. "Although there were a

"This project has helped me to see who I am becoming."

MICHAEL SCHAFFNER

few technical glitches on the first day, they really didn't need any time to adapt."

As impressive as the multimedia projects were, the technology never overshadowed the students' point-of-view, but rather acted as a better means to communicate it.

For example, one student provided, as her personal credo, an alphabetical list of favorite things. "Air-conditioning" was the first mention, with "comfortable furniture" not far behind, and scrolling down her homepage one finds "family, fortitude" somewhere near the middle. Another student's Web site featured

an essay on hip-hop and its importance in his life. He wondered, "Will it ever go back to having a positive message? Will it ever have substance to it?" He concluded, "I believe that it will."

And in the vein of no-limits creative expression, there was a good deal of youthful angst on display as well:

"I believe that modern education is a money-hungry bureaucracy," one Web site opined. "I believe that world peace is a fool's dream," another began.

"I'm very proud of their work," Florendo said. "They have some really interesting ideas."

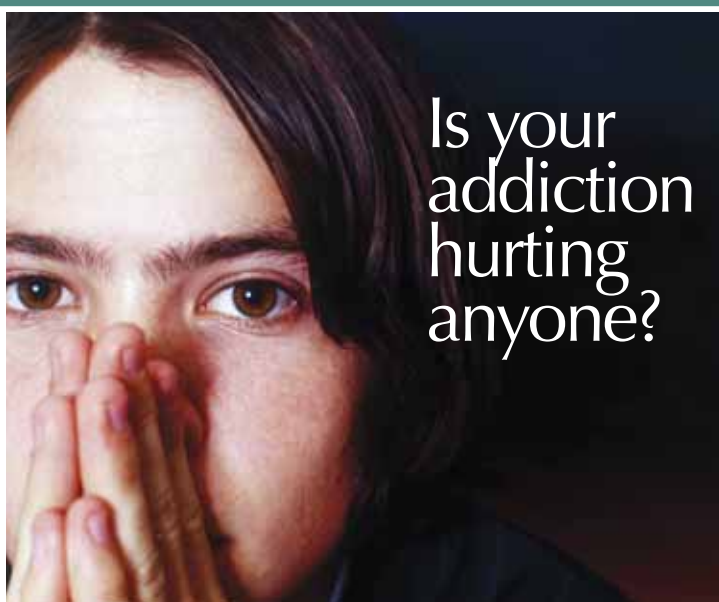
Perhaps the most common personal theme was that the process of exploring their personal values had been an eye-opening experience for students.

"My fear of my identity will never be as extreme as it was in the past," senior Michael "Schaffy" Schaffner said in a continually running audio track on his Web site. "I know for a fact that there are still boundaries for me in the world," the track continued, "but I will try to explore new frontiers with enthusiasm."

"At first, I didn't feel I had many beliefs," the non-virtual Schaffner explained towards the end of the evening. "But this project has helped me to see who I am becoming."

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EXIT EXAM

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tion School in Mountain View, again took the test, which is composed of math and English language portions, over a two-day period last July.

The six students who didn't pass will have one more chance before the end of the year to try again, but overall, said John Mittan, diploma coordinator at the Adult School, "the district has been pretty successful."

Beginning as sophomores, students take the exit exam once a year until they pass. By the time they're seniors, if they still haven't passed, they can take it up to three more times. For those who don't pass, the school district has been implementing a curriculum to assist them, including academic counseling.

Mittan said the district is "really moving in the direction of as much remediation for these kids as possible."

One example is that for the first time this year, fifth-year seniors can take a test preparation class at the Adult School. The class, offered in the mornings and afternoons, has an ongoing enrollment option and focuses on reading, mathematics and standardized test taking strategies.

Abraham Romero is currently enrolled in the class and says, "It has given me a lot of confidence, especially with reading. It really motivates me."

As for the students who didn't pass this summer, Adult School director Laura Ste-

fanski says that there may be a number of reasons why.

"In some cases, these are students who might not have been good attendees, or they might not have strong comprehension skills in English," she said.

In fact, results show that six of the 12 students were categorized as English language learners.

"If you throw in a learning disability or a language issue, the test taking process becomes very complicated," Stefanski said.

Currently, students with documented learning disabilities are exempt from having to pass the test if, after their third attempt, they cannot pass, Mittan said. But the legislation for this exemption has not been made into law yet, and must be renewed on a yearly basis.

Stefanski says that another major factor influencing a student's ability to pass the exam is whether they've moved around a lot during their high school years.

"We find a lot of odds are stacked against students who have attended several different high schools. It takes time for them to adjust to the individual school culture and climate."

A case in point is Romero, who says he attended three high schools in four years while living in Santa Clara County and San Joaquin County in the Central Valley.

But he says the test preparation class has helped him considerably by making up for material that was lost transitioning between schools.

"It kind of teaches me all over again,"



VERONICA WEBER

DUMPED TRUCK:

Clean-up crews examine a two-trailer truck which was transporting gravel and turned over on the Northbound 101 in Mountain View last Wednesday. The truck's driver suffered minor abrasions and was able to walk away from the crash.

Romero says. "Even if I don't pass the test this time, I'm not going to give up."

The remaining 2005-06 seniors who cannot pass the exit exam by Dec. 31 of this year will not be able to receive a diploma from their high school. If they still wish to pursue their diploma, they can take the test again as a student of the

Adult School, which can issue diplomas. The final testing dates are Dec. 2 and 9.

Mittan said the process of incorporating the exit exam into the district's operations "is still a work in progress."

He added, "The way that we [the district] are getting used to this test dovetails with society getting used to it as well." ▀

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EL CAMINO

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a patch. The drug comes with a "black box" warning, the Food and Drug Administration's most serious designation for drugs that can lead to death or serious injury if used incorrectly.

Upon investigating patients who were receiving fentanyl patches at El Camino, the CMS team, which included a pharmacist, nurse and a safety code specialist, found that three in 10 patients were not qualified to receive the drug, thereby "exposing them to the possibility of adverse consequences including death."

During their walk-through of the hospital, surveyors observed one patient whose respiration rate decreased significantly, putting the patient at an increased risk of hypoventilation — when the lungs do not take in enough air.

In response, the surveyors called an "immediate and serious threat," requiring the hospital to address the problem at once and produce

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DIANA RUSSELL,
PATIENT CARE SERVICES

a plan of correction. El Camino responded with such a plan, which will be implemented indefinitely, and the report reads that "immediate jeopardy was abated."

El Camino's vice president of patient care services, Diana Russell, explained that the "surveyors wanted more information collected on patients" before they received fentanyl. Additionally, she said that every month the pharmacy will give a report to the hospital's medical management committee for review, which will state "these are the number of fentanyl orders, and these are the patients receiving them."

Another part of the plan of correction states that whenever five black box drugs, including fentanyl, are prescribed by physicians, an alert will go up on the hospital's new online records system, called El Camino Hospital Online, or ECHO.

"We have a strong and inclusive monitoring system in place. I'm quite confident that we have a safe system," Russell said.

The transition to ECHO, which

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public hearing compensation increase ordinance for Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

Public hearing of proposed ordinance pursuant to Chapter 2, Division 10, Section 20200, and of the California Water Code

DATE: Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 9:40 a.m.

Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose
(one block south of Blossom Hill Road)

The Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District does ORDAIN as follows:

FIRST: This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Chapter 2, Division 10, Section 20200, and following of the California Water Code.

SECOND: For each calendar year following the effective date of this ordinance, the current compensation of two hundred twenty-five dollars and thirteen cents (\$225.13) per day provided to each District Board member for each day's attendance at Board meetings, or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board by request of the Board, is increased by an amount equal to five (5) percent, for a total of two hundred thirty-six dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$236.39), commencing on January 1, 2007.

THIRD: This ordinance shall not be deemed to authorize compensation for more than a total of ten (10) days in any calendar month.

FOURTH: This ordinance shall become effective not less than 60 days from the date of its final passage, which final passage must follow a public hearing thereon.

At the public hearing all persons may appear and be heard.

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was installed in late March of this year, has been a bumpy ride for the hospital, with the technology proving to be a challenge for some medical staff to learn.

The current CMS report also noted the hospital's failure to "ensure all entries in the medical record were complete and dated promptly" and "failure to provide medications in accordance with physicians' orders."

Additionally, the report said, emergency guidelines for medication use in the neonatal ward, which are written up on cards, were not cited correctly; but Russell calls this "a housekeeping issue."

"We did have a new system, and issues to work through," Russell said. "We identified areas, including ECHO, that

still needed work. Because of changes in the new system at different levels, like ordering and verifying medications, some things took longer."

She added that the surveyors "are there to show you an opportunity to improve. We took it very seriously, because we want to give the best care that we can."

When asked, Romero characterized the CMS surveys as "not a usual occurrence. It probably falls more toward unique."

"Some hospitals may never get a visit, and some are more frequently visited," she explained.

The CMS survey team returned to the hospital two weeks ago to verify compliance of the most recent plan of correction for the hospital's pharmaceutical services. The report on that visit has not been released yet, but Russell says the surveyor "indicated that he found our plan of correction to be very complete." ■

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By law, only one grant may be awarded for each Superfund site; therefore, citizen groups interested in applying for a TAG are encouraged to contact Lenny Siegel, Executive Director, Center for Public Environmental Oversight at 278-A Hope Street, Mountain View, CA 9404, phone: 650-961-8918, email: lsiegel@cpeo.org to see if there is interest in working together as a coalition. The application period is from November 20, 2006 through December 18, 2006.

Groups wishing to file a separate grant application must submit a Letter of Intent by November 10, 2006 to EPA at the address below. EPA would then provide an additional 30 days for each organization to submit its own application. This additional application period would run from representation and highest capacity for outreach to the directly affected community. For more information call Viola Cooper in EPA's Office of Community Involvement at (415) 972-3243 or toll-free at (800) 231-3075, or write to U.S. EPA Region 9, attn: Viola Cooper SFD-3, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

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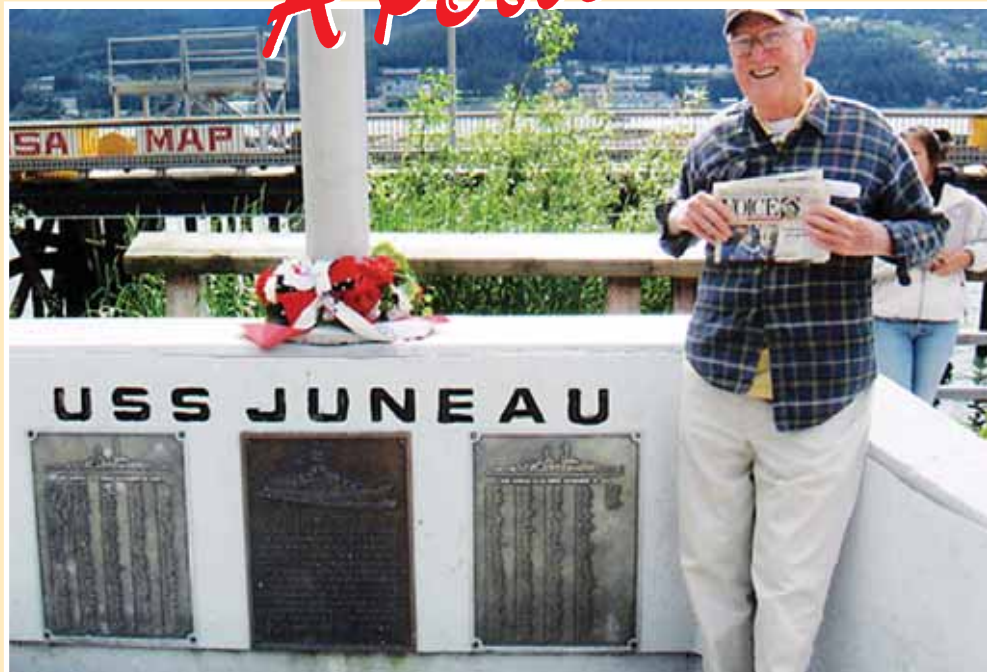


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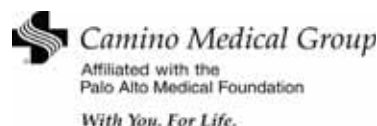
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astava said the gatekeeper request had been approved, and that city staff could start devoting time to the project in the summer of 2007.

City attorney Michael Martello referred the *Voice* to Shrivastava. Upon hearing what her opinion was, he agreed.

The council said to "go ahead and process the application, but don't do it until 2007," Shrivastava said. "We did get authorization from the council to proceed."

Macias, the council member who made the motion, disagreed. "I made the motion," she said in frustration.

"I believe we approved to defer the request until start of [fiscal year] '07," said Means.

Macias said she liked the project, but didn't want it to be on heavily trafficked Rengstorff Avenue. Perry took issue with that last week, questioning where in the city, if anywhere, Macias would allow R4-density housing. Macias responded that El Camino Real would be appropriate.

Perry, in abstaining from the vote, said at the meeting that he wanted more clarification on the motion. Later, he said he was still not clear about what was decided.

As of press time, Mayor Nick

Galiotto said he was still checking on the decision. Council member Matt Pear was not immediately available.

Council member Mike Kasperzak, who cast the lone dissenting vote last week, said he thought the request had been approved.

Macias said she plans to ask the council to revisit the agenda item at a future council meeting.

"I think what happens is when you start to put multiple projects on the same agenda item there is sort of a loss of focus," Macias said about the confusion.

Whether the gatekeeper application was being approved wasn't explicitly discussed when Macias made the motion. Minutes before the vote, council members discussed what exactly the timing of "the next fiscal year" was.

The development at 333 N. Rengstorff Ave. could result in 102 condos selling at \$400,000 each, after razing the existing 32 two-bedroom apartments, which rent for about \$1,400 a month.

The gatekeeper request means that the council will allow the staff to devote time to the project before considering it in more detail in the future. Although a gatekeeper request doesn't mean the project has been approved, most projects that are allowed through the gate are approved. ▣

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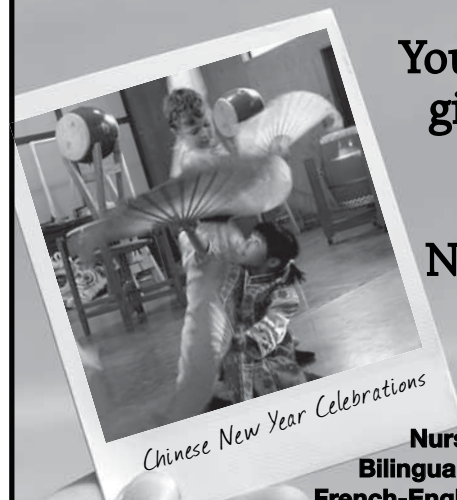
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Election Guide

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

Eight vie for three seats in city council race

With three out of seven seats up for grabs in the city council race, Mountain View voters are being given a rare opportunity to change the face of their council — and their city — for years to come.

Eight residents have stepped forward to compete for the three spots. The *Voice* interviewed each candidate, quizzing them on land use, government operations and the local business climate. Based on these questions, we've attempted to synthesize their views on three categories affecting Mountain View: parks, housing and business.

These candidates represent the broad diversity of Mountain View, and collectively they demonstrate the wide interest here for improving the community.

MARGARET ABE-KOGA

Experience: Represented Mountain View on county school board. Former human relations commissioner. Worked with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo for six years. She has served on several city commissions and committees, chaired the human relations commission and served as an environmental planning commissioner. She is a graduate of Leadership Mountain View.



Profession: County school board trustee

Education: Bachelor's in government from Harvard University

Age: 36

Neighborhood: Church Street, downtown

Abe-Koga gave up running for re-election as county school board trustee to run for city council. Two years ago she lost in a tight race by 105 votes. The daughter of immigrants, she has been a Peninsula resident most of her life.

On parks: Abe-Koga believes it is feasible to save the Grant Road farm. And if it isn't feasible to save the Franzia family's orchard, she would like to turn some of it into a park. Many areas north of El Camino Real, such as the neighborhood around the orchard, are deficient in park space, she said.

For the Cuesta Annex she is leaning towards open space preservation. She said there should be further study of the need for playing fields, which should be done in cooperation with Los Altos because it shares sports leagues with Mountain View.

Abe-Koga said new developments north of El Camino gives an opportunity to increase park space on the north side of town.

On housing: Abe-Koga said she would support the use of the city-owned lot at Evelyn Avenue for affordable housing. Abe-Koga said the time has come to step back from piecemeal developments and look at the city as a whole and update the 14-year-old General Plan.

On business: A missed opportunity to have a downtown grocery store at Bryant



Street could be remedied by allowing one to open on the city-owned lot near City Hall, she said. Downtown needs more foot traffic to help other businesses, and a good anchor store of some kind could help. Downtown also needs more diversity in businesses, not just restaurants, she said. Retail development should be allowed to extend down Castro south of El Camino.

How the city will deal with its \$30 million pension deficit depends on its negotiations with its unions, she said, and an analysis comparing how other cities are dealing with pensions.

It's important for the city to increase its revenues, Abe-Koga said. She wants the city to continue to maintain its good credit and not fall into a "pay as you go" spending pattern.

The council should delegate more work to city commissions, Abe-Koga said, to lower its workload and make the proposed pay raise in Measure C, which she opposes, unnecessary.

Abe-Koga doesn't support Proposition 90, the initiative to restrict eminent domain.

RONIT BRYANT

Experience: Served two terms as a parks and recreation commissioner from 1996 to 2002. Has been a neighborhood activist for 20 years focusing on many issues, including pedestrian safety, parks and trees.

Profession: Technical writer

Education: Master's in clinical child psychology from Tel Aviv University; B.A. in Hebrew from the University of Jerusalem; M.S. in marriage, family and child counseling from San Jose State University; certificate in technical communications from SJSU

Age: 55

Neighborhood: Dana Street, downtown



Bryant has been involved in city politics for 20 years. She has three children and lives with her husband of 25 years in Old

Mountain View. Born in Israel, she grew up in South America, the Middle East and Europe, and speaks six languages.

On parks: Bryant is in favor of "aggressively managing our open space." She would like to see the Grant Road farm maintained as housing is developed on part of the site in order to maintain a connection with the area's agricultural past. She believes the Cuesta Annex is unique and should be preserved.

Bryant said she's waiting for more study on the need for playing fields before she can take a position on what is needed. She believes every neighborhood needs more parks, especially the areas north of California Street, between Escuela Drive and Shoreline Avenue.

On housing: Building housing is not as much a priority for Bryant as improving the quality of life in a town already built out. She does advocate the use of \$43 million in below market rate housing fees for more affordable housing to help more residents and city staff find a permanent home here.

On business: Bryant says Mountain View should welcome innovative Silicon Valley businesses and startups to locate here. She warns that the city's burgeoning trend of converting commercial space to housing is a bad idea, because it can never be changed back. San Antonio mall and downtown should become vibrant economic engines, and figuring out why they haven't been vital centers of commerce is the first step.

Bryant said the city is very well managed and she doesn't see many holes that need to be fixed. The city's \$30 million pension problem is also a statewide problem for which no one has been able to find an answer.

Bryant is not in favor of Proposition 90. "I'm not fond of propositions," she said. "We have legislators for that."

ALICIA CRANK

Experience: For the last five years she has been on the human relations commission. She volunteers at a Sunnyvale homeless shelter run by EHC Lifebuilders and works with special needs children at her church.

Profession: For the last eight years she has been a customer relations specialist in the banking industry. She now works as a sales and marketing administrator for a software company in Mountain View.

Education: Studied business administration at Central Michigan University

Age: 32

Neighborhood: California Street near Rengstorff Park



Crank moved to Mountain View in 1998 after growing up in Detroit, where she worked on Public Broadcasting System radio pieces in her youth. She's spent most of her career in Mountain View working with bank clients in money management and finance.

On parks: Crank said she would like the Grant Road farm to become housing, though she added that on a general level a compromise needs to be made to preserve some open space while developing housing. "I just don't like to be arbitrary in my decisions. I like to be democratic about it," she said.

She mentioned Monta Loma residents who say there isn't enough park space north of El Camino Real, and she agrees with their concerns.

On housing: Crank said she knew she wanted to run after observing a council member try to slip an item onto a council agenda to end the below market rate housing program, which requires developers to pay fees if affordable housing isn't included in a development. She would like to see more of those fees go towards affordable housing development, especially for city service workers and teachers, rather than sit unused. New housing should be balanced with existing neighborhoods.

Crank's choice for a site to develop affordable housing downtown is the city-owned Bryant Street lot near City Hall. The Evelyn Avenue lot would be too close to the train, she said, and should be used for a grocery store.

On business: "Mountain View is in such a great fiscal position," Crank said. "The key now is not to be so tight-fisted." The city's retiree benefits are an investment worth spending money on, Crank said. In the city's current negotiations



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with its unions, Crank said the city is “really pushing on the low end,” which she doesn’t support.

She says the city should be run with a business model in mind, but one that fits the interests of the community. City operations — such as its purchasing system, which hasn’t been updated since the 1960s — should be streamlined to save money.

Crank supports Measure C, which would increase council pay to \$1,500 a month. She said it would help change the mentality that “you have to be a ‘have’ to run.”

TIAN HARTER

Experience: Green Party member and local activist. He was Santa Clara County’s Green Party choice for U.S. Senate. He walked precincts in past council elections for Greg Perry and Stephanie Shaaf.

Profession: Retired information engineer

Education: Bachelor’s and Master’s in electrical engineering, Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

Age: 48

Neighborhood: Just north of Central and Castro



Harter is a retired information engineer who cashed out on his stock options at AOL in the late 1990s. He grew up in Switzerland and has lived in Mountain View since 1984.

On parks: Though he likes the plan to preserve five acres of the Grant Road farm, he said he has a feeling that community gardens, like those he has seen in Los Angeles, would be more viable.

Harter said that as he walks precincts, the thing he hears most is that the city needs more parks. When asked what should be done with the Franzia family orchard, he said, “It would make a great park.”

Harter said the city already has a lot of playing fields, and he sees many sit unused. He would support more at Shoreline Park or the Franzia property.

On housing: Harter said he would favor increasing developer in-lieu fees to encourage affordable housing. Currently, most developers chose to pay the fee rather than include affordable housing in developments. He would like to see the city-owned lot on Evelyn Avenue, now being used for Caltrain overflow parking, turned into affordable housing because it is near the train station.

Harter talked at length about transit accessibility and smart growth. He said that south of El Camino Real, where housing projects are scarce, there are good spots for affordable housing for El Camino Hospital workers.

On business: “People come downtown to eat, that’s what we’re known for,” Harter said in regards to business diversity downtown. He said he would like to see mixed use, multi-floor buildings downtown, and mentioned the old movie theater as a possible location.

Harter isn’t sure what to do about the city’s \$30 million pension bill. “The whole nation has a pension problem,” he said.

Whatever solution comes to pass, Harter hopes it doesn’t endanger the city’s good credit rating or cause budget cuts to city services.

As for Proposition 90, Harter said he probably would not support it, but he is undecided.

JOHN INKS

Experience: Inks has been a Parks and Recreation commissioner for five years, has served on various city committees and as a volunteer. He helped with the design of the new senior center, the city’s recreation plan, habitat restoration, Arbor Day plans, trail work, city-sponsored festivals and with the Chamber of Commerce. He has also advised youth science projects.

Profession: Part-time mechanical engineering consultant for Lockheed Martin

Education: B.S. in aerospace engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology; M.S. in mechanical engineering, Stanford University

Age: 57

Neighborhood: Showers Drive near San Antonio Shopping Center



John Inks has lived in Mountain View for 31 years. He is a former lieutenant in the Army.

On parks: Inks said the last two functioning agricultural properties in the city, the Grant Road farm and the Franzia family orchard, would likely become single-family housing because of economic realities. “Land trust organizations aren’t going to be able to pony up the money” to buy the land and save it, he said.

Inks would like to see the city demand more park space in developments such as the housing planned at Mayfield Mall. He wants the Cuesta Annex preserved without playing fields, even though there seems to be an insatiable demand, which could be met elsewhere.

On housing: Inks said he would like to see housing density that is compatible with existing housing nearby. Areas appropriate for higher density housing should be near major transit corridors, he said.

Inks said he would favor phasing out the below market rate housing program, which requires developers to pay fees towards city affordable housing projects if low-income housing isn’t incorporated into a development. It would be different if the housing was directed towards specific professionals, such as teachers and nurses, “but that just hasn’t worked out,” he said.

On business: Inks said the city has a great supply of restaurants downtown but should look for opportunities to bring in other businesses.

In regards to the city’s \$30 million pension bill, Inks noted that “pensions are being phased out,” and that the city may collectively pursue less expensive alternatives.

Inks is not in favor of increasing council pay to \$1,500 a month with Measure C, even

though he admits that “it’s like a full-time job” to be a council member.

Inks said he would likely vote yes on Proposition 90, which restricts eminent domain actions by government agencies. “The way you secure the people’s trust is by protecting their property,” he said.

KALWANT SANDHU

Experience: Sandhu is vice chair of the Human Relations commission, has operated several businesses, and currently coaches Mountain View High School soccer. He was a painting contractor at the University of San Francisco. He is a graduate of Leadership Mountain View

Profession: Business owner

Education: A.A. from Richmond College in London; B.A. in economics and a B.S. in business from the University of San Francisco; Master’s in business administration from the University of Phoenix

Age: 49

Neighborhood: College Avenue, Castro city neighborhood



Kalwant Sandhu has lived in Mountain View since 1995. Before that he was a resident of San Francisco since 1980. He has three sons and a wife of 20 years. He was born and raised in Singapore and lived for a time in London.

On parks: Sandhu says he has a soft spot for agricultural history. He is open to the idea of saving the Grant Road farm, and likes the plan to save it. But the question is whether developers will “go for it.” “If we can somehow purchase the land, that would be great,” he said.

As an avid soccer coach, Sandhu said he would like to see the Cuesta Annex developed with one soccer field and one baseball field. “It’s a weed patch right now,” he said. “We lack playing fields.” Sandhu said he preferred parks with manicured fields and barbeque areas.

He said the northern part of the city needs more fields as well, and expressed interest in building more water reservoirs like the one nearly finished at Graham Middle School. The reservoirs would help relieve a city water crisis if the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission needs to

shut off the Hetch Hetchy supply for repairs, he said.

On housing: Sandhu said he would like to see affordable housing developed along main transit corridors, especially El Camino Real. Instead of turning old apartment buildings into condos, there are companies that can renovate old apartments for profit, such as KDF Communities out of Newport Beach, which is renovating 691 apartments in San Jose.

As developers come to the council for approval, Sandhu said, the council should stop being so quick to take in-lieu park fees and require park space instead.

On business: The city should hire two people to aggressively seek out new businesses for Mountain View. For downtown, he would like to see more chain stores such

as Gap or Old Navy. He said landlords need to be convinced to try different businesses. He said he would personally recruit business to come downtown, such as Apple.

The city also needs to increase its automation of services, and to make sure it isn’t duplicating services, in order to save money. He said he would like each department to audit itself, and that attrition is one way to save money without cutting services. He said nobody uses the City Hall’s Toyota Prius, an example of wasteful spending.

Sandhu said he hadn’t studied all of Proposition 90, but that he is definitely in favor of restricting eminent domain.

JAC SIEGEL

Experience: Siegel has been a member of the environmental planning commission for five years and was chair last year.

He is co-chair of the city’s mediation services, a member of the historical association, and has worked on the bicycle and pedestrian committee.

Profession: Landlord, retired engineer

Education: University of Alabama, bachelor’s in science and mechanical engineering

Age: 62

Neighborhood: Sleeper Avenue near El Camino Hospital



Siegel has been a resident of Mountain View for 39 years. As a mechanical engineer and manager at GTE, TRW and Lockheed Martin, he oversaw thousands of employees and millions of dollars. He is married with children.

On parks: Siegel doesn’t believe the city should get involved with the Grant Road farm, but his personal preference would be that the farm somehow remain intact. Funds should be allocated for parks in neighborhoods south of El Camino Real until those neighborhoods that are deficient in park space north of El Camino are served.

He said he would like to see the Cuesta Annex preserved because there is a need “for people to go out into nature.” He said he doesn’t like to see piecemeal developments, and encourages citizens to become involved in the parks and recreation master planning process. Ball fields do not have to be at the Annex — Shoreline is a better location, he said.

On housing: Siegel’s main reason for running, according to his Web site, is to fight off excessive development that is encroaching on the city’s quality of life. To address affordable housing problems, Siegel would like to introduce an ordinance that would not allow the city to sit on more than \$5 million in below market rate housing fees. “Spend it or don’t collect it,” he said. The city is set to collect almost \$50 million in BMR fees, he said.

On business: “We don’t want to show people we don’t want business here,” he said. “We’ve done that.” Siegel doesn’t want the city to convert industrial space to housing, because it can’t ever be converted back. The city shouldn’t sell property ever, only lease it, like it is doing with Google.

Siegel would like to see the city hire two people to recruit businesses to the city. He said it was a mistake to bring in a drug store



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Measure A

COUNTY-WIDE OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE

Measure A would amend the County General Plan to modify and add certain provisions affecting hillsides, open space, ranchlands and rural areas in unincorporated areas of the county.

For example, Measure A would increase the minimum parcel size on hillsides and in ranchlands to 160 acres. Building size would be limited also — to 2 percent of the area of the parcel or 20,000 square feet, whichever is less.

Additionally, the measure works to minimize visibility of development from public places by placing restrictions on building that occurs on ridgelines and hilltops, and by allowing secondary dwelling units on hillsides and agricultural land only where they are required by state law.

In their ballot statement, proponents for Measure A claim it would modify a plan that currently “allows thousands of houses and industrial and commercial developments in rural areas.” They say it would give voters the power to modify safeguards against too much growth, and would “protect Santa Clara County’s remaining valuable natural resources from being paved over and lost forever.”

In their ballot argument, opponents cite a threat to county farmers if minimum parcel size was required to be 40 to 160 acres. Opponents claim that “since 40 percent of county farms are less than 10 acres, ‘A’ could make it impossible for farmers to get started.” The argument against Measure A also says that its provisions would “break open space into hundreds of disconnected private parcels,” thereby denying public access and disrupting wildlife corridors. ■

Measure C

TRIPLES COUNCIL PAY TO \$1,500 A MONTH

Under the current city charter, the city’s seven council members receive a \$500-a-month (\$6,000 a year) salary. If enacted, Measure C would increase pay for council members to \$1,500 a month (\$18,000 a year) as of Jan. 1, 2009. The mayor would receive an additional 25 percent for his or her duties.

No current council member would be eligible for a pay increase.

Under the city charter, council pay can only be changed by a vote of the people, which will continue to be the case under the new measure. The council was going to put the measure before voters in June, but decided to include it with the November election to save \$100,000 on ballots, supplies and election staff.

Proponents of the measure say it will open the door to a broader range of candidates who don’t have the money to do what some call the “full-time job” of being a council member.

According to the proponents’ ballot statement, council members haven’t had a raise since 1984. If the \$250 salary that was given to members in 1968 was adjusted for inflation, it would equal \$1450. The statement also says council members spend a minimum of 15 hours a week doing their job and that many also serve on other boards, such as the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Valley Transportation Authority, as part of the job.

Opponents have said the pay increase will increase the cost of campaigns and attract political parties who would like to reward loyal members with a salaried job. The opponents’ ballot statement says that the 1984 salary of \$500, if adjusted for inflation, would be \$974. It encourages voters to reject this measure and vote for a future one that that would raise pay to \$1,000 a month. It notes that council members already can receive health and dental benefits and retirement compensation, at city expense.

If Measure C is approved, pay would increase according the Bay Area consumer price index for urban wage earners every year following 2009. The rate cannot exceed 5 percent. ■

Measure H

RENEWS \$597 PARCEL TAX FOR LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure H would allow the Los Altos School District to continue to tax property owners a per-parcel assessment of \$597 for the next four years beginning July 1, 2007.

Currently, 23 percent of the district’s student body resides in Mountain View, with just over 950 Mountain View students attending school there. The tax, which generates \$7.2 million annually and accounts for 20 percent of the school district’s funding, must be renewed by voter authorization every four years.

Funds from Measure H pay exclusively for classroom programs and services, including hiring and retaining teachers, maintaining class sizes and protecting junior high electives in music, foreign language and technology. Measure H will not pay for school construction projects; those projects are financed by school bonds.

An exemption from Measure H is available to those 65 years of age or older who own and reside in their home, and anyone who is exempt from the existing parcel tax need not reapply for a new exemption.

The ballot argument in favor of Measure H states that “a yes vote will not change the cost of the parcel tax, \$597 annually per household.” Supporters of Measure H cite the fact that the use of all parcel tax funds is monitored by the Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance (CACF). Additionally, supporters say the tax is “vital to the continuance of the outstanding academic programs offered to the children of our community.”

No argument against Measure H was filed. ■

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downtown instead of a grocery store.

To cut costs, Siegel advocates making use of a pool of volunteers and having staff do more “multitasking.” The \$30 million pension problem is the “biggest problem facing our city today,” he said, and should be factored into the city budget. He is in favor of the council pay raise in Measure C, but was against it early in the race.

Siegel said he only favors eminent domain in extreme circumstances.

JOHN WEBSTER

Experience: Webster ran for state Senate as a Libertarian in 1992 and 2004. He has been a member of the Libertarian party since 1978. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Profession: Retired computer programmer

Education: Master’s in computer science from Santa Clara University

Age: 61

Neighborhood: Park Drive near McKelvey Park



Webster was born in Los Angeles and has lived in Mountain View since 1980. He is divorced with two adult children. Webster’s past casts a large shadow, because of actions that led to his arrest years ago for

allegedly planning to submit his daughter to sexual acts by an undercover police officer. Webster says the police altered evidence to convict him of the “thought crime.” He is not a registered sex offender.

On parks: As for what Webster would like to see happen to the Grant Road farm, the free market determines that sort of thing, he said. “The city shouldn’t really be deciding what happens to that property,” he said.

As for determining what should happen to city-owned property such as the Cuesta Annex, Webster said a use that suits all parties should be sought.

On housing: Webster doesn’t think the city should have a hand in re-zoning property for certain housing densities. That’s something the free market decides.

On business: The Mountain View city government should be regarded as a company, he said, with the city council like the board of directors. Its primary customers are property owners, which means voting rights, especially if it means raising property taxes, should only go to property owners.

Improving a retail climate downtown is important because sales tax is crucial to the city, he said. He would like to see incentives, such as low-interest loans, offered for businesses.

Webster believes cities have a tendency to overpay their union staff. He said he would like to see more of an open market for city services, and gave the example of allowing citizens to create their own private fire departments. This would create competition, lowering rates for fire protection services. ■

Sinunu, Carr vie for District Attorney

The coming election for district attorney features two firsts: The first time two women ever ran against each other for DA, and the first time a woman will ever be elected for DA in county history.

Both candidates are well qualified, and each provide qualities that would enhance their performance in the county’s top law-enforcement post. Karyn Sinunu, 58, has served as the chief assistant district attorney for more than a decade, and Judge Dolores Carr, 52, formerly worked in the district attorney’s office. The race is made possible by the pending retirement of veteran DA George Kennedy, who is only the third district attorney in the past half century.

Both Sinunu and Carr joined the DA’s office in the mid-1980s. Carr served as a deputy DA for 15 years before running successfully for Superior Court judge in 2000.

Her judicial experience is primarily in the family division, which hears divorce and custody cases. She stepped down from the bench to seek the DA position, but cites her experience as a family law judge and other assignments as giving her a broader perspective outside the DA’s office.

Sinunu is a reformer, from the inside. She worked to improve several areas of law enforcement that reach far beyond Santa Clara County, including writing a victim’s rights manual now being distributed to all California prosecutors. She has developed model procedures for child-abuse investigations to reduce trauma for the children involved.

Carr emerged from the June primary as the leading vote-getter and has been ahead in fundraising as well. Both candidates have picked up an impressive list of endorsements. ■

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ABE-KOGA, BRYANT AND SIEGEL FOR CITY COUNCIL

As Mountain View's economy improves, pressure continues to mount for the city to re-zone commercial or industrial property for new housing developments or to authorize converting older rental units to town homes or condominiums. And in nearly every recent case, the city council has welcomed the new housing with open arms, rarely raising hard questions about the creeping impact the projects will have on surrounding property owners or worrying about the loss of tax-generating property.

One exception was the Mayfield Mall project, which will convert the old Hewlett Packard-owned former shopping center to more than 500 units of housing. The city held a number of hearings on this project, and reduced the final number of permitted units — but nevertheless, the adjoining neighbors in the Monta Loma area were terribly disappointed that their requests for more park space and other amenities at Mayfield were not answered.

In this election, we believe the primary issue is the size and scope of the city's future development. How much housing is enough? How much of the city's commercial and industrial land stock should be converted to housing? How much land can be set aside for parks and open space, and playing fields?

Certainly there are other important questions for the council to consider in the next four years, including:

■ How can a major retail anchor or two be attracted to Castro Street?

■ How will the city confront its huge pension liability?

■ What position should the city take on the proposal to extend BART to San Jose?

Voters are fortunate to have three excellent candidates who we believe stand out in a field of eight this year. All three have experience in city or county positions, and all have high interest about the present course of development in the city. And all three are strongly committed to maintaining Mountain View as a vibrant, diverse city that is home to significant companies like Google and Microsoft, but which also offers excellent housing and recreational opportunities to its residents.

In this election, the Voice recommends Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant and Jac Siegel for the three open council seats.

Margaret Abe-Koga is a planning commissioner and former elected member of the county board of education who with her husband is raising a young family in the city. She was born in Palo Alto and attended Peninsula schools. She believes it is time to take another look at the city's general plan, which governs development and was last rewritten 14 years ago. That exercise would include an assessment of park and playing field needs, as well as housing and industrial space. She began her government career working for Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and will add the perspective of a parent with young children to the council.

Ronit Bryant has been involved in community affairs for 20 years, first in the schools and later for eight years on the parks and recreation commission. She also believes in creating a strong general plan document, so the needs for housing, parks and playing fields can be balanced in a fair and equitable way. She does not believe Mountain View alone can solve the Bay Area housing shortage, and would rather match similar housing types than place high-density developments amid single-family neighborhoods. She knows a lot about parks, and would work to preserve more park and open space areas.

Jac Siegel has lived in the city for 39 years, beginning his engineering career at GTE. He is the current chair of the planning commission, and also agrees that it is time for the city to reopen the city's general plan after 14 years. He also believes the city could work closer with the business community, a challenge he would be glad to take on.

Among the remaining candidates, Alicia Crank and Kalwant Sandu also ranked high on our list, but need more seasoning in city affairs before stepping up to the council.

The Voice recommends Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant and Jac Siegel for the three open city council seats.

YES ON MEASURE C

With their \$500-a-month salaries, members of the city council, who generally have to prepare for and attend a meeting every week, are barely making minimum wage. This measure would triple that to \$1,500 a month, still a paltry sum in today's overheated economy.

We recommend that voters approve this increase, which also carries an automatic escalator for inflation. The city is entrusting council members with a huge responsibility, including custody of a \$70 million-plus annual budget. To quibble over a \$1,500 monthly salary cost (plus benefits) is ridiculous. Any council member who feels he or she is not worth that much could voluntarily donate the raise to charity.

And even though we know it won't happen, we would like to see any council member who accepts the pay increase, if it passes, to forgo free passes to concerts at Shoreline Amphitheatre. Last year, the value of these tickets exceeded \$8,000 if a member attended every concert. If they get a raise to \$1,500 a month, surely council members can afford to buy their own Shoreline tickets.

YES ON MEASURE H

This measure would permit the Los Altos Elementary School District, which serves 950 Mountain View students (23 percent), to continue its current \$597 annual parcel tax.

The tax helps pay for lower class sizes, along with music classes and other electives. The measure will not increase the tax, but simply continue it. It makes up 20 percent of the district's funding, and should be approved by voters. We recommend that Mountain View property owners who live in the Los Altos district vote yes on Measure H.



YES ON MEASURE A

Environmentalists have placed this measure on the county ballot to restrict major development on hillsides, ranchlands, watersheds and agricultural lands.

A study of the measure shows that it will not harm small farmers, as opponents contend, but that it would reduce the number of developable parcels in rural areas.

Measure A will only stop unwelcome intrusion into the county's remaining large rural parcels and hillsides. We recommend a yes vote on Measure A.

SINUNU FOR DA

For the first time in years, Santa Clara County voters have a chance to elect a new district attorney, with the pending retirement of veteran DA George Kennedy, who is only the third district attorney in the past half century.

In addition, voters have two well-qualified women vying to become the first female district attorney in the county's history.

Candidates Karyn Sinunu, who has served as the chief assistant district attorney for more than a decade, and Judge Dolores Carr, who formerly worked in the district attorney's office, each provide unique abilities, background, knowledge and connections that would enhance their performance in the county's vitally important top law-enforcement post. Both joined the DA's office in the mid-1980s.

In this race, we choose Sinunu. She has taken the initiative in several important areas of improving law enforcement that reach far beyond Santa Clara County, including writing a victim's rights manual now being distributed to all California prosecutors. She has developed model procedures for child-abuse investigations to reduce trauma for the children involved. And she has greater experience in administrative matters.

If the DA's office required major surgery, Dolores Carr would be an appealing candidate. But George Kennedy and Karyn Sinunu have continued the long tradition of professionalism in the office, and Sinunu is the best bet for Santa Clara County's next district attorney.

Voters face a wide array of state propositions

Proposition 1A

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROTECTION

Currently, the state levies two types of taxes on motor fuels: An excise tax of 18 cents per gallon on gasoline and diesel fuel (it's generally referred to as the gas tax and raises about \$2 billion/year) and a state-wide 6 percent tax on the sale of gasoline and diesel fuel (it's generally called a sales tax and raises about \$2 billion per year). Until Proposition 42 in 2002, most sales tax revenues were spent on general purpose government. Prop. 42 required that, with some exceptions for fiscal emergencies, the sales tax must be spent on transportation. This measure requires Proposition 42 suspensions to be treated as loans to the General Fund that must be repaid in full, including interest, within three years of suspension. Further, the measure only allows suspension to occur twice in 10 consecutive years. We think it's reasonable to devote taxes levied on gasoline and diesel fuel to transportation, and we support this measure. Vote **YES** on Proposition 1A.

Propositions 1B-1E

HIGHWAY SAFETY, HOUSING & EMERGENCY SHELTER, EDUCATION FACILITIES, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

When legislators are desperate to appear to have accomplished something, particularly when an election approaches, they often turn to spending large amounts of money on massive projects. If they perceive a bonus for being bipartisan they simply spend a little more until almost everyone has something to crow about. If the funds aren't available to finance massive spending — i.e. we're still operating with a long-term state budget deficit — then they float a bond and borrow more against the future. While this Schwarzenegger-Perata-Nunez package of funding targets popular and worthy projects, we approach with caution and a feeling that the larger picture may be missing.

Do we want to prepare for disasters, provide efficient transportation, decent housing, a secure infrastructure, and decent educational facilities? Well, yes, which is why the governor and legislators in Sacramento put this package together. Can we afford this? The transportation bond, 1B, would cost about \$38.9 billion in principle and interest or \$1.3 billion per year to repay over 30 years. The other three combined would cost about \$34.4 billion and about \$1.15 billion per year to repay over 30 years. The Legislative Analyst found that the 2006-07 state budget results in an operating shortfall (more expenditures than revenue) and that multi-billion dollar shortfalls would continue to occur through 2008-09. We're inclined to not take on additional annual multi-billion dollar debt until we come closer to digging out of our annual multi-billion dollar deficits. Due to their high cost, we recommend a **NO** vote on this set of propositions.

EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENTS

Proposition 83

PUNISHMENT, RESTRICTION FOR SEX OFFENDERS

This proposition is supported by both Schwarzenegger and Angelides. It increases penalties for sex offenders and child molesters, prohibits registered sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of a school or park, and requires lifetime Global Positioning System monitoring of felony registered sex offenders. It expands the definition of a sexually violent predator, and changes the current two-year involuntary civil commitment for a sexually violent predator to an indeterminate commitment, subject to annual review by the Director of Mental Health. Costs are estimated to be in the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually due primarily to increased state prison, parole supervision, and mental health program costs plus state capital outlay costs in the low hundreds of millions of dollars for construction of additional state mental hospital and prison beds. The 2,000-foot requirement has been attacked for having the potential effect of virtually banning sex offenders from urbanized areas and relegating them to more rural parts of the state. Police chiefs', sheriffs' and district attorneys' associations all support it. We think the enhanced public safety this measure provides makes it worthwhile. Vote **YES** on Prop. 83.

Proposition 84

WATER QUALITY, PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Authorizes \$5.3 billion in general obligation bonds to fund projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, and conservation efforts. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: State cost of about \$10.5 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$5.4 billion) and interest (\$5.1 billion) costs on the bonds. It has gained the support of many environmental organizations. This measure is filled with worthy causes for which we have great sympathy, but see 1B-1E above. This is a worthy cause, but one we can't afford. Vote **NO** on Proposition 84.

Proposition 85

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY

Amends California Constitution to prohibit abortion for a minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. This amendment is similar to one defeated by voters last November. It creates additional barriers and delays for pregnant minors seeking medical

assistance and creates potential penalties for doctors who attempt to serve them using their best medical judgment. We believe family communication cannot effectively be legislated. Parental notification laws force some teenagers to choose between talking with parents or having illegal and unsafe abortions. Health care providers including the California Medical Association, the California Nurses Association and the California Academy of Family Physicians oppose Proposition 73. So do we. Vote **NO** on Proposition 85.

Proposition 86

ADDITIONAL TAX ON CIGARETTES

Imposes additional 13-cent tax on each cigarette distributed (\$2.60 per pack), and indirectly increases tax on other tobacco products. Would result in an estimated increase in new revenues of about \$2.1 billion annually by 2007-08, declining slightly annually thereafter. Provides funding to qualified hospitals for emergency services, nursing education and health insurance to eligible children. Revenue is allocated to specified purposes including tobacco use prevention programs, enforcement of tobacco-related laws, and research, prevention and treatment. We recommend a **YES** vote on Proposition 86.

Proposition 87

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, TAX ON CALIFORNIA OIL

Establishes program to reduce oil and gasoline usage by 25 percent, with research and production incentives for alternative energy, alternative energy vehicles, energy efficient technologies, and education. Funded by tax of 1.5 percent to 6 percent, depending on oil price per barrel, on producers of oil extracted in California. Prohibits producers from passing tax on to consumers. Estimate of new state revenues annually from \$200 million to about \$380 million. The initiative is supported by a broad group of environmental, public health and consumer groups and opposed by big oil companies and their allies. The question is whether massive oil company advertising can overcome initial strong public support for this measure. We recommend a **YES** vote on Proposition 87.

Proposition 88

EDUCATION FUNDING, REAL PROPERTY PARCEL TAX

Provides additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12 by imposing a statewide \$50 tax on each real property parcel. Funds must be used for class size reduction, textbooks, school safety. It exempts the disabled and most homeowners aged 65 or over. Annual revenue estimated at \$450 million. This initiative has the unusual distinction of being opposed by the state Democratic and Republican parties, League of Women Voters, the AFL-CIO and

the California Taxpayers Association, as well as the California State PTA and the California School Boards Association, which has concerns about some of its more technical provisions. While we are sympathetic with the need for adequate education funding, we don't like the regressive approach of this tax and are concerned about the effect of some of its provisions. We recommend a **NO** vote on Proposition 88.

Proposition 89

PUBLIC FINANCING FOR CAMPAIGNS

This initiative is modeled after successful laws in other states and would establish tough limits on campaign contributions by corporations, unions and individuals, bar contributions by lobbyists and state contractors and establish a voluntary system of public financing of campaigns. The initiative is supported by the California Nurses Association and a wide range of consumer/good government groups such as the League of Women Voters, the California Clean Money Campaign, Common Cause of California, and the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights as well as Phil Angelides. It's opposed by powerful vested interests across the political spectrum. The single most poisonous influence in government and politics today is big, special interest money. This is our current best chance to insure that our representatives vote and act based on the public interest and not based on contributions. This is the single most important item on the ballot, because it has the potential to have a positive effect on all other issues. We strongly recommend a **YES** vote on Proposition 89.

Proposition 90

EMINENT DOMAIN, REGULATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

This initiative purports to reform California's eminent domain laws by further restricting when governments can take private property or take an action which reduces the value of the property without compensating property owners. It further limits government authority to adopt certain land use, housing, consumer, environmental and workplace laws and regulations and it voids some court decisions. It could result in large costs for the state and for local governments to pay damages and/or modify policies to comply with the measure. Major funding for this measure comes from wealthy New Yorker Howie Rich and from groups with which he is involved. He has backed similar measures in many other states.

While eminent domain laws may need some reform — though we haven't noticed an epidemic of California abuses — this measure's less publicized provisions have the potential to effectively prevent the state and local governments from enacting laws to protect the environment and open space. It also would undermine the authority of locally elected leaders to do what they think is best in their communities and would create endless claims and litigation. We strongly recommend a **NO** vote on Proposition 90.

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CANDIDATES SHOULD GIVE IT A REST

Editor:

I've read a few of the city council candidate promotional pieces and I'm ready to say, "Slow down, give it a rest!" One candidate had so many goals that she'll have to stay on the council until the next Ice Age to achieve them all.

After all, it's just a city of 80,000 or so people, and we're actually doing quite well. I hear so much about listening to citizen's "concerns" and developing consensus that I wonder if we'll have a repeat of the Mayfield Mall Development Marathon all over again on every development. What a nightmare.

I hate to say it, but maybe it's

time for a little *less* community involvement. I know that's heresy. After all, neighborhood associations, even mine, are special interest groups. The Mayfield Mall project showed that "listening" to neighborhood concerns for even 50 years won't bring about agreement with all parties. Democracy doesn't mean consensus building. It means you have a reasonable time to discuss the issue, then vote on it, and then lots of people don't get their way (making the negative point). The key is to not get to war when someone loses.

I empathize with current members, who spend hours listening to the same opinion a hundred times. Future city councils should spend less time on marathon listening sessions and stick to a

reasonable schedule of hearings and voting promptly.

**Allen Price
Velarde Street**

MEASURE A SIGNS DON'T TELL THE STORY

Editor:

Every "No On Measure A" sign that I have seen is on public property.

Wouldn't it be easy for just one individual to have a batch of signs produced, and then blanket the county by simply affixing them to lampposts, electrical poles, and so on?

In contrast, Measure A has endorsers from all over our community — Republicans for Environmental Protection, Peninsula Democratic Coalition, League of Women Voters of Santa Clara County, all of the major local conservation groups, South Bay Labor Council, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and the list goes on.

**Jennifer Couperus
Palo Alto**

LET'S NOT OVERREACT TO SQUIRRELS

Editor:

In regards to your article, "City trapped in squirrel debate" (Oct. 6), as well as your editorial and Margaret Turner's letter of the same day, I have a different point of view on this matter about the squirrel(s) attacking people with food.

First of all, I disagree with Turn-

er's statement that "it is already out of hand." No one knows for sure how many squirrels are involved in these attacks. Your article says it's "seven incidents of squirrels scratching or biting people since May, with three bites in the last 30 days." It sounds more likely that only one or two squirrels might be involved, not an entire colony of them.

If the city of Mountain View intends to spend thousands of dollars to rid Cuesta Park of squirrels, why not try having an expert on squirrels spend time observing the area by closing a "portion of the park that is causing the problem" (as your editorial suggests) where these attacks are occurring. It seems extremely unfair to trap and euthanize all the squirrels when there might only be one or two who are behaving so aggressively. What are we teaching our children when we choose this extreme and violent solution?

**Marie Lee
High School Way**

NEW IDEAS FOR GRANT ROAD FARM

Editor:

There has been a lot of hand-wringing over the demise of the Grant Road farm ever since it became known that it would be sold. Personally, I would like to see it remain as a farm, or at least open space. But the owners have the right to sell it to the highest bidder.

Suggestions have been proposed to maintain the status quo, or at least a semblance of it. The one thing I haven't noticed is to make the whole thing into large and var-

ied soccer fields, ball diamonds, and other such uses, with perhaps part left for the farm. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to help resolve the playing space needs, open space, and the farm.

The city of Mountain View (or a newly created nonprofit) could be the lead agency in raising funds to buy the property. I imagine there are foundations and individuals who would be willing to donate substantial sums for this purpose. This should go a long way towards raising the \$30 million mentioned as the selling price.

Because Los Altos is just across Grant Road, perhaps it would participate in the agreement if youth athletic groups there could use whatever facility is built.

Let's think outside the box and quit emphasizing housing because of the additional tax revenue. Wall-to-wall housing does not ensure a good quality of life, no matter how much extra tax revenue is raised.

**Paul N. Johnson
Dale Avenue**

MORE RETAIL NEEDED DOWNTOWN

Editor:

I have been living in Mountain View for nearly seven years. I think the downtown area is fantastic; we patronize the CPA, the restaurants, the coffee shops and the bookstores. However there is one area which is in dire need of improvement: retail.


What is the city of Mountain View doing to attract quality retail to Castro Street? I noticed there are several storefronts available on Castro, and it seems that some of these locations are like a revolving door, with new tenants every few months. One example is a location on the corner of Castro and Dana streets. It recently was used for some sort of women's clothing store which had no curb appeal at all; prior to that it sold a strange combination of costume jewelry, clothing and cell phones.

It appears that anyone can sign a lease, and then do what they want. Some of these "stores" on Castro Street are a step above a flea market.

Just to clarify: By quality, I do not mean high-end. I am not talking about developing Castro into a Santana Row or eliminating some of the funkier stores that add character to downtown, such as those on Villa.

Our downtown needs a combination of independently owned retail with a mix of small-scale chains in order to broaden its appeal. You don't see this problem in downtown Los Altos, Los Gatos, Campbell or Palo Alto — why is that?

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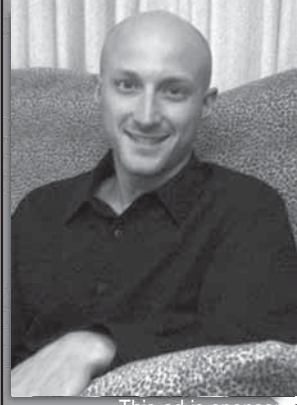
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Flashy Tai Pan

NEWCOMER EARNS HIGH MARKS AMONG AREA'S HONG KONG-STYLE SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS

By Sheila Himmel

Tai Pan is about to celebrate its first anniversary in downtown Palo Alto. Who knew? It is seldom even half-full, on a busy street. People must walk or drive by and say, Huh, another upscale Chinese restaurant.

Like the Hong Kong Flower Lounge that it replaced, Tai Pan features live seafood dishes. But there the similarity ends. Hong Kong Flower Lounge had fabulous fresh prawns, but it also had signs in the women's restroom suggesting we not stand on the toilets.

Tai Pan has class. The 168-seat restaurant includes one large dining room and two semi-private banquet rooms, all carpeted

and draped. Among the decorative art is a stunning porcelain palace (behind glass, so no worries about bringing children).

Prices are higher than at a neighborhood takeout place, but reasonable for the quality and scope of the menu. Service is very attentive, sometimes too attentive. We felt a little like children visiting anxious grandparents.

However, all the hovering can pay off. On one visit we ordered a bottle of Vouvray, a white wine we'd known as medium-dry. This one was sweet. The server insisted on taking it back, saying, "My job is to make you happy." Now, how many times do you

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VERONICA WEBER

Tai Pan owner Jeannie Lee brings out a plate of seafood madras in light curry sauce, which is served in a young coconut.



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Honey smoked sea bass and seafood madras in light curry sauce are just some of Tai Pan's signature dishes.

VERONICA WEBER

TAI PAN

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hear that in a restaurant?

He also said if we didn't like the next bottle he'd have to kill himself. But hey, I'll take a side of humor with my hospitality any day.

The extensive Tai Pan wine list is divided into structural categories. Both the Vouvray and the wine we liked were listed as Delicate, Crisp and Fruit-driven white wines. But Abbazia di Novacella 2004 Alto Adige Valle Isargo Kerner (\$35) had its flavor chakras in balance, complementing chicken, Peking duck and seafood. This wine retails for \$20, a hefty but standard markup.

Tai Pan also has unusually

good wines by the glass and half-bottle, and a fun list of signature drinks. Find your birth year and your lunar cocktail. Point out to companions that you are a Tiger (fighting spirit, deep thinker, true friend) and they are Snakes and Rats.

Tai Pan's menus, like the service, can be a bit much. A laminated menu features chef's specials from the sea, ground (animals) and earth (plants) and a batch of fixed-price menus. Also appetizers, soups, salads, rice and noodles. A binder menu has many of the same dishes, categorized differently. Also five family dinners. My categories are simpler:

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frame of the fish is crisp-fried into a curve that holds sauteed vegetables and meltingly tender pieces of flounder flesh. You can also eat the small fried bones.

Steamed chicken with ginger (\$12) is cleaved into pieces that also encourage bone-gnawing (though not swallowing). The meat is so subtly aromatic and moist. The concerned proprietors, Jeannie Lee and Christopher Chan, may try to steer you to a more Westernized chicken dish. Listen politely, but order the steamed chicken.

Seafood with steamed egg white (\$13) must be eaten at once, while its tender calamari, scallops and prawns seem to be suspended in air.

Often in restaurants, twice-cooked spare ribs get a tired taste. Tai Pan's twice-cooked baby ribs (\$9 as an appetizer) offer tender meat under crunchy, honeyed edges.

Stocked with sauteed vegetables, roots, mushrooms and elegant fungi, "Jai" Buddha's Delight (\$15) makes unusually good use of taro. Here the root, which can be mushy and acrid, becomes a deep-fried basket to break off and eat.

Honey beef with garlic (\$15) contains big chunks of very tender beef and lots of sweet onions. Despite the name, garlic is a background player.

Peking duck appears as an appetizer for two (\$8) and as half a duck (\$15) with five perfect steamed buns.

Fried rice with egg white (\$12) can be done with dry scallops or with minced beef. Dry scallops, which aren't salty like wet scallops, make an ethereal combina-

tion with egg whites.

Mango pudding (\$3.50) is light but intense with fresh fruit, topped with a thin line of coconut milk. Puddings are seasonal.

2. Good

Shrimp dumpling soup (\$8), rich in broth but thin on dumplings.

Pan-fried noodles (\$12), with the usual cast of seafood, or with peppered beef.

Oxtail in clay pot (\$12), simmering in red wine and aromatics.

Eggplant with scallop and hot

garlic sauce (\$15).

Crème brûlée (\$3.50), the custardy kind.

3. Satisfactory

Jade basil chicken (\$12) went overboard with colorful peppers, and the fried basil leaves had lost their oomph.

But that's a small sample of Tai Pan's many menus. I haven't even gotten to the half-dozen shark's fin soups, plus abalone, lobster and live fish, shrimp and crab. But I will. ■

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Filmmakers Ruth Carranza and Pam Walton at home in Mountain View.

The 'Grassroots' movement

PAM WALTON CATCHES LOCALS' DOUBTS ON 2004 ELECTION, WHILE A FELLOW FILMMAKER HEADS TO OHIO

By Rebecca Wallace

■ FILM PREVIEW

traveled around the country to interview Ohio voters, politicians, computer-security analysts and others. The team is still doing research to expand the film.

The movies cross paths this month, with each scheduled to screen in Palo Alto. Fadiman's "Stealing America: One Vote at a Time" had its local premiere last Sunday, while Walton's "Grassroots: Contesting Ohio" screens at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto this Saturday, Oct. 21.

After President George W. Bush won re-election over U.S.

Two documentary filmmakers knew a good story when they saw it: the 2004 presidential election and the allegations of impropriety hovering over it like a thundercloud. But that's where their paths diverged. Pam Walton of Mountain View zoomed in close, focusing on a small group of activists. Meanwhile, Menlo Park filmmaker Dorothy Fadiman and her crew took a wide-angle view. They

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■ INFORMATION

What: Screening of "Grassroots: Contesting Ohio," a documentary on the 2004 election. The Raging Grannies are scheduled to perform, and Palo Alto City Councilman Peter Dreke is expected to speak.

Where: The Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road

When: Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: The event is a fundraiser to benefit election reform; there is a \$5-\$10 suggested donation

Info: For more about Dorothy Fadiman, go to www.concentric.org. For more about Pam Walton, go to www.pamwaltonproductions.com.

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Sen. John Kerry in 2004, many allegations surfaced. There were stories from people who said they had to wait hours to vote. There were concerns about exit polls being significantly different from final vote tallies. And many criticized the electronic voting machines, saying sometimes votes switched from one candidate to another or simply weren't counted.

Some dismissed the charges as paranoid or exaggerated. Others made counter-arguments, such as a pollster who said Kerry voters were more likely to take part in exit polls than those voting for Bush.

Post-election frustration

For producer/director Pam Walton, disillusionment was the catalyst for making her 30-minute film. She and her associate director and life partner, Ruth Carranza — who both sport anti-Bush stickers on their cars and worked on the Kerry campaign — wanted to channel their post-election frustration.

"Making films is a wonderful way to work that out," Carranza says on the couple's sunny patio as their two black pugs befriend a visiting reporter.

About a week after the election, the two went to a meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, where people had gathered to vent, Walton said. She and Carranza were inspired to focus on one group of concerned citizens, to show what action could be taken at the grassroots level.

As a result, where Fadiman's film

(which boasts a budget of more than \$100,000) feels broad-based and fact-focused, Walton's seems intimate and accessible. Each can persuade in its own way.

Walton chuckles when asked about her approach, saying, "We had no choice in a way, because we had no money."

The budget consisted of about \$5,000 of her own money, she estimates.

"Grassroots" begins with footage of Kerry conceding the race, and soon focuses on a group of Bay Area residents painting protest signs. The small coalition, which includes lawyers, teachers and computer workers, is trying to influence the ratification of the 2004 electoral-college vote. They stage demonstrations, give speeches and meet with U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer's aides in hopes of convincing her to stand up in the Senate and oppose Ohio's electoral votes.

Boxer ultimately became the only senator to do so, but no one knew that beforehand, and so there's a sense of tension as the group prepares.

"We're numerous, but we're little guys," one man says amidst the sign-painting.

Later, the group demonstrates outside Boxer's office. One woman who had helped at the Ohio polls speaks of voters standing on line for six or seven hours.

"We were bringing chairs, food," she says. "In one African-American church, people were still in line at midnight."

This film was a change of pace for Walton and Carranza. Walton, a former teacher at Woodside High School, left

teaching in 1988 to concentrate on filmmaking. Her projects typically cover gay and lesbian issues, such as gays and lesbians

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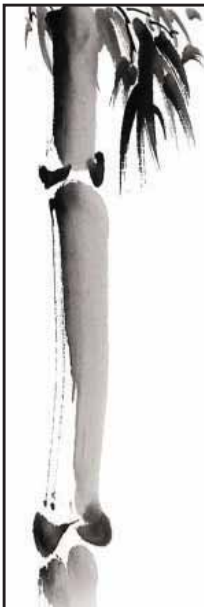
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GRASSROOTS

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on the pulpit. Carranza makes science films, including a series on the microchip.

What's the next step for "Grassroots"? Walton is submitting it to various film festivals, including Cinequest in San Jose. She also hopes to offer it to the League of Women Voters and other groups, who might be able to use it as an organizing tool.

"What can a handful of people

do?" she asks rhetorically. Her film gives a visual example.

Vote-switching allegations

The idea for Fadiman's movie came to her after hearing first-person reports of "vote switching." A longtime filmmaker who has made movies on such topics as reproductive rights and HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia, she volunteered at the 2004 polls in Florida. While there, she heard stories of people pushing a button on the voting machine to vote for Kerry and suddenly having their vote switch over to Bush.

"When I came home ... everyone on the plane had stories from south Florida. I thought, 'That would make a really interesting movie,'" Fadiman says during an interview in her home studio, which is buzzing with activity. Members of her team are editing film, making phone calls and

organizing screenings and mailings of the "Stealing America" DVD.

In the research done by Fadiman and her team, they found "major irregularities across the country," the great majority in favor of Bush, Fadiman said.

The 70-minute film includes a powerfully repetitive section on "vote switching," in which a string of people say voting machines switched their votes from Kerry to Bush. Many are Ohio voters.


"I pressed for Kerry and got Bush," community activist Elizabeth Jarof is shown saying. Several others echo her, including Ohio State Sen. Bob Hagan, a Democrat.

"I thought I understood the situation, and I set out to document it. What was so revealing and shocking was how subtle it was," Fadiman says. "So much was wrong, and the mainstream media turned their backs." ■



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THE DEPARTED (R) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:30, 2:15, 3:45, 5:30, 7:10, 9 & 10:25 p.m.

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) ★★★

Century 20: 5:15, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 4:40 & 10:20 p.m.

EVERYONE'S HERO (G) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 20: 11:35 a.m. & 2:20 p.m.

FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (1986) (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

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FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) ★★★

Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 12:40, 2:25, 3:40, 5:20, 7:15, 8:15 & 10:15 p.m.

Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 12:55, 2:35, 3:50, 5:30, 6:45, 8:25 & 9:40 p.m.

FLICKA (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05 & 9:20 p.m.

Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:40, 1:50, 3, 4:05, 5:20, 6:25, 7:40, 8:45 & 9:55 p.m.

GRIDIRON GANG (PG-13) ★★★

Century 20: 1:25, 4:15, 7:05 & 9:50 p.m.

THE GRUDGE 2 (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

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Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 12:30, 1:15, 2, 2:55, 3:35, 4:25, 5:20, 6, 6:50, 7:50, 8:35, 9:25 & 10:20 p.m.

THE GUARDIAN (PG-13) ★★1/2

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Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 1:55, 4:20, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m.

INFAMOUS (R) ★★★1/2 Century 16: 1:50 & 7:30 p.m.

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Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:20, 1:10, 2:15, 3, 3:50, 4:50, 5:40, 6:30, 7:35, 8:20 & 9:10 p.m.

MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2:20, 5, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.

THE MARINE (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:40 & 9:50 p.m.

OPEN SEASON (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 1:35, 3:30, 5:35, 7:35 & 9:35 p.m.

THE PRESTIGE (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 4:45, 6:30, 7:35, 9:30 & 10:30 p.m.

THE QUEEN (NOT RATED) ★★★★★

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STEP UP (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

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THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

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MOVIE REVIEWS

INFAMOUS ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Truman Capote reappears onscreen in yet another take on the "In Cold Blood" days that were the undoing of the mercurial author. English thespian Toby Jones plays the effeminate scribe, the darling of New York City's post-war cafe society who was obsessed by a scrupulously premeditated serial murder in the desolate plains of the great Midwest. Capote sets out for Kansas with gal pal authoress Harper Lee (Sandra Bullock), whose frank wit and refreshing candor keep him on the straight and narrow. As he absorbs himself in his research for a psychological study of a village shocked by a vicious crime, Capote develops an intensely open relationship with delusional murderer Perry Smith (Daniel Craig), one that intensifies over years of court appeals, stays of execution and the interminable wait for the inevitable. Capote redux: worth going down that road again. *Rated: R for language, violence and mature themes. 1 hour, 58 minutes.* —J.A.

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND

★★★★1/2

(Century 16) When Forest Whitaker makes his entrance as Idi Amin, his massive frame fills the screen and the crowd erupts in cheers. It's a defining moment. Whitaker commands attention and never relinquishes it, whether rousing Ugandan villagers with promises of "a government of action, not words" or whispering threats in the ear of his closest advisor. He can be charming, child-like, cagey, crazy and absolutely terrifying in a performance that has Oscar written all over it. Adapted from Giles Foden's 1998 novel of the same title, the narrative unspools from the bemused perspective of Nicholas Garrigan (James McAvoy). Armed with a newly conferred medical degree and sense of adventure, the young Scotsman heads to Africa on a whim. Garrigan's in the right place at the right time to tend to Amin after an accident, impressing the imposing figure with his frankness and the fact that he's a Scot who won't bow down to the Brits. Once Garrigan agrees to become the dictator's personal physician, the journey into the heart of darkness begins. Whitaker's acting resurrects the dictator and his deeds with stunning immediacy. *Rated: R for or some strong violence and gruesome images, sexual content and language. 2 hours, 1 minute.* —S.T.

MAN OF THE YEAR ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Robin Williams and director Barry Levinson evoke memories of their 1987 collaboration "Good Morning, Vietnam" with this insightful political dramedy. Tom Dobbs (Williams) is a political talk-show host with passionate viewpoints along the lines of Jon Stewart or Bill Maher. Late during one of Dobbs' comedic tirades, a fan half-jokingly suggests that Dobbs make a run for the presidency. Dobbs quickly embraces the idea and soon finds himself on the campaign trail along with his manager (Christopher Walken) and speech writer (Lewis Black). It couldn't happen in a better year for the ambitious

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Weekend

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comedian. A mega-bucks software company called Delacroy installs state-of-the-art voting systems across the nation — but there's a glitch in the technology, discovered by Delacroy employee Eleanor Green (Laura Linney). When the company covers up its mistake to protect profits and Dobbs illegitimately wins the election, Eleanor is victimized by Delacroy with only one person willing to believe her: Dobbs himself. Humor, suspense and political insight unite for an unusual but enlightening cinematic experience. *Rated: PG-13 for language including some crude sexual reference, drug related material, and brief violence. 1 hour, 56 minutes.* —T.H.

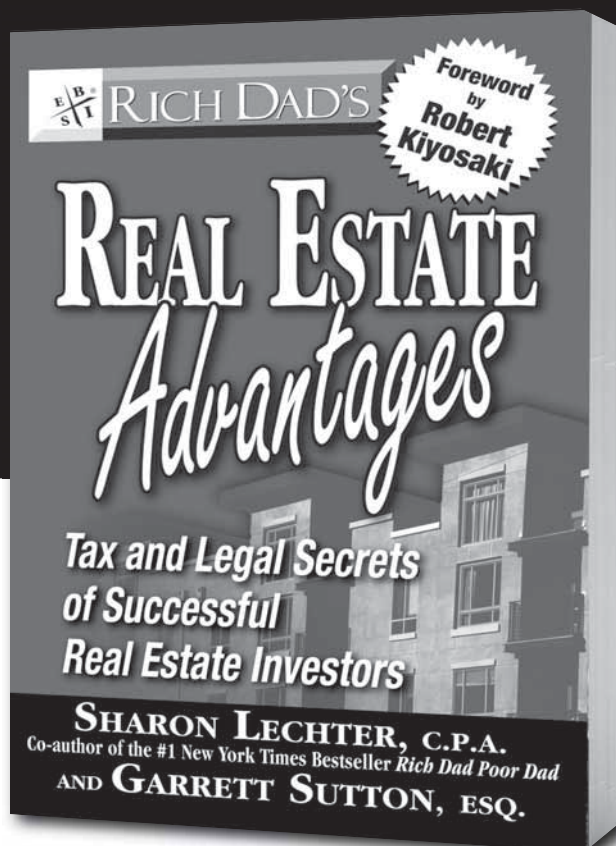
THE QUEEN ★★★★★

(CineArts) Helen Mirren is perfection as Queen Elizabeth, not the be-wigged and Tudored version but the contemporary royal for whom a stiff upper lip is the order of the day. That credo is put to the test when Princess Diana is killed in a dramatic car crash inside a dark tunnel in Paris while being pursued by paparazzi. Newly elected British Prime Minister Tony Blair (Michael Sheen) is between a rock and a hard spot, anxious to spit-polish his image with a face of public concern yet clashing mightily with the tightly contained, ritual-bound world of his Queen. Blair and Her Royal Highness do emotional battle with all the diplomatic and procedural forces they can bring to bear while a staid Prince Philip (James Cromwell) staves off reality by stalking an elk that's furtively roaming his summer estate. What ensues is a captivating fictional account of real events that transpired in August of 1997. Mirren deserves every year-end award available for her spot-on portrayal of a reigning royal caught between the crosshairs, forced by a country in mourning to put protocol and personal judgment aside and break with long-standing tradition. *Rated: PG-13 for language and adult situations. 1 hour, 43 minutes.* —J.A.

SHORTBUS ★★

(Aquarius) John Cameron Mitchell ("Hedwig and the Angry Inch") makes a bold declaration on the state of adult sexuality with unappealing consequences. A colorful assortment of emotionally challenged players — straight and gay, male and female — have reached a critical juncture in their personal relationships and yearn for a deeper connection between love and sex. Sex therapist Sofia (Sook-Yin Lee) preaches carnal bliss yet continually fakes orgasms with husband Rob (Raphael Baker), who is none the wiser. James and Jamie (Paul Dawson and PJ DeBoy) have been cohabitating for years but James can't commit, and the pair end up on Sofia's couch. It's not long before Sofia owns up to her own issues and the Js invite her to join them at New York's Shortbus, a weekly Brooklyn salon that fosters a loving, open community of music, politics and public sex. And how. Threesomes, fellatio, orgies: All manners of sexual behavior are well represented at the kinky Shortbus, ultimately detracting from Mitchell's poignant message about the slim and subtle connections between physical and emotional love. *Rated: Unrated but should be NC-17 for graphic sexual images and frontal nudity. 1 hour, 42 minutes.* —J.A.

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public hearing on Water Resources Protection Ordinance, Repeal of Ordinance 83-2, and Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the District's Water Resources Protection Manual

Santa Clara Valley Water District

- Proposed Resolution adopting a Negative Declaration for an Initial Study for the proposed Water Resources Protection Ordinance adoption
- Proposed Ordinance adopting the Water Resources Protection Ordinance
- Proposed Resolution adopting the Water Resources Protection Manual

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, 10 a.m.

Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose
(one block south of Blossom Hill Road)

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) is considering the passage of a Draft Ordinance repealing the existing Ordinance 83-2 and adoption of a Resolution adopting the District's Water Resources Protection Manual. The Ordinance would revise and repeal Ordinance 83-2, which was last revised in 1985, and would establish the process to obtain Encroachment Permits for Modifications on District rights-of-way. It also establishes a procedure for the administration and issuance of such Encroachment Permits.

The Ordinance repeals Ordinance 83-2, under which the District required and issued permits for certain activities on certain streamside parcels.

The Resolution would adopt the District's Water Resources Protection Manual (Manual), which would serve as the basis for the District's evaluation of Encroachment Permit applications. The Manual implements the model guidelines and standards recommended by the Santa Clara Valley Water Resources Protection Collaborative (Collaborative) following a review of the District's existing regulations.

The application of the District's standards will be solely on its facilities and properties. Municipal organizations currently have land use authority and police powers and have the ability to impose and enforce development standards and issue permits as needed within their jurisdiction. Each Municipal Organization can implement resource protection standards using the Collaborative products and documents as a model. The agency who exercises the land use authority will be subject to the requirements of CEQA on a project specific basis.

The project location encompasses the entirety of Santa Clara County and its 15 incorporated cities and towns, including Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale.

The documents are available for review at the Clerk of the Board of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118. Electronic copies are also posted electronically at the District's website www.valleywater.org (click on the "CEQA public review documents" link under "district quick links" on the home page).

At the public hearing, all persons may appear and be heard.

For more information on this public hearing, please contact **Michelle Meredith** with the Clerk of the Board's office at **(408) 265-2607, ext. 2557**.

Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend this public meeting. To RSVP for the meeting, request accommodations for disabilities or for additional information on attending this hearing, please contact the Clerk of the Board Office, Santa Clara Valley Water District, (408) 265-2600. Interpreters for this meeting can be arranged. Please call (408) 265-2607, ext. 2659 at least three days prior to the hearing.

Este aviso es para informarle sobre una reunión pública del Distrito de Aguas del Valle de Santa Clara (Santa Clara Valley Water District). Estamos convocando al público a que nos den sus comentarios para ayudarnos a planificar este proyecto. Si necesita servicios especiales para personas con discapacidades, un intérprete en español o más información sobre la reunión, por favor llámenos al menos tres días antes de la reunión al (408) 265-2607, extensión 2659.

Thông báo của Nhà Cấp Nước Santa Clara Valley (Santa Clara Valley Water District) về buổi họp dành cho công chúng. Chúng tôi đang thu thập ý kiến của công chúng để giúp chúng tôi lập kế hoạch cho dự án này. Xin liên lạc với chúng tôi ít nhất ba ngày trước buổi họp nếu quý vị cần các giúp đỡ đặc biệt cho người khuyết tật, hay nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên tiếng Việt, hoặc nếu quý vị muốn biết thêm chi tiết về buổi họp. Xin gọi cho chúng tôi ở số (408) 265-2607, số chuyển tiếp (ext) 2632.



MOVIE CRITICS

S.T.-Susan Tavernetti,
J.A.-Jeanne Aufmuth, J.S.-Jim Shelby,
T.H.-Tyler Hanley

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■ HIGHLIGHT

"THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW"

PYT will open its 10th Stories on Stage season Oct. 20-21 with Kathryn Schultz Miller's dramatization of the spooky Washington Irving story. Fri., Oct. 20, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; Sat., Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$5-\$7. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 903-6000. www.pytnet.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

10TH ANNUAL MENLO PARK FINE ARTS FESTIVAL Oct. 20-22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sponsored by the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce. Free. Downtown Menlo Park, Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Call (209) 296-1195. www.pacificfinearts.com

50TH MTN. VIEW HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956 REUNION Oct. 21, 6-11 p.m. Contact Joanne Massiczek Del Greco (408) 269-2142 or angjodel@aol.com; Loretta Bell Merry 967-6070 or lorettamerry@sbcglobal.net. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.michaelsatshoreline.com

SALLY RIDE SCIENCE FESTIVAL For girls in grades 5-8 featuring a street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to astronaut Janice Voss; and workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. Parents and teachers welcome to attend. Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-4:15 p.m. \$18 advance registration required. NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Mountain View. Call (800) 561-5161. www.SallyRideFestivals.com

WINTER FARMHOUSE TEAS Saturdays, Oct. 28, noon. Yerba Buena Nursery offers traditional Tea Service including sandwiches, scones, pastry and hot tea, served in the Farmhouse Great Room. Vegetarian option with advance notice. For ages 12 and up. Reservations required, close 2 days in advance. \$25. Yerba Buena Nursery, 19500 Skyline Blvd., Woodside. Call 851-1668. www.yerbabuenanursery.com

ART GALLERIES

"HANAMI" Two Bay Area artists are featured in this exhibition honoring Hanami, the Japanese tradition of viewing flowers in season. Ceramics and sculpture by Shigemi Sanders and watercolor painting by Miyoko Mizuno through Oct. 21. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos.

"PENINSULA SCENES" ACRYLICS BY ROBINSON Through Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; artist reception Oct. 14, noon-4 p.m. Paintings of local landscapes. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

ALLEGRO GALLERY Paintings by Semion Mirkin tribute to the Belle Epoch. Through Oct. 31. Free. Allegro Framing, 3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-4300. www.allegroframing.com

BIRDS AND BASKETS Gourd sculptures by artist, Rebecca Black display Oct. 24-Nov. 18. The exhibit features hard-shelled gourds as bird sculptures, bird mask hangings, and baskets. Meet the artist at the opening reception Fri., Oct. 27, 5-8 p.m. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos.

COLORS OF OUR COAST Plein air oil paintings of Diana Jaye present the vivid colors of the coastline. Through Nov. 11. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. Call 799-6900. www.viewpointsgallery.com

FAN HO 100 PHOTOGRAPHS A journey through Hong Kong during the 1950's and 1960's. Exhibit coincides with the release of Modernbook Editions' publication of a new book by Fan Ho, "Hong Kong Yesterday." Through Nov. 2. Free. Modernbook Gallery, 494 University Ave., Palo Alto. Call 327-6325. www.modernbook.com

HIGH AND OUTSIDE Painters David Ivan Clark, Ashlee Ferlito, and Ann Hogle and video artist Melissa Day. Work reveals that the landscape remains an abiding, magnetic presence in our lives, inspiring a variety of art. Tue.-Sat., Oct. 19-Nov. 22. Free. Spur Projects, 888 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 529-2040. www.SpurProjects.com

JOCK STURGES "IN COLOR" Recent color photographs by photographer Jock Sturges. Through Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Stellar Somerset Gallery, 539 Bryant St., Palo Alto. www.stellarsomersetgallery.com

SCALENE Photography exhibition by Alejandra Chaverri through Nov. 20; artist's reception Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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SOCIETY OF LOCAL ARTISTS' FALL SHOW Juried by Marian Parmentor, SFMOMA Artist Gallery Director. Exhibition on display Thu.-Sat., through Oct. 28. Art21 Gallery, 539 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call (888) 330-6177 ext. 104. www.svlocalartists.org

TERCERA GALLERY Featuring new tables by Chris Bowman, new jewelry by Kristin Lora and Brooke Marks-Swanson through Nov. 2. Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tercera Gallery, 534 Ramona St., Palo Alto. Call 322-5324. www.terceragallerypaloalto.com

AUDITIONS

PENINSULA POPS ORCHESTRA OPENINGS For advanced players of all instruments. Rehearsals Tuesdays, through Dec. 31, 7-10 p.m. Call for appointment. Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road Room M1, Palo Alto. Call 856-8432. www.peninsulapops.org

BENEFITS

"ANYTHING GOES" Presented by TheatreWorks. Costume fundraiser features cocktails and dinner by McCall Associates, dancing to David Martin's Houseparty, and a live auction featuring arts items. Oct. 21, 6 p.m. TheatreWorks Scene Shop, 1110 Hamilton Ct., Menlo Park. Call 463-7125. www.theatreworks.org

"WALK FOR CHILDREN" Custom Fitness invites you to help raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. 3-5 mile walk/

run. Oct. 28, 8 a.m. \$20. Custom Fitness, 650 Castro St., # 108, Mountain View. Call 210-8018. www.custom-fitness.com

BLOOMINGDALE'S SHOPPING BENEFIT Hosted by the Family Service Agency of San Mateo County. Stanford Shopping Center's annual Shopping Benefit. Shopping, entertainment, prizes and savings. Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Bloomingdale's Stamford Shopping Center, 1 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. Call 403-4300, ext. 4401. www.familyserviceagency.org

GALLOPING GALA Benefiting the National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy, the largest hippotherapy program in the United States. Featuring a reception, a demonstration of hippotherapy, dinner and dancing. Cocktail attire. Oct. 21, 5:30-10:30 p.m. \$175. Menlo Circus Club, 190 Park Lane, Atherton. Call 851-2271.

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH Peninsula Beauty Supply will donate a percentage of proceeds from selected products during October. Peninsula Beauty Supply, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Redwood City. www.cbhp.org

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH Brighton Collectibles features an exclusive Breast Cancer Bracelet, designed for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2006. Brighton Collectibles will make a contribution to Community Breast Health Project for each bracelet sold. Through Oct. 31. Brighton Collectibles, Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. www.cbhp.org

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Altos, Palo Alto. www.cbhp.org

RHYTHM OF AUTUMN 2006 Oct. 21, 5-8 p.m. Hosted by Peninsula Stroke Association. To benefit programs for stroke survivors and caregivers. The event will be in honor of Dr. Hewlett Lee. We will feature Ehlers Estate wine bar, strolling dinner, auctions, and musical performances. \$50. Community School of Music & Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 565-8485. www.psastroke.org

THEATREWORKS FUNDRAISING GALA Costume fundraiser incorporates elements from costume and set design to live entertainment. Choose a costume from a past production to wear to the party. Dinner, dancing and a live auction. Oct. 21, 6 p.m. \$250-\$500. TheatreWorks' Menlo Park Scene Shop, 1110 Hamilton Place, Menlo Park. Call 463-7125.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

ACUPUNCTURE TALK "FACTS AND FICTION" Tue., Oct. 24, 7-8 p.m. Ciana Salon & Spa, 107 Main St., Los Altos. www.peninsulaacupuncture.com

FLORAL ARRANGING WITH THE GARDEN AND WOODLAND HARVEST Demonstration and hands-on instruction will be provided for making floral arrangements made with Toyon Berry, Buckeye, Snow Berry, and a harvest of squashes and peppers to use accessories. Participants will make their own creative arrangement to take home. Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$60 members/\$75 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

MEDICARE D ISSUES Dr. Mary Lou DeNatale,

Associate Professor of Nursing, University of San Francisco conducts a research project on Medicare D Prescription Plans. Interviews will be scheduled following the meeting. Oct. 26, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 903-6330.

NUNO FELTING A process melding loose fiber, usually wool, into a sheer fabric. Create flexible, lightweight wearable art or a decorative piece using Merino wool on silk. Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$85. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

STANFORD DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP A Stanford University study of Diabetes Self-Management. Learn to manage your symptoms and avoid or delay complications. Saturdays, through Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, Park Pavilion, room K, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 1-800-366-2624.

TAP RHYTHMS CLASSES Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Beginning and intermediate classes. Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Intermediate/advanced class. Students at this level should have knowledge of tap basics. Advance registration required. Dragon Theatre, 539 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 468-4872. www.oculusdanceworks.com

TYING IT ALL TOGETHER: TOOLS AND FIBER OF CALIFORNIA INDIANS Students will explore native plants, such as dogbane and elderberry that were used by California's native people for tools and fiber. Look at samples of different tools and make a sample of cordage to take home. Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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"50 YEARS OF STYLE" Stanford Shopping Center Anniversary Celebration to honor the people and events that have shaped the center over the past 50 years. Includes a fashion show, silent auction, art and wine exhibit, live music, free giveaways and more. Oct. 21-22, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Stanford Shopping Center, 680 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. Call 617-8591. www.stanfordshop.com

"GOING PLACES" MENLO-ATHERTON H.S. SENIOR FASHION SHOW Oct. 21, noon, 4 and 7:30 p.m. Over 200 seniors modeling fashions from more than 30 local merchants. Noon tickets \$50; 4 and 7:30 p.m. adults \$15/students \$10. Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 814-0411. www.mabears.org

HARVEST CRAFT FAIRE A selection of quality, hand crafted items made by 65 artisans. Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Child care available Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sponsored by United Methodist Women. Proceeds support local/global missions. Free. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call (408) 245-4446.

LEAGUE FORUM ON BALLOT INITIA-

TIVES The League of Women Voters of Los Altos-Mountain view hosts its second free educational forum on the pros and cons of the 13 statewide initiatives on the September ballot. Mon., Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Free. Foothills Congregational Church, 461 Orange Ave., Los Altos. Call 041-4846. www.lwvlamb.org

STANFORD HABITAT HOME RUN 2006 Annual 5K/10K charity walk/run. \$25 day of event. Oct. 21, 7:45-11 a.m. Stanford Pac 10 Plaza, Stanford Stadium, Stanford. Call (818) 378-5986. www.stanford.edu/group/habitat/homerun2006.html

CONCERTS

BADI ASSAD, GUITARIST, SINGER AND PERCUSSIONIST Blends her native Brazilian style with a multitude of ethnic sounds. Her voice is often accompanied by mouth and rhythmic body percussion. Oct. 25, 8 p.m. \$40/\$36. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Dr., Stanford. Call 725-2787. livelylearts.stanford.edu

ECYS ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERTS David Kim, concertmaster of the world famous Philadelphia Orchestra, headlines El Camino Youth Symphony's Annual Benefit Concerts in two performances of Bruch's Scottish Fantasy. The Symphony will also perform Barber's Overture to School for Scandal, and Dvorak's Symphony from the New World. Oct. 22, 8 p.m. \$30/\$20. Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 327-2611. www.ecys.org

MASTER SINFONIA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT Maestro David Ramadanoff, guest conductor Pamela Martin, and soloist Paul Schrage for MSCO's first concert of the season. Program highlights Mozart's Overture to Marriage of Figaro and Symphony No. 35, as well as Copland's Quiet City and Robert Shumann's Piano Concerto in A minor. Oct. 21, 8-10 p.m. \$18 at the door. Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 348-1270. www.mastersinfonia.org

PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S 41ST SEASON Program includes works by Corelli, Boccherini, Mendelssohn, and contemporary composer Hilary Tann. Guest soloist on the Boccherini Concerto will be Bay Area cellist Dana Putnam Fonteneau. Oct. 21, 8-10 p.m. \$12 adults/\$10 seniors/\$6 students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Dr., Stanford. Call 856-3848. www.pacomusic.org

DANCE

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING Traditional and modern set dances to live music. Beginners welcome; no partner required. \$9. First, third and fifth Wednesdays, through June, 8-10 p.m. Flex-It Studios, 425 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 493-6012. www.bacds.org/series/english/mountain_view/

SUNDAY MORNING BAREFOOT BOOGIE A volunteer dance cooperative, hosts a 2-hour barefoot boogie. A mix of world music, rock and folk. All ages welcome; under 16 with adult supervision. Sundays, through Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$10-\$20. Flex-It Gym Dance Studio, 425 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 326-8331.

EXHIBITS

UNSTABLE LANDSCAPE Paintings and drawings by Miriam Hitchcock. The Community School of Music and Arts' Mohr Gallery displays a mix of art by local and international artists, faculty and students. Sponsored by Heritage Bank of Commerce. Through Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

YOU AND ME YOGA Yoga for infants-age 5 and a parent or guardian. Oct. 31-Dec. 18, 9:30-10:15 a.m. \$15. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 969-4110. www.livelyfoundation.org

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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

DESSA ROSE Presented by TheatreWorks. Directed by Robert Kelly. A tale of pride and perseverance from the creators of Ragtime. Through Oct. 29; \$20-\$60; Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays-Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

HISTORY OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY Video lectures by Prof. Bart Ehrman, Chair, Dept. of Religious Studies at UNC, Chapel Hill. Discussion following video. Sundays, through Nov.

19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pre-registration preferred. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. www.uucpa.org
"KABBALAH: A LOVE STORY" By Judaic scholar Rabbi Lawrence Kushner. Oct. 23, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 988-9800. www.eastwest.com

TALKS/AUTHORS

"COMMUNICATING WITH ORCAS: THE WHALES' PERSPECTIVE" Marine naturalist, telepathic animal communicator and author Mary J. Getten offers a look into the world of whales. Oct. 21, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 988-9800. www.eastwest.com

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PERSPECTIVE" Dhillon Khosla, author of "Both Sides Now" shares the story of his transition from female to male. Oct. 22, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 988-9800. www.eastwest.com

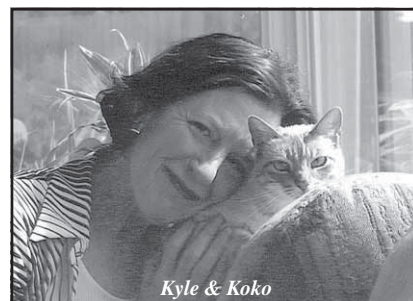
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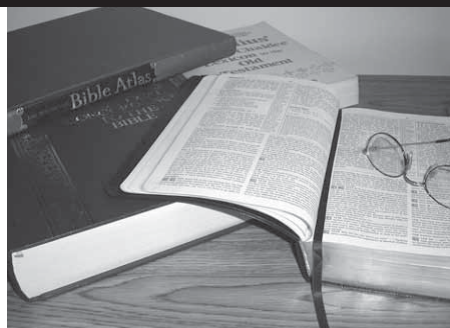
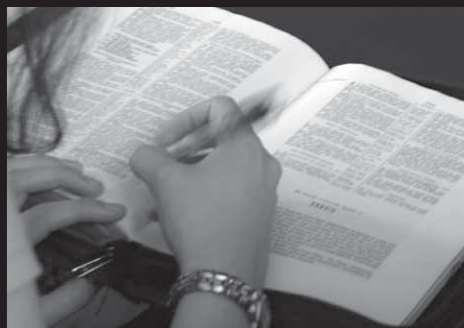
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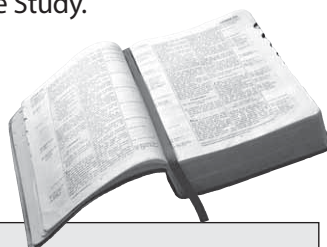
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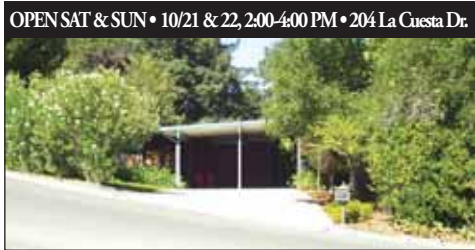
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