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DESIGNATED DRIVER: Team Orange project leader Jonathan Stark (left) and University Of Illinois professor Eyal Amir stand on the running board of their new Ford Escape Hybrid, which uses high-tech gear to drive itself. The Escape will race in the 2007 Urban Challenge, which pits autonomous vehicles against each other in an urban setting. **See story, page 5.**

First look at Home Depot plans

MONTA LOMA RESIDENTS FEAR IMPACT ON SAN ANTONIO, CENTRAL

By Daniel DeBolt

The public got its first peek at Home Depot's plans for the old Sears site in the San Antonio Center during a Monta Loma Neighborhood Association meeting last week.

At the meeting, it was explained that the proposed 127,000-square-foot store, the same size as the current Sears, will be unlike any other Home Depot ever built.

"We are exploring the idea of a store concept that focuses more on design and decor than a typical Home Depot," company spokesperson Kathy Gallagher wrote in an e-mail. "Sort of a hybrid between a Home Depot and Expo." Expo is Home

Depot's chain of stores focused on interior design.

After 11 years of trying to bring its business to Mountain View, Home Depot still arouses skepticism in some residents, who say they doubt it will be a trustworthy and decent neighbor.

"It's too early to tell," said Elna Tymes, president of the Monte Loma group.

Concerns were raised about the store's impact on traffic.

At the meeting concerns were raised about the store's impact on traffic, small businesses and noise. Residents say any excess noise would be within earshot of the Crossings, a large development nearby on San Antonio Road and Central Expressway. Gallagher said the company will abide by city requirements to restrict delivery times, which must be approved in detail by the city council.

Small businesses have yet to voice an opinion about the Home Depot. Residents at the meeting raised concerns about Bauer's Lumber Supply and Barron Park Plumbing Supply being able to compete with the big-box store.

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It's open space for Cuesta Annex

AFTER LIVELY DISCUSSION,
PLAYING FIELDS RULED
OUT IN 5-1 COUNCIL VOTE

By Daniel DeBolt

The nearly decade-long fight to preserve open space at the Cuesta Annex all but ended Tuesday night, when the city council voted 5-1 for Plan B, which preserves most of the 12.5-acre park as is, and pointedly omits any hope that playing fields will be developed there.

The plan would permit adding a heritage orchard, community gardens, a history museum and a new type of grass on the front meadow for "non-organized sports."

After public comment, no one seemed to be able to guess how the council would vote, and many were on the edge of their seat as members commented on each option.

First, council members Mike Kasperzak and Matt Pear showed support for Plan B. That's when Greg Perry, in his second-to-last meeting as a council member, expressed frustration.

"Sometimes I wonder if we're a deliberative body or if we should just mail it in," Perry said.

Perry expressed interest in a plan that would allow both "organized sports" and "unorganized sports."

Then it was council member Laura Macias' turn. She said she didn't want to combine too many uses, because that would add up to less. "It's hard to combine them all. "You end up with mush," she said.

Council member Tom Means said he wasn't sure how to vote yet, but said "the site is very neglected" and expressed interest in playing fields mixed with open space, noting examples in Golden Gate Park

and New York's Central Park.

Mayor Nick Galiotto said he was in favor of preserving Mountain View's past with a museum and heritage orchard, a window to what the city looked like when he first arrived in 1961. With the remarks by Galiotto, who represented the fourth vote necessary to pass Plan B, an audible sigh of relief came from the audience.

Throughout the planning

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Don't hang it up yet

INCOMING HOUSE
SPEAKER PELOSI HAS
BACKED PRESERVATION
OF HANGAR ONE

By Daniel DeBolt

Recent developments, including the mid-term elections, have resulted in an improved outlook for those working to save Hangar One.

The first development came from the Navy, which is trying to address the hangar's environmental problems, including the toxic PCBs being leached out of its siding. At a Restoration Advisory Board meeting last week, the Navy announced

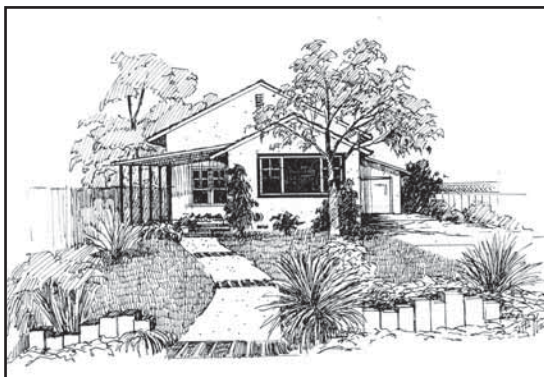
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AROUND TOWN

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

What is your favorite aspect of Thanksgiving?



"Turkey, pumpkin pie, and seeing all my family that I don't usually get to see."

Dominic Steil, San Mateo



"I love Thanksgiving because of all the food."

Sara Allen, Sunnyvale



"There are many things I love about Thanksgiving. I love the food and the fact that the holiday doesn't have as much pressure placed upon it as Christmas."

Abigail van Roode, Mountain View



"I came here 10 years ago from Peru and picked up the cultural holiday. I like the day because there is nothing wrong with a fiesta."

Jonathon Cotte, Milpitas



"Thanksgiving is great because it is less commercial than the other holidays. I also love sitting with family."

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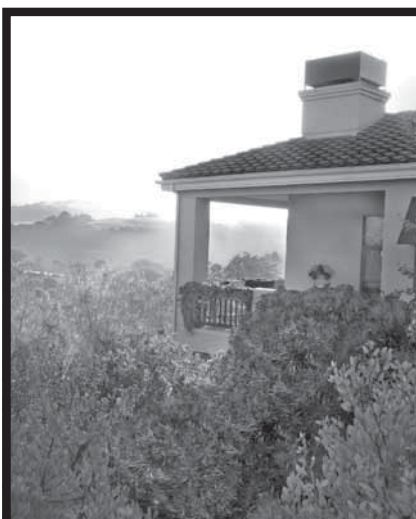
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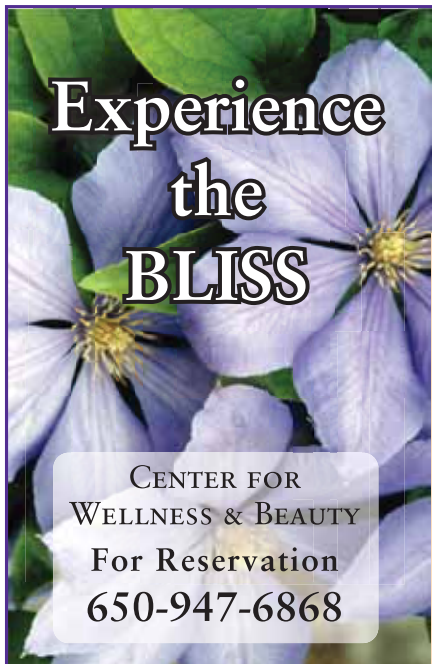
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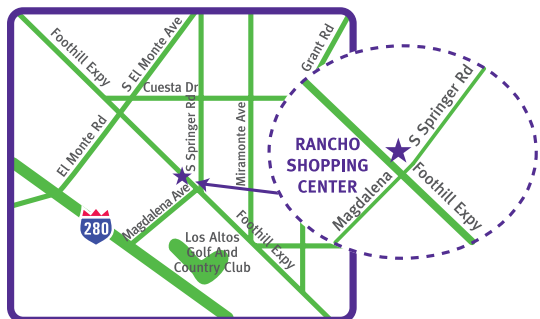
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BARBARA BERNSTEIN SAYS SHE'S ENJOYING
LIFE TO THE FULLEST AT CSMA

By Amber Cleave

What did Barbara Bernstein want to be when she grew up? "A physicist or a veterinarian."

"So much for childhood ambitions," she says now.

As she grew older though, Bernstein — now the assistant to the music school director at Community School of Music and Arts — learned that life for her wasn't about reaching a final or preconceived destination; it was about enjoying each experience that presents itself.

"Someone once told me, 'If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans,'" Bernstein said.

Her work life has included a myriad of professions. Bernstein has been a librarian, a technical writer and editor, a published author and, in the early 1980s, an information broker. Although her jobs have covered a wide range, the common threads of music, information and organization have run throughout.

The last three years of Bernstein's life have been spent working as assistant to the music school director at CSMA. Her main responsibility is to set up students with private music lessons and to orient new families to the school.

To her delight, one of the first tasks she took on at CSMA was to create a music library. The room where the library is now housed was stacked floor to ceiling with hundreds of boxes of unsorted music. It took her four months with the help of a Stanford intern to catalog 5,000 pieces of music, and she believes there are at least 20,000 pieces left to go.

"It is a true labor of love," Bernstein said.

Bernstein is also a student at the school. She has played piano her whole life, and for the last year and a half has taken private lessons at CSMA with distinguished teacher Ludmila Kurtova.

"Music is a large part of my life. As a result, this is the perfect place for me to work," she said.

When asked about her next goal in life, Bernstein said she will never stop planning, thinking, growing, dreaming, or being excited about life.

"When people cease to dream, they cease to exist," said Bernstein. "I feel as open to possibilities as I did when I was younger. CSMA is a wonderful place to be now and I have no idea where I will be next." ▀

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



Happy T-Day

By Don Frances

JOHN AKKAYA says he picked up the idea for his incredible generosity — each Thanksgiving, anybody and everybody who walks through the door of his restaurant will be treated to a free turkey dinner — many years ago in Chicago.

The owner of a restaurant there, where Akkaya worked as a waiter, offered free Thanksgiving dinners to anybody who showed up. Akkaya was impressed.

“I promised myself when I open a restaurant, I will do the same thing,” he told me.

And so he has. For 10 years now, Mr. Akkaya has been faithfully carrying on the tradition at his restaurant, Ristorante Don Giovanni. (He did so for eight years before that, as well, at a restaurant he owned in Burlingame.) It's just his way of giving thanks.

Don Giovanni will serve the turkey dinners from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Thanksgiving Day, which falls on Nov. 23. Although the downtown establishment needs no introduction, its exact address is 235 Castro St. Call (650) 961-9749 for more information.

HOW 'BOUT THEM Niners? Better yet, how 'bout them Mountain View 49ers?

With all the upheaval in San Francisco lately, talk of where to put a new stadium for the wayward team has drifted to our very own Moffett Field.

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If you're wondering where exactly the stadium would go, Steve Williams — a Mountain View pilot and Moffett Field enthusiast — turns over a few ideas on his blog, www.nuqu.org. One idea puts the stadium on the runways, but Williams calls that short-sighted:

“With very light jets about to revolutionize air travel, I believe the runways will be a major asset to our cities before

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NICHOLAS JENSEN

Rain drops rest on a red maple leaf during a rain storm Monday morning in Mountain View.

A saving grace for local youth

CHAC COUNSELS FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND TEENS TO HELP THEM DEAL WITH DIFFICULT TIMES

By Amber Cleave

It's a measure of the quality of CHAC, the Community Health Awareness Council, that employees there are so passionate about their work. Most supervisors began as interns, and have been working at CHAC for at least 15 years.

CHAC serves adolescents and their families in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Most of its counseling takes place on the campuses of 24 local schools, though work is also done at its facility, located at 711 Church St. in Mountain View.

Their programs address a variety of emotional problems in children and teens that affect their

health, well being and academic performance. These problems can lead to alcohol and drug abuse, physical and psychological abuse, gang participation, teenage pregnancy and a number of other destructive behaviors.

“Our job requires dedication and conviction. Children need the services we offer,” said Mary White, an Associate Director of Clinical Services who has been with the nonprofit organization for over 20 years.

CHAC — one of six local nonprofit organizations supported by the Voice Holiday Fund this season — plans to

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Team Orange: No driver needed

LOCAL GEEK SQUAD HELPING TO DEVELOP ROBOT-DRIVEN VEHICLE

By Alexa Tondreau

In a driveway on the east side of Mountain View, Jonathan Stark is standing next to the wave of the future. An engineer by trade, Stark has spent the past year with like-minded friends and a team of experts to perfect a car that thinks for itself.

This car of the future looks a lot like a standard automobile. But there are very important dif-

ferences.

For example, there are two small cameras installed on the roof, and a box that Stark says holds a state-of-the-art GPS tracking system. Inside, a laptop computer is hooked up to the console, and it can monitor all of the car's functions. And although there is a driver's seat, it won't need to have a driver in it — because this car can (more or less) drive itself.

“It can make its own decisions,” Stark assures. “We give it certain checkpoints to follow, but the car is its own designated driver.”

Stark is part of a group of scientists and engineers, including friends and colleagues from Mountain View and a group from the University of Illinois, who call themselves Team Orange.

► See **ROBOT CAR**, page 12

■ NEWS BRIEFS

ANOTHER CALTRAIN FATALITY IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

A train fatally struck a pedestrian on the tracks in Mountain View last Saturday night in what Caltrain officials are calling an apparent suicide, according to Jonah Weinberg, Caltrain public information officer.

The train struck a male pedestrian at 8:15 p.m. Nov. 11, less than half a mile from the Mountain View station, Weinberg said.

Passengers on the train were sent back to the station, located at 600 W. Evelyn Ave., where they were picked up by the next train at about 10 p.m., Weinberg said.

The Santa Clara County Coroner will make the final determination as to whether the man's death was a suicide.

Fourteen people have died on the tracks so far this year. The Caltrain board recently decided to allot millions of dollars in upgrades to improve safety at its train crossings.

— *Bay City News*

ELECTION GAP WIDENS BETWEEN INKS, SIEGEL

Nearly a week after the Nov. 7 election, the results have still not been finalized, though the gap between Jac Sigel and John Inks has widened from 129 votes to 289 votes.

Inks had all but conceded the vote on Nov. 8, though he added that “anything could happen.”

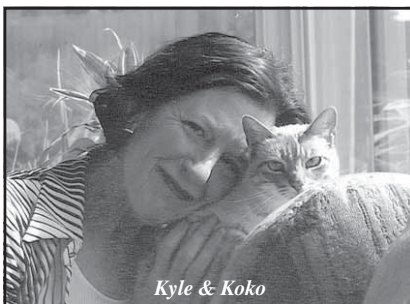
The latest update as of press time was made Nov. 13, and showed Sigel with 6,270 votes and Inks with 5,981.

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has 28 days after an election to count provisional ballots. The count is updated every Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m. The results can be viewed at www.sccgov.org/elections/results/nov2006/.

— *Daniel DeBolt*

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— FRAN THEISS,

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■ CRIME WATCH

GRAND THEFT, WAL-MART, 600 SHOWERS DR., 11/8

A Hispanic man was shopping at Wal-Mart when, at about 4:30 p.m., two other Hispanic men approached him and declared that they had won the lottery. They said they weren't citizens, so they couldn't claim the lottery money. They asked the shopper to help them out by fronting them the money to cover the taxes and by claiming the winnings. In return, they said, they would share the prize money. He withdrew several thousands of dollars from his bank account and gave it to the two men, who then ran away with his cash.

ARMED HOME INVASION ROBBERY, 1600 BLOCK GRANT RD., 11/8

At about 4:20 p.m., two suspects entered a house on Grant Road and forced their way into a bedroom. There was a male in his 20s in the bedroom. Other family members were home as well, but they exited the house as soon as they noticed the intrusion. One man pulled out a handgun and forced the man in the bedroom to lie down on the floor. After that, the two intruders fled the home. Residents claim that nothing was taken.

■ POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

- 2200 block Latham St., 11/07
- 1500 block Middlefield Rd., 11/07
- 1500 West El Camino Real, 11/09
- Comfort Inn, 11/09
- 0 block Fairchild Dr., 11/11
- Century 16 Cinema, 11/11
- 2600 block Terminal Blvd., 11/12
- 400 block Esquela Ave., 11/12
- 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., 11/12
- 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., 11/13

BATTERY

- 600 block Leksich Ave., 11/07
- 1000 block Space Park Way, 11/07
- 400 block Oak St., 11/07
- 10 block Ada Ave., 11/07
- California St./Showers Dr. 600 block Showers Dr., 11/11
- 1000 Boranda Ave., 11/12

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

- Target, 11/10
- 2200 block Latham St., 11/11

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

- 1000 block Space Park Way, 11/10
- 400 block Stierlin Rd., 11/13

GRAND THEFT

- 500 block Logue Ave., 11/07
- 7-11 Rengstorff Ave., 11/07
- 20 block Castro St., 11/07
- 10 block San Antonio Circle, 11/10
- 1500 block West Middlefield Rd., 11/10
- 1100 block Castro St., 11/12
- 300 block Ellis St., 11/12
- 800 block Leong Dr., 11/13

STOLEN VEHICLE

- 400 block Tyrella Ave., 11/07
- 200 block Evandale Ave., 11/07
- 1600 Ednamary Way, 11/07
- 600 block Showers Dr., 11/07
- 20 block Annie Laurie Ave, 11/07
- 1900 block California St., 11/09
- Avis Rent A Car, 11/10
- 150 N. Shoreline blvd., 11/11
- 300 block Tyrella Ave., 11/13

VANDALISM

- 2200 block California St., 11/07
- Castro School, 11/13
- 900 block W. Middlefield Rd., 11/13
- 800 block N. Rengstorff Ave., 11/13
- California St./Jennifer Ct. 400 block Castro St., 11/13

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Life lessons at Girls' Middle School

'INTERSESSION' COURSES GIVE BREADTH TO STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE LARGER WORLD

By Amber Cleave

The Girls' Middle School in Mountain View might be small, but the learning that takes place there goes far beyond a standard curriculum. Since the school opened in 1998, it has made great advancements in its courses, which are geared specifically towards adolescent girls.

One example is "Intercession," a special weeklong program held twice yearly — once in the fall and once in the spring — which puts normal sixth and seventh grade courses on hold for special classes and seminars designed to enhance the girls' knowledge of the outside world.

"You can see the children soaking up the information," said Karen Latch, a parent and volunteer at the Girls' Middle School, or GMS.

The most recent Intercession was held earlier this month, offering the students one morning and one afternoon class of their choice. This time the selection included surfing, photography, story making, the universe, India, chocolate, and woodworking, to name a few.

The girls were able to discover the Santa Cruz surf breaks and learn to ride waves; create a story using the digital movie-making program Sims; beautify a local bathroom; learn about the universe and the Big Bang; and experience the world through the eye of a camera lens.

"It was one crazy week," said Chris King, Intercession coordinator.

At the end of the week, on Friday, Nov. 3, an assembly was held where the girls presented their work. There were 11 short presentations and eight different display tables. The tables included nature in art, which incorporated bugs created out of nuts and leaves; chocolate, with delicate truffles and cookies to be consumed by all; and quilting, with an array of colorful, intricate pillows designed by the girls.

"I had never done this before, and the instructor was so clear," said Dennyce Martinez, a sixth grader and Mountain View resident who participated in quilting. "I love this school."

The India presentation involved a demonstration of what the girls learned throughout the week. They opened their discussion by



A student at GMS practices woodworking during "Intercession."

saying "Namaste," the Indian salutation. Their week was spent learning Indian folkdance, shopping with the goal of learning about Indian culture and attire, understanding Hinduism, and discovering henna. Symbolism was a main topic discussed throughout the week.

"I try to dispel stereotypes and expose similarities between cultures," said Mona Vijaykar, who taught the Intercession course on India. "The week was an enriching experience for me and the girls."

Latch, the parent volunteer, said both Intercession and GMS receive a great deal of help from parents.

"The parents are so involved and they are a real part of the school," she said.

Cheryl Hogan, who carries the title of "development associate" for GMS, said the children are to thank for the success of Intercession.

"I am constantly amazed at what they accomplish," she said. "They never seem to doubt that they can accomplish whatever they set their minds to."

Studies have shown that girls are more proactive and assertive in a non-coed environment. With this in mind, Kathleen Bennett, founder of GMS, had a vision of a school that would nurture the emotional and academic needs of young girls in a world of competition and technology. During Intercession, students get to explore the world around them to the utmost degree.

The school serves grades six through eight — and during Intercession, the oldest girls are not left out of the fun.

"During this week," said Deb Hof, head of the school, "the eighth grade girls are in Mexico on a 10-day cultural and language immersion." ▣

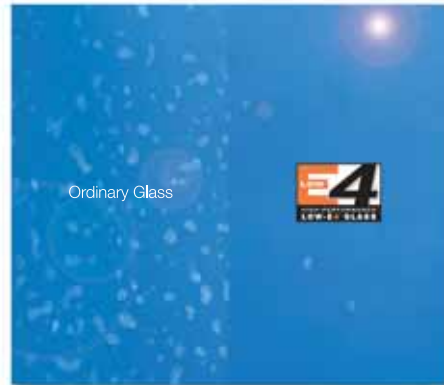
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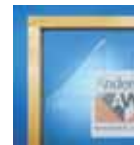
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Hangar One

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that its initial \$12 million estimate to demolish the historic hangar was too low, hinting that bids from contractors on the project came in at least \$6 million higher. Disclosure of the higher bid gives advocates some leverage in the fight to save the hangar

Then came Election Day, with the Democrats set to take over the House. As a result, San Francisco-based Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi — one of 11 government officials who signed a letter in support of preserving the hangar earlier this year — is expected to be elected speaker in a few weeks.

“She’s in a position to stop it [the demolition] cold,” said Bob Moss, co-chair of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board, or RAB, about the possibility of demolition. “That’s what the speaker can do. The Pelosi effect is going to have an impact.”

At the Nov. 9 RAB meeting the significance of the higher demolition expense was not immediately apparent. The big news of the night was expected to be the Navy’s announcement of when the long-awaited revision of the Environmental Evaluation and Cost Analysis was to be released, which the Navy’s Rick Weissenborn said would be early next spring or late summer.

The important detail revealed at the meeting that many preservation advocates noted was that the Navy’s initial estimates were not within the range of actual bids that came in from contractors. While Weissenborn did not explicitly state that demolition was going to cost 50 percent more, he did discuss demolition costs in particular, saying that the hangar’s 17.5 acres of siding would have to be taken apart and encapsulated before being shipped off site for disposal.

Later, Weissenborn would not confirm the new bid over the phone, saying only that the original estimate “was low.”

A NASA study that many believed to be more thorough estimated that demolition would be more like \$30 million, while new siding would cost an estimated \$27 million.

Along with another preservationist, Steve Williams, Moss believes the Navy bid is at least \$18 million after hearing Weissenborn’s remarks.

“He’s been very tight-lipped for the last few months,” Moss said. “We can’t get anything straight from him.”

Weissenborn did say the cost for demolition was lower than NASA’s estimate of \$30 million, which could put the contractor’s bid somewhere between \$18 and \$30 million.

The comments at the meeting seemed to confirm the suspicion of preservationists that the Navy was hoping to present the numbers so that demolition would look like the more reasonable option. Advocates believe the Navy, which has left Moffett Field, would like the hangar to be demolished so that it can’t pose new environmental problems in the future.

The Navy also plans to add two more options for Hangar One in its revised report, for a total of 15 options, up from 13 in the last analysis. The two new options are for coatings, one made from epoxy, the other, silicone. Moss said he believed this signaled the Navy was starting to lean more towards restoration.

A temporary coating applied a few years ago is already showing some rust in one area, and something must be done by 2008 to stop PCBs from contaminating the ground water, Weissenborn said. NASA regularly monitors the hangar’s rain run-off. ■

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Many challenges ahead for Mayfield project

By Daniel DeBolt

When three new city council members take office Jan. 9, it may mean some changes are in store for the controversial, high-density Mayfield housing development, which must come back to council for some final decisions next year even though the project was approved in June. Mayfield developers will seek feedback on nearly complete plans as early as February.

During the campaign, several council candidates, including winner Jac Siegel, had expressed interest in getting more park space for the development to top off the minimum requirement of three acres the city council seemed inclined towards in June.

"Yes, I will look into what we [council] can do to have more parks there," Siegel wrote in an e-mail Tuesday.

Incoming council member Ronit Bryant, a known advocate for parks, said she would

be looking at the project with a fresh pair of eyes to improve the quality of life for the people living in and around Mayfield.

Mayor Nick Galiotto agreed there is an apparent shift in direction on the council because of the newly elected members.

"There's certainly a possibility that would be revisited," Galiotto said about Mayfield's parks. "But we wouldn't want to have a significant setback on moving forward with the project. The value of the land as a starting point obviously is a significant consideration."

At a recent Monta Loma Neighborhood Association meeting, just as much time was taken to discuss Mayfield as was the presentation for Home Depot. Association president Elna Tymes called the lack of solid plans "sketchy."

But plans for Mayfield's architecture seem to be well received for the most part, said Mark Hirth, project manager for Toll

Brothers, which is developing the project. The buildings will have low-pitched roofs, large overhangs and unique window configurations to match Monta Loma's unique homes. "It's non-traditional, more modern, sleek, linear, a little bit of Frank Lloyd Wright," Hirth said.

Toll Brothers hopes to have significant plans for the site finished by the end of 2006, and aims to hold city council study sessions in February 2007 to receive feedback, "so we can change course before we are too deep into this thing," Hirth said. "It's a full court press. It's our goal to have much more submittal before end of the year."

The project may come to council in as many as four phases, with the first phase being the single-family homes around the perimeter bordering the existing neighborhood. Hirth said Toll Brothers aims to have the titlement process finished by fall 2007, and permits approved in spring 2008. Demolition of the old mall

could begin in spring 2008, Hirth said.

At the MLNA meeting on Nov. 9, it was revealed that resident's concerns were correct about the water table preventing two levels of underground parking. Hirth said the site will likely have one level of parking underground with one more aboveground, which is a cheaper solution, but also may make it harder to squeeze the same number of units under the same height requirement for the three- and four-story buildings.

"We are really spending a great deal of time trying to find the right product mix that fits the intent and specifics of the precise plan and meets economic requirements of the site," Hirth said.

Another challenge is the Central Expressway pedestrian underpass, "a huge expensive item," Hirth said. "We have to figure a way to pay for that." ▀

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process, plans A and B seemed to be the favorites among the public. At Tuesday night's meeting, when Galiotto asked for a show of hands from the audience, playing field advocates again were outnumbered by a wide margin.

The motion eventually passed with only Macias opposing in a protest vote. She had supported an earlier motion for Plan B slightly different from one that three council members — Galiotto, Perry and Means — opposed due to lack of clarity. Perry pressed for a motion that made clear the possibility of new grass on the front meadow.

"I'm going to have to clear this courtroom if there is another outburst," Galiotto said jokingly, when the first speaker on open space, Kevin McBride, got a standing ovation and claps.

But as the line got longer at the podium and the night wore on, the embattled mayor got more serious.

"We've gotten e-mails, phone calls, heard testimony," he said. "Please don't repeat what others have said in front of you. You're just delaying the results of all your work."

Speaking in favor of a museum and heritage orchard at the site was Cristano Castro, the last person in the Castro family bloodline. The Castros were among the first settlers in the region, and much of Mountain View was built on their land.

Castro talked about how his family's villa at what is now Rengstorff Park was slated to be a museum in the 1960s before it burned down.

"That doesn't mean the idea of a museum to display our history should be lost," Castro said.

On the opposing side, a trio of high school students who spoke

at the meeting were opposed to any passive use of the site.

"Anything could be hiding out there," said Brian Ho, 16, a user of the tennis courts next to the Annex at night. "Parents would feel more comfortable if it was cleared."

During his talk, McBride, who spoke on behalf of the group Save Open Space, gave a thorough presentation complete with aerial photos of every playing field in the city. He said his group wasn't opposed to playing fields, but that there should be some balance.

A handful of people spoke for playing fields, including one representing AYSO soccer and others representing Little League baseball. One complained that the fields were worn at Bubb and Huff Schools from such heavy use.

One speaker in favor of playing fields invited McBride to Cooper School to see how coaches try and get there early every day to use the field ahead of other teams. He said many of the fields McBride pointed out, such those at neighboring St. Francis High School, do not allow use of their fields. Speakers also said the organized sports were important to the development of youth.

But several of those in favor of open space said it was also important for youth to have "unstructured play" in nature. One speaker cited a report claiming of 4,300 participants in organized sports on Mountain View fields, 2,051 are residents, while the rest come from Los Altos.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District also presented, with engineer Beau Goldie saying that a 12-acre, 15-foot basin was necessary at the Annex for flood prevention for homes north of El Camino Real in case of a 100-year flood. The council decided to leave that option off the table for now, but may revisit it later even though the opinion of city staff seemed to be that flood water could be detrimental to the trees in the Annex. ▀



An artist's depiction of the new Home Depot in the San Antonio Shopping Center, as presented by the building's architects.

HOME DEPOT

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A call to Barron Park Plumbing Supply found that owner's aren't worried, even though the new store is a short distance away.

"Everything they don't have we have right at their doorstep," said Paul Brunmeier, co-owner. "We're a different market. ... Everyone says, 'It will hurt you guys.' No, you have no idea how many people will come in."

Also nearby is Bauer's Lumber, where manager and owner Daryl Thom also told the *Voice* earlier this year that he is not concerned about a loss of business.

"A good portion of our client base is looking for something they [Home Depot] have a hard time delivering," Thom said.

Minton's Lumber and Avery Construction were involved in

the opposition to Home Depot's proposal in 2002, which would have used the Emporium site at Highway 85 and El Camino Real. Minton's has yet to announce any opposition to the new plan, but Brian Avery, who funded the 2002 opposition to Home Depot, said the current proposal would be a "win-win situation."

An analysis of traffic hasn't started yet, but Tymes said it's obvious that Home Depot, along with 500 more housing units at the old Mayfield Mall, will make traffic on San Antonio Road and Central Expressway even worse.

"Both roads have backups that are legendary," Tymes said. "I don't want to discourage business and housing but the problem is we don't have the infrastructure to support it."

Gallagher said the store would bring \$400,000 in annual fees

and sales taxes to the city budget. She also said Home Depot spends tens of millions of dollars on charity work, with local stores given a budget to donate as it chooses to local causes.

City planner Al Savay said it may be 12 months before Home Depot's plan can be brought before the city council for a vote and public hearing. Gallagher sounded more optimistic.

"We are very early in the process, but if everything goes according plan we will most likely get approvals in the fall of 2007, and begin construction shortly thereafter," she wrote in an e-mail.

Residents will have another chance to meet with Home Depot and the city Dec. 5. The location of the meeting has yet to be announced. ▀

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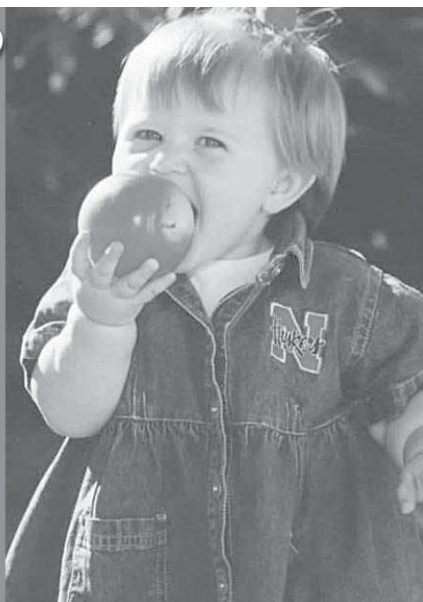


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The group is working fervently to build a totally autonomous car, one that can stop at lights and signs, navigate through traffic, and park, without any assistance from a human.

The car's system of interconnected computers includes one placed in a top-mounted carrier, another inside attached to the console and a third in the engine compartment. The computers will process information provided by the GPS tracking system, several sensors and the two video cameras. In all, the vehicle is priced somewhere in the \$40,000 range.

Stark explained that the "sensors are like eyes, and the computers are a brain. It's very human-like in some ways."

The segment of the team operating out of the University of Illinois is led by Eyal Amir, professor of computer science, who said the technology being developed by Team Orange (named after the U of I colors) is "the most clearly visible application of artificial intelligence in the last 20 years and for the future 20 years."

During the debut of their car last week at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Stark

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and Amir said they are confident that autonomous cars will flood the market one day, but admit such success could still be a decade or two away. Amir thinks that once the technology is streamlined, an autonomous car might cost \$10,000 more than a non-autonomous one, but that the additional cost would be well worth it.

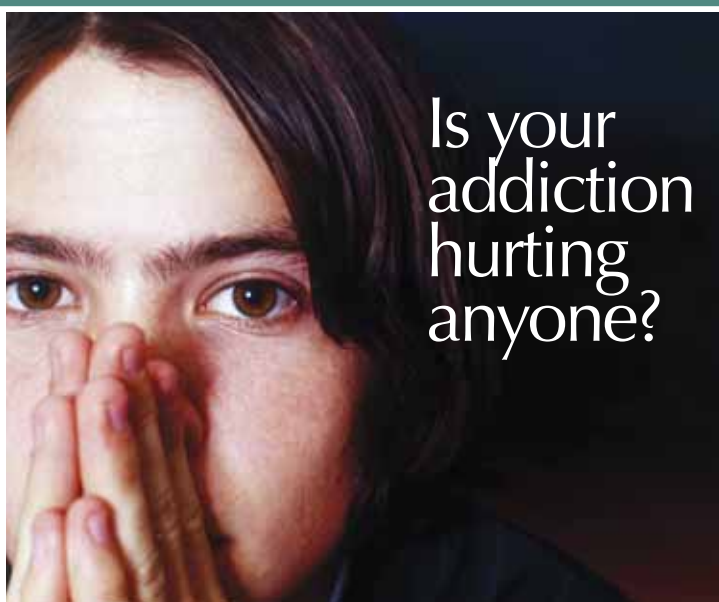
"You'd be able to actually enjoy the time in your car," Amir says. "During your commute you could read a book, sleep or work on a laptop. It would be just like having your own chauffeur."

Stark and Amir teamed up after meeting last year at an event called the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) Grand Challenge. The event, conceived two years ago by the Department of Defense, pits autonomous cars against each other in an off-road race. Stark has attended the Grand Challenge since its first year, when not a single car made it past the finish line. Last year, out of the 43 teams racing vehicles, only seven made it to the end.

But in the 2007 race, Team Orange will compete with 87 other teams over a much different course. First, rather than charging across a desert, the cars will cover a 60-mile urban course, negotiating obstacles such as simulated intersections and moving traffic. Not surprisingly, Stark is in the process of replacing the Escape's standard bumper with something a little more durable, should a collision occur.

Additionally, Stark and Amir report that the interest of universities like Stanford (which is backed financially by Volkswagen) other automobile companies and the Department of Defense, which offers research grants for certain teams to compete, should guarantee that the technology is better than ever and the competition far more fierce.

Everyday consumers already are seeing the beginning of vehicle autonomy with the introduction of the 2007 Lexus LS, which boasts a mechanism that allows the car to parallel park itself. Stark says the technology on the Lexus is actually fairly simple, and it provides a perfect example of a task that "can be very challenging for people, but pretty easy for computers. The computer just has to figure out what's in front of it and behind it." ■



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"We are really excited about this program because most of our work is K-12," said Kane. "It's great to start prevention with families at such a young age." ■

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Thousands expected for Mountain View Reading Day

By Alexa Tondreau

Mountain View's Reading Day has always been a huge success, and it's certain the 14th annual event this weekend will be no different.

The event will include a host of activities for young and old alike. On the first floor of the library, community leaders will be reading aloud. Graham students will read scary stories to younger children under the stairway, and city fire-

fighters and police officers will be reading out front, next to their vehicles. Stories will also be read in Russian, Hindi, Spanish and Chinese.

In the Community Room, children can watch a live puppet show of the classic "Puss 'n Boots," and clowns will be in the Children's Room to make balloon animals and hats.

The Reading Day Festival draws nearly 3,000 people every year, and all of the activities are

free. Pizza and drinks will be sold in the Bookmobile Garage at the back of the library, and new books and gifts will be available to purchase as well. Funds from all proceeds go to the Mountain View Library Foundation, which sponsors the festival.

The 14th Annual Reading Day will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mountain View Library, located at 585 Franklin Street. ▀

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Fran Theiss (right) answers a question for Albertine Yadegar (left) while tutoring her at Mountain View's Adult Education center on Tuesday. Theiss recently received the Jefferson Award for Public Service, a national award given to unsung heroes in the community.

Prestigious Jefferson Award for local tutor

FRAN THEISS HONORED FOR HER YEARS OF WORK TEACHING INMATES TO READ

By Alexa Tondreau

"It's been the best teaching experience I ever had," Fran Theiss says from her home in Los Altos, on the border of Mountain View, where she has lived for over 50 years.

Theiss is referring to her work at the Santa Clara County Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas, where she has tutored male inmates in adult literacy for the better part of a decade. Theiss, who is in her late 70s, is a seasoned professional, having taught in the San Jose Unified School District for 18 years.

"They are never tardy," she explains of the inmates, "they don't chew gum or sunflower seeds; they're nice as pie."

Besides Elmwood, Theiss also tutors at Adult School in Mountain View, teaching adults who are unable to read or write in English. As recognition for these efforts, Theiss is being honored as the recipient this month of the Jefferson Award for Public Service.

The award — bestowed by KPIX-TV, the San Francisco CBS affiliate, on behalf of the American Institute for Public Service — is meant to recognize unsung heroes of the community who have devoted their lives to making a difference.

Theiss, a graduate of Stanford in 1948 and mother to four daughters, was nominated by her youngest daughter, Mary Sanbrook, who says, "My mom isn't a person who took well to retirement. She decided to apply her teaching skills to a different class

of students, and she makes such a huge difference in their lives."

Almost every day of the week, Theiss can be found tutoring either at Elmwood or the Adult School, located on Moffett Boulevard, where she has volunteered for eight years. In both places, her specialty is adult literacy, and her students range from inmates who never received a formal education to immigrants who came to the Adult School to find help developing the skills needed to participate in a new culture.

By all accounts, Theiss is entirely devoted to her students and doesn't shy away from the most challenging cases. Jane Foglesong, director of the Adult School's Project A.B.L.E. (Adult Basic Literacy Education), claims that Theiss "will take any student that we assign her, including people who have never gone to school in their lives."

Currently, Theiss works with a woman named Albertin Yadegar several mornings a week at the Adult School. Yadegar is an Assyrian who emigrated from Iran with her family after experiencing years of ethnic persecution, and came to this country with three young children and no English language skills. Theiss has worked with her for three years, and says that "We're getting her ready to take the writing portion of the GED."

Speaking from her home in Cupertino, Yadegar said Theiss "absolutely" deserves the award for community service, adding, "She has always been good to me. I have never seen anything from

her except kindness."

Sanbrook cites her mother's creative teaching techniques as a way to bridge any socio-economic gaps that may exist between herself and her students. As an example, she describes an inmate whose hobby was trucks.

"She'll find out what a guy's interest is, in this case it was truck parts, and then she'll get trucker magazines and read them."

Sanbrook adds, "She fixes what needs to be fixed, and tailors her tutoring to maximize their time."

But for Theiss, who says she is "surprised and kind of delighted" by the award, her motivation has always been a belief that "we should give back to others what others give to us."

Theiss's volunteerism goes back to the days when her children were in diapers and she would push them around in strollers as she canvassed Los Altos and Mountain View neighborhoods with fliers for local charities. As her children got older, she says, she felt a need to "spread my wings more," and she attended San Jose State University to receive a master's in education.

Today, Theiss says, the media attention relating to the Jefferson Award, including an article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and a short piece of Channel 5, has been a fun experience, and she's enjoyed "being out and about, talking to different people."

Tomorrow, she'll be back to her students and her tutoring.

"At this stage in my life," Theiss says, "I'm free to do things I like. And I like to teach." ▀



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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Give locally with Holiday Fund

For many families, life in Silicon Valley means good jobs, good schools and a warm home to return to every night. But for a small number of local residents, that rosy scenario does not apply. They may be down on their luck and often are forced to seek help from the small safety net of local nonprofit agencies that offer food, shelter and other assistance to those in need.

These people are our neighbors who may have been laid off unexpectedly, who might have had a catastrophic illness, or suffer from addiction or mental health problems. They deserve our help.

One of the best ways for *Voice* readers to pitch in is by contributing to the Holiday Fund, which provides grants to six local nonprofit agencies. These are organizations which can offer a family a temporary home, arrange health care, or provide counseling to bring an end to the substance abuse that can cripple families and young children.

Last year, through the Holiday Fund, the *Voice* and its partners, the Wakerly Family Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, were able to raise \$46,000 for six local agencies. Half the contributions, \$23,000, was donated by *Voice* readers, which was matched dollar for dollar by the foundations. Each organization received \$7,600.

This year the Silicon Valley Community Foundation will hold and distribute the money, taking over for the Peninsula Community Foundation (which merged with the Community Foundation Silicon Valley earlier this year). No administrative costs or fees are deducted from Holiday Fund gifts, so 100 percent of all donations will be received by the nonprofit agencies.

Here are the organizations that will benefit from this year's Holiday Fund:

The Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos

The CSA assists homeless families and seniors with short-term housing and medical care. The shelter is a cooperative effort between 17 faith communities in Mountain View and Los Altos.

The Community Health Awareness Council

CHAC serves Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and seven school districts. It offers school-based programs to protect students from high-risk behaviors, such as drug and alcohol abuse.

Mountain View Rotacare Clinic

The Rotacare Clinic provides uninsured community residents with medical care and medications and is frequently the last resort for this underserved clientele.

Day Worker Center of Mountain View

The Day Worker Center provides a secure place for workers and employers to negotiate wages. It serves 50 or more workers per day with jobs, English lessons and guidance.

The Support Network for Battered Women

This group operates a 24-hour bilingual hotline and a safe shelter for women and their children. It also offers counseling and other services for families facing the problem of domestic violence.

Community School of Music and Arts

CSMA provides hands-on arts and music projects in the elementary classrooms of the Mountain View Whisman School District. Nearly 40 percent of the students are low-income, and 28 percent have limited English proficiency.



■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

THANKS FOR VOTING FOR ME

Editor:

I am deeply grateful to the people of the 14th Congressional District for your overwhelming support on Nov. 7.

It's an honor to represent you in Congress and I will continue to do everything I can to provide you, my constituents, with the representation you deserve and can be proud of.

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

APPRECIATION FOR THE POLL WORKERS

Editor:

Thanks to the wonderful

poll workers.

While most voters worry about how to squeeze a few minutes into their busy schedules to cast their ballots, thousands of volunteers have risen before the sun to make sure Santa Clara County's 1,244 voting precincts are ready to go.

Many poll workers arrive the night before to set up, and then begin their shift at 6 a.m. when the polls open. They stay until after the polls close to ensure that our votes are delivered safely to the Registrar of Voters to be counted. Of the 3,100-plus volunteers, over 1,300 are bilingual, and are ready to help voters navigate the election process in their

preferred language.

I myself have volunteered at the polls for the last few elections and I am so appreciative of those individuals who take time out of their lives in order to make sure everyone in our county has a simple and problem-free voting experience.

Liz Kniss
County Supervisor,
Fifth District

DON'T MISS EASTIN TALK ON EDUCATION

Editor:

Now that the election is over we will start to see politicians maneuvering with seriousness about what role government can and should play in education.

Luckily for us, former state Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin is on the case. She will be speaking locally about this critical issue at the end of this month.

The title of her talk is, "If the world is flat, what are the implications for public education?" It will be held Monday, Nov. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Palo Alto High School's Haymarket Theater.

While this talk fits perfectly with the Mountain View Whisman School District's philosophy of "Education for the World Ahead," I believe many people in Mountain View, Los Altos, and Palo Alto are interested in this

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Many reasons to preserve open space at Cuesta Annex

LOS ALTOS SHOULD PULL ITS OWN WEIGHT WHEN SEEKING MORE PLAYING FIELDS FOR YOUTH SPORTS

By Andi Sandstrom

To consider any plan other than A and B for the Cuesta Park Annex is a mistake. The annual cost to maintain this much-loved natural open space has been minimal. Plans C and D will require money to establish turf areas and then for yearly maintenance and irrigation, when that money is better spent for parks north of El Camino.

The city needs to meet the recreational needs of all its residents, not just youth kicking and hitting balls in organized sports. Parts of Shoreline Park, the narrow Stevens Creek Trail, and the Cuesta Annex are existing natural open spaces. Must the Annex be carved up to give something to everyone?

Roughly calculated, Plan B will alter the Annex 20 percent, Plan C

50 percent, and Plan D 70 percent. With Plans C and D, bid adieu to the hawks and herons who hunt the grassy meadow, since it will be gone.

Not once at the Parks and Recreation Commission, when many from Los Altos spoke, or at the recent city council session, did an official ask how many and what kind when speakers called for more playing fields.

When calling for playing fields, we should consider equitable use between us and the residents of neighboring Los Altos. For example, Region 45 AYSO youth soccer group (which covers Mountain View and S. Los Altos) uses 12 Mountain View fields and five in Los Altos. Another youth soccer league, the Los Altos/Mountain View CYSA, uses four Los Altos fields for soccer games and seven Mountain View fields (one on Saturdays and three on Saturdays and Sundays).

There are two Mountain View parks where fall youth soccer could be played with minimal

cost: Sylvan Park has an expanse of level turf near the tennis courts and Eagle Park's L-shaped turf will leave the other area for other park users. If these have been off-limits because of noise generated, how will the city justify putting playing fields at the Annex for the same reason?

Baseball fields are restrictive and seasonal in use. Of Los Altos/Mountain View Pony Baseball's 1,000 players, 600 are from Los Altos. Games in 2006 were played at six Los Altos fields and five in Mountain View when Graham was off-line. Where is the parity when two-fifths of the kids are from Mountain View, which supplies nearly half of the fields?

Los Altos residents should pressure their own council and ask for a playing field at Heritage Oaks Park. Why should we sacrifice our natural open space and spend city dollars to meet their mutual obligation?

Andi Sandstrom lives on Tulane Drive.

LETTERS

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critical issue as well.

As we await the Stanford study on education funding, scheduled to be released early next year, hearing Professor Eastin's remarks is a good warm-up for all of us who continue to want to be informed constituents, even after Election Day.

Ellen Wheeler
President, Board of Trustees
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VOTERS INTENDED TO REIGN IN CITY GROWTH

Editor:

The city council election results send a clear message that the voters want controlled growth versus unrestricted growth.

We now have a city council that will represent the people instead of representing developers at the expense of the people.

Konrad M. Sosnow
Trophy Drive

BELGIUM A MODEL FOR BETTER TRAIN TICKETING

Editor:

Like last week's letter-writer Ellen Murray, I am not very fond of Caltrain's ticket system ("Caltrain needs better ticket dispensing system," Letters to the Editor, Nov. 10). I've missed lots of trains while I was trying to buy a ticket, and been busted once when I decided to chance it.

I don't really like the way BART does it either, to be honest. It's too complicated, and you can never actually buy the reduced-price tickets that kids are theoretically supposed to use.

Is there a perfect system for selling train tickets? The best I've ever found was in Brussels, Belgium. Like Caltrain, it's proof-of-payment — but they make it convenient by putting ticket machines on the train.

Could Bay Area transit systems come up with something as brilliantly simple? I've just read they've spent \$140 million on TransLink, a high-tech way to make their tickets sort of compatible, but not very. I guess not.
Nicholas Kibre
San Carlos Avenue

EL CAMINO HOSPITAL WORK STIRS MEMORIES

Editor:

Today the new El Camino Hospital is beginning to take shape as the foundation rises from a large hole in the ground.

This groundbreaking work on the new hospital reminds me of that day in 1961 when my wife Polly joined the auxiliary and was at the front door when the hospital first opened its doors to the public.

I was still employed at the time but was daily impressed by her relationship with the hospital and its service to the public. After retirement 19 years ago, I followed in her footsteps and joined the auxiliary and have myself experienced the dedication of management and staff toward making El Camino one of the outstanding hospitals in the country.

Yes, the foundation of the new hospital will soon appear along with the new structure, helping El Camino to continue to deliver outstanding medical care to the community. I invite everyone to join me and watch it grow.
Bob Worcester
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■ GUEST OPINION

Natural beauty is the only museum that Annex needs

WHY NOT PUT HISTORIC AND CULTURAL EXHIBIT IN DOWNTOWN'S EMPTY TRAIN DEPOT?

By Roy and Kathy Mize

The lands of Mountain View had a history long before farmers and ranchers came to our area. The savannahs, the valley oaks, the running streams were what attracted the area's early settlers.

Through happenstance, and city government neglect, we have been blessed with an opportunity to preserve a small slice of that early paradise. We can show our children what the land was like before civilization arrived.

Yes, many people believe that Mountain View needs a history museum to showcase the orchards and farming that built the town before the electronics age. Yes, the city needs a place to "celebrate the town and its people." And yes, we need a place where the "rich history and contributions of Mountain View's many ethnic groups" can be exhibited — but Cuesta Annex is not that place.

If small valley oaks had been planted 30 years ago in the flat area near Cuesta, they would be similar in size to what currently exists. If better designed paths had been installed then, handicapped people could make more use of the area in order to enjoy the natural beauty of pre-1850s Mountain View. If small explanatory signs and plant and tree identifications had been put in place, Mountain View would have one of the most unique small urban parks in Northern California. All of this can still be done.

There is already a place where Mountain View history, and the contributions of its people, could be celebrated. The historic recreation of the Southern Pacific depot sits empty. There is more than enough space there for exhibitions about our orchards and farming past. The adjacent plaza is more than large enough to hold events for most of the year, and there is plenty of nearby parking.

There is already a place where farming and small orchards are in place and for which finances have already been made available: Deer Hollow Farm. For those who have never been there, Deer Hollow Farm is a working homestead and educational center located at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve that is operated by the city of Mountain View. It is only one of two such farms in Northern California.

There is always a reason to develop open space, however worthy the cause. But an opportunity to preserve a small slice of old California is unique. To have it enclosed by our urban development is incredible.

Don't emasculate Cuesta Annex. The community's desire to maintain and enhance the Annex is overwhelming and is as longstanding as the need for a historical center. We need both, but destroying even part of the Annex for other purposes is not the way to go.

Preserve and enhance our only remaining piece of California and early Mountain View history.

Roy and Kathy Mize have lived in Mountain View for more than four decades. Both are amateur historians, and Roy is an active docent at the Computer History Museum.



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■ GUEST OPINION

Students stress over college applications

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR OFFERS ADVICE ON HOW TO GET THROUGH TRYING TIMES

By Krissa Quero

College application deadlines are fast approaching for high school seniors. Applying to colleges is the most anticipated moment of high school, and the one many fear the most.

Students have mixed feelings about the admissions process, because competition continually increases as more students strive to be recognized. Colleges look for hardworking students, but at the same time prefer students with well-rounded experiences and interests. Today, a college-bound student works a tremendous amount of hours to maintain his or her grades, take rigorous AP/honors classes, juggle extracurricular activities, and keep up community service, work and a social life.

On top of all that, students are considered for admittance based on their class rank, school rank, and admission test scores.

The high demands and expectations often make high school students doubt their academic status and chances of getting into the college of their choice. Some students admit that they have been pressured to sign up for classes and activities for the mere sake of making a good impression on colleges — simply out of a fear that they have not done enough.

Parents also feel the pressure. Parents have enlisted the help of SAT College Prep classes in hopes that their kids will receive a high and acceptable test score. Much preparation goes into college applications alone, mainly because a cumulative student record of four years goes into one application, which means two years in high school carries much significance.

Felitia Hancock, a social studies teacher at Mountain View High School, notices how students have been overwhelmed by the college admissions process, and says many students have come to “narrowly define their success in college and beyond.” She also feels that students have a misconception of how to get a college education — more students each year, she says, have “reduced learning to a number and a letter and forget the value of learning”

For now, students will have to continue to make adjustments to not only meet the requirements, but to stand out in a highly competitive applicant pool of aspiring college students. Doing so may require a plan, or at least some good practices. Here’s my advice:

- 1) Set Priorities
- 2) Study daily and be comfortable when you study
- 3) Focus. Don’t be distracted and keep track of time
- 4) Use time management. Time is precious—don’t waste it.
- 5) Get organized. (Keep old tests and homework so you can study from it later.)
- 6) Don’t procrastinate, no matter what anyone says.
- 7) Ask questions, especially when you don’t understand something.
- 8) Take notes and use them. (Combine class notes with your notes.)
- 9) Avoid any form of “-itis” (senioritis, junioritis, etc.).
- 10) Learn from your mistakes, and try different ways to study until you find the way that works best for you.
- 11) Be resilient. Don’t let failures discourage you, instead be optimistic.
- 12) Eat. The brain needs food in order to work.
- 13) Get lots of sleep.
- 14) Balance work and fun. It is essential to take breaks.

Krissa Quero is a senior at Mountain View High School

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Totoro a go-go

BIG, DELICIOUS PORTIONS ARE ON YOUR TABLE FASTER THAN YOU CAN SAY 'KOREAN BARBECUE'

By Elaine M. Rowland

Tiny Totoro, so small you'd miss it if you looked down to answer your cell phone, is one of those gems that delivers really satisfying food, plate after plate, bowl after bowl. And sometimes it's delivered so quickly that the phrase, "I'm in kind of a hurry today" need never cross your lips.

I stopped in for lunch after the noon crowd had left, and maybe the waitress was still amped from the rush, but no sooner had I turned over the menu when she was back to ask, "Ready to order?" Call me indecisive; I wasn't sure what I wanted until her third visit to the table. Then, about the time I took off my jacket, she returned with the first plate of food — the

mandoo appetizer.

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During perhaps my second pot sticker, the spicy beef stew (\$8.95) raced out of the kitchen and onto the table. I looked at my watch — was it closing time? No, just stunningly efficient service. Some 15 minutes after I'd arrived, the plates were already piling up fast and furious on

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Totoro owner Jung Ja Kim stands outside of the restaurant with a bowl of Dolsat Bibimbap, which is served with rice, mixed vegetables, egg, beef, and spicy sauce.

my table. I hadn't even tried the kimchee platter, also waiting for me. But it would have to wait.

The stew smelled too good. Fat soba noodles in a rich beef broth with strips of beef, vegetables, and mushrooms, it was spicy but not killer. It lingered on the lips in the form of a pleasant burning sensation for a short while after lunch.

But back to that kimchee: I approach this cabbage dish the same way I do horseradish and wasabi — with caution and, admittedly, some prejudice. But Totoro's is milder than the usual, a sort of "Kimchee for Beginners." I

liked it, as well as the other pickled vegetables served with meals here. The daikon radish is not as sweet as some places serve, though still crunchy and tasty. But the one that grabbed my attention on this little platter was the bean sprouts, sprinkled with sesame seeds and saturated with garlic. It's a food you might enjoy while your significant other is out of town (or in town, if you're especially confident about your relationship, or hoping to end it soon).

Dinner was much slower paced

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and just as good. We started with a chicken and soba noodle soup with fried vegetables (\$8.95). It had that fermented miso flavor and raw egg floating in it familiar perhaps to fans of Japanese cuisine. The waitress also brought a dish of spicy powder to liven it up. Oh, it was lively after that, all right. I liked the spicy beef stew a tad better.

The fried pork cutlet entree on a bed of cabbage (\$8.95) has a dark, heavily seasoned dipping sauce on the side. But the pork is moist enough; I ate at least half of it with no sauce. Totoro's entrees are also served with a bowl of rice and the kimchee platter.

This place is known for its barbecue as well as its soups, and the beef barbecue (\$10.95) was tender with good flavor. When American diners think barbecue, they might think of a platter piled high with ribs. This is a more moderate serving, so consider an appetizer.

Under the drinks section of the menu, there's something called a soju yogurt cocktail (\$10.95). I've drunk soju (a rice-based alcoholic beverage) with cucumber,



VERONICA WEBER

Totoro owner Jung Ja Kim brings out a plate of Gar Bi (beef ribs marinated in the house BBQ sauce), one of the restaurant's best sellers.

and had a hard time picturing it with fruit and yogurt. It sounded just alarming enough that I had to try it. So I asked for the most popular flavor of cocktail, which turned out to be peach, and a carafe of non-yogurty-looking punch is what turned up. It was very peachy and pleasant — and, I should mention, meant for two people to enjoy.

Totoro has a pretty minimalist dining room of about a dozen small tables. The ochre-colored modern furniture hints at Ikea

(though the soju posters on the wall don't). With low-level pop music in the background — nothing too intrusive — Totoro is a casual, low-key place to dine. Its size makes it as comfortable for small groups as for single diners.

The food is fresh and hot, a good value for the money, and you sure don't have to wait long for it. Before you go, one hot pot tip: Don't wear your favorite shirt. There's really no way to avoid that shower of broth, slurping up those fat udon noodles. ■

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MOVIE REVIEWS

A GOOD YEAR ★★
 (Century 16, Century 12) Present-day London, the corporate fast track. Max Skinner (Russell Crowe) exists on an adrenaline high of buy and sell. He's the golden boy financier for whom millions is mere pocket change. Then, voila: a bit of Max's ancient history rears its ugly head. A beloved yet long-lost uncle (Albert Finney as Henry) who "drank and shagged his way to a lonely and loveless end" has also left a crumbling wreck of a French chateau and its attending vineyards to his absentee nephew. Max — callous and insensitive to the end — smells a profit and wants to unload the place for maximum dollars despite the pleadings of the chateau's demonstrative vigneron (Didier Bourdon). Enter the surprise American daughter (Abbie Cornish) who could spoil the sale, and you've got yourself a twisty little vino-soaked comedy. Or at least the makings of one. To quote a classic cinematic oenophile (from "Side-ways"): quaffable but far from transcendent. *Rated: PG-13 for language and some sexual content. 1 hour, 58 minutes.* — J.A.

BABEL ★★1/2
 (Century 16, Century 20) On a remote Moroccan mountain, a young goat herder mindlessly fires his father's newly acquired rifle at a tour bus snaking its way up the road. The bullet hits an American passenger (Cate Blanchett), whose distraught husband (Brad Pitt) exhibits the same mix of fear and entitlement as his fellow Western travelers. In San Diego, the couple's Mexican nanny (Adriana Barraza) gets word that they won't return in time for her to attend her son's wedding across the border. Having cared for their two children since birth, she decides to take them with her. Her gun-toting, easily startled nephew (Gael Garcia Bernal) makes the return trip complicated. They, too, are stranded in a wilderness. Meanwhile, a deaf Japanese teen (Rinko Kikuchi), desperate for love, wanders through the noisy, neon wasteland of Tokyo. Her widowed father (Koji Yakusho) was the former owner of the gun that started the disaster-chain of events. What linger are the lost individuals suffering from profound loss. Director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu criticizes the way of the gun and the clash of cultures in a world where bad things happen to good people. *Rated: R for violence, some graphic nudity, sexual content, language and some drug use. In English and French, Spanish, Japanese, Berber, Arabic and Japanese sign language with English subtitles. 2 hours, 22 minutes.* — S.T.

BORAT! ★★1/2
 (Century 16, Century 20) Batten down the hatches and hide the children because Borat is coming to town. That's Borat Sagdiyev, a sex-crazed, single-monikered, obscenity-spouting Kazakhstani reporter for a state-owned TV network who's crossing the U.S. of A. in search of the pulse of mainstream America. As Borat (comedian Sacha Baron Cohen) zigzags his way across the country, he interviews all manner of unsuspecting Americans eager to help a foreigner in need. No one is immune to Borat's outrageous antics thinly masquerading

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Daniel Craig (left) as James Bond in the new "Casino Royale."

'Royale' without cheese

CRAIG, DANIEL CRAIG IS A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE BOND FAMILY

By Jeanne Aufmuth

The verdict is in: The deliciously brooding Daniel Craig is an edgy and eclectic James Bond, deftly grabbing the reins from perennial uber-Bond Sean Connery in his 007 debut, "Casino Royale."

No more gimmicky nuclear warheads, extreme heli-skiing or Pierce Brosnan namby-pambies. This 007 is all business — hungry, raw and irrefutably willing to lay it on the line for Queen and country.

This go-round, James is tackling the money man for the world's most notorious terrorists. Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen) is a criminal mastermind with an unquenchable thirst for hard currency. A series of explosive events lead Bond and the creepy Le Chiffre to face off in a high-rollers poker showdown at the luxurious Casino Royale in posh Montenegro.

Aiding Bond in his quest to vanquish evil is gorgeous Treasury agent Vesper Lynd (Eva Green), a brainy beauty who will shape Bond's heart and his future with calculated charm.

The action kicks off with a kinetic chase sequence during which Bond acrobatically pursues a mad suicide bomber through the industrialized construction of Madagascar to the Nambutu

MOVIE REVIEW

Embassy. From Africa to Lake Como, Prague to the Bahamas, the beat is positively heart-pounding.

Craig is a glove-like fit for the iconic M16 agent, darker and more fallible than his predecessors, making him more as originally penned by Ian Fleming in 1953. Charismatic and resourceful, Craig, with a pugilist's face and sculpted body, goes from swimwear to tuxedo to a bullet between the eyes with sultry versatility.

Craig's chemistry with Green is intriguing, more playful than sexy. The real sparks fly between Craig and Judi Dench, who reprises her role as 007's steely superior M. Their anxious exchanges are razor sharp, verbal foreplay at its most fluid. Dench is gifted with screenplay writer Paul Haggis' plum

lines, a clever volley of bloody cheek and high-minded rebukes.

Body count is high this time, courtesy of Bond's overdeveloped trigger finger and overextended ego. And the sexual liaisons are kept at a minimum in order to fully develop 007's fundamental penchant for women as disposable pleasures rather than meaningful pursuits.

In the film's only serious misstep, James and Vesper turn to a tenuous love affair that feels insincere and manufactured. But Craig is so thoroughly bad-ass, so sociopathically tenacious, that his every move is box office gold. "Casino" is pure testosterone pleasure. ▣

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MOVIE NOTES

Stars: ***1/2

Rating: PG-13 for violent action, torture and some nudity

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