

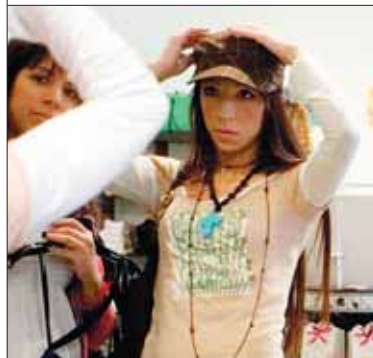
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NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

WOOLY FRIEND: Mary Gilman, senior director of Deer Hollow Farm, pets a sheep on the farm last Thursday. Gilman, a Mountain View city employee, is retiring after 24 years of overseeing the farm's activities. Under her tenure, Deer Hollow invited thousands of local students to participate in the city-run educational program. **See story, page 6.**

And the new mayor is ...

LAURA MACIAS AND TOM MEANS ON DECK FOR MAYOR, VICE MAYOR SEATS

By Daniel DeBolt

Council members Tom Means and Laura Macias told the *Voice* last week that if everything goes as expected next week, the City Council will pick Macias to be the new mayor and Means the new vice mayor of Mountain View.



Laura Macias

The decision will be made by the Council on Jan. 9, the same day newly elected council members Jac Siegel, Ronit Bryant and Margaret Abe-Koga take office.

"I don't want to presume anything but I'm feeling confident," Macias said about becoming mayor. Even so, she was careful to qualify statements about her goals with the words "If I become mayor."

One such goal, she said, would be to press for more citizen advisory groups, possibly to empower neighborhoods and help them achieve a distinct character. She also wants to reconnect the council with city commissions and "kind of get back to making sure everyone knows what everyone else is doing," she said.

Macias, 51, is a legislative representative for state Assembly member Sally Lieber, a former Mountain View mayor. Macias was also selected to be the city's representative on the VTA board last month, a post held by outgoing council member Greg Perry. Tom Means, 53, is an eco-

nomics professor at San Jose State University. If chosen to be vice mayor, he would preside as mayor when the mayor is away.

It's tradition for mayors to be selected by seniority as council members. Council members Matt Pear and Nick Galiotto have already served as mayor. Both Macias and Means took office in 2005, but Macias had slightly more votes than Means, making it her turn, by tradition, to take the helm. Means will likely become mayor in 2008.

The mayor has a major hand in setting the agenda for every council meeting, and has ceremonial duties that include speaking at dedication ceremonies. Several council members noted that Galiotto got his name on "lots of concrete" in 2006, with the opening of such projects as the new Senior Center near Rengstorff Park and the reservoir at Graham Middle School. ▀

What to expect in the New Year

MORE DOCS, A NEW COUNCIL AND MUCH MORE IN STORE AS THE VOICE LOOKS AHEAD AT 2007

By Daniel DeBolt and Alexa Tondreau

The crystal ball is gleaming with good things for Mountain View in 2007, not surprising for a town that boasts Google as one of its prime tenants. Who knows what the search engine giant will unveil next?

We do know that in a few months, more than 100 doctors and staff will be doing business at Camino Medical Group's giant new home, located on the old Emporium site. And in local politics, expect something different from a new City Council, plus a tense race when Sally Lieber tries to unseat Supervisor Liz Kniss. There is much more in store, as shown in the roundup below.



guess, and preservation advocates will surely be on the edge of their seats until then. Previously the Navy recommended demolition of the huge structure, but responded to heavy criticism by taking another look at alternatives.

When the new study and recommendation is released, the public will only have a 30-day written public comment period to respond. But there are other possibilities: Congresswoman Anna Eshoo has already voiced support for the hangar, and additional help may be provided by incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, if Eshoo requests it. A lawsuit may also be in the cards from local preservationists if the Navy goes with demolition.

Hangar One's fate to be decided

In late spring, the Navy plans to announce its recommendation on whether to preserve Moffett Field's historic Hangar One or demolish it once and for all.

What that recommendation will be is anybody's

CMG to unveil new facility

This spring the Camino Medical Group will open its new outpatient care facility after more than a year of construction, consolidating 15 differ-

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SEIU in tentative agreement with city

By Daniel DeBolt

During its holiday recess, a rare City Council meeting was called to hammer out a deal with the Service Employees International Union, in hopes of finishing for the New Year what has been a lengthy con-

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*Life is like a game of chess;
changing with every move.*

May the moves you make throughout the New Year result in
much providence and good fortune.

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Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Zunaira Durrani.

Do you think cloned meat and milk are safe for you?



"Yes. I believe these materials are safe as a scientist. For people who are concerned, they need to be able to see the label."

Norma Jean, Mountain View



"I don't know if it's safe for me. Same as GMOs, cloned meat should be tested for a long period of time. Hurrying into altering our systems without studying long-term effects is not a good idea."

Lisa Beard, Los Altos



"I'll eat it so long as there is nothing new added in the animals. I wouldn't buy it if it's next to regular meat."

Tavon Sinceno, Mountain View



"Personally, I think it's OK since my background is in science. The cloned cows and regular cows are the same. But they need to do sufficient testing. People have to understand the science and technology behind it. Not everything that science does is bad."

Nancy Gee, Mountain View



"I'm not too sure, probably OK, unless there are additives in it. A lot more testing needs to be done. All that stuff should be labeled; they should not hide it from the consumers."

Ian Skreen, Mountain View

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■ QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We found friends, and the spirit of Christmas gave us the help we needed.”

— **MICHAEL WALLIS**
MOUNTAIN VIEW RESIDENT,
ON THE AFTERMATH OF A FIRE THAT LEFT
HIS FAMILY DISPLACED DURING CHRISTMAS

■ CRIMEWATCH

VANDALISM, CALIFORNIA ST. AND S. RENGSTORFF AVE., 1/01

Police are investigating an act of vandalism that occurred at 7:58 p.m. Monday. Five people were traveling in a car when they were approached at a red light by African-American men who proceeded to smash their windows with baseball bats. The victims managed to escape and call for help. Police are investigating the case, however the victims say they do not know why they were attacked.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY, 800 BLOCK E. EL CAMINO REAL, 1/01

An alarm went off at Goodwill Industries at 9:25 p.m. drawing

officers to the establishment. Police found suspects had tried sawing off the metal lock, then drilled it and finally pried it open. Once the door opened, it triggered an audible alarm which caused the suspects to flee. No valuables were stolen.

VANDALISM, SHIVA INDIAN RESTAURANT, 1/01

At 2:50 a.m., a neighboring establishment's employee was leaving his shop when he heard a brick being thrown inside the Shiva India Restaurant on Castro Street. Upon investigation, a vehicle jack was found thrown inside the restaurant which broke its window but caused no other damage. An individual was seen leaving the premises.

■ POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

2600 block Fayette Dr., 12/28
500 block Del Medio Ave., 12/28
1600 block Amphitheater Pkwy., 12/31
700 block Borello Way, 12/31

BATTERY

Buddha Lounge, 1/01
BURGLARY: SHOPLIFT
Wal-Mart, 12/30

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

300 block Moffett Blvd., 12/28
800 block E. El Camino Real, 1/01

DISTURBANCE

2000 block Colony St., 12/26
800 block N. Rengstorff Ave., 1/01
1100 block Villa St., 1/01

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

1900 block Latham St., 12/26
1500 block Villa St., 12/30
1500 block Grant Rd., 1/01

GRAND THEFT

Castro St./W. Dana St., 12/30
Western Appliance, 12/30
Blockbuster-El Monte, 1/01

IDENTITY THEFT

300 block Walker Dr., 12/30

PETTY THEFT

Wal-Mart, 12/26
900 block Miramonte Ave., 12/28
100 block N. Rengstorff Ave., 12/28
2000 block Showers Drive., 12/28
700 block N. Rengstorff Ave., 12/28
1000 block N. Rengstorff Ave, 12/28
400 block Calderon Ave., 12/30
Goodwill Store, 12/31
Wal-Mart, 1/01

POSSESSION OF DRUG

600 block W. El Camino Real, 12/28

STOLEN VEHICLE

500 block Cypress Point Dr., 12/26
Hwy. 101/N. Rengstorff Ave., 12/31
Wal-Mart, 1/01
300 block Sierra Vista Ave., 1/01

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/ PERSON

100 block Del Medio Ave., 12/26
3300 block Villa Robleda, 12/28
500 block Walker Dr., 1/01

VANDALISM

900 block El Monte Ave., 12/26
200 block Marich Way, 12/28
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Car mogul rolls out museum proposal

MOUNTAIN VIEW MAY HOUSE FLEET OF FAMED AUTO COLLECTOR JOHN MOZART

By Alexa Tondreau

Mountain View may soon be home to a museum housing the internationally renowned car collection of John Mozart, city officials say.

Mozart, a resident of Los Altos Hills, is well-known to car enthusiasts, and frequently enters his cars — including classic Ferraris, Chevys and more obscure makes, such as the 1911 Pierce — into shows and classic car races.

The proposed car museum is slated for the 1300 block of Pear Avenue, near the Computer History Museum and Century 16 Cinemas, and would display a wide range of Mozart's extensive collection, including antiques, early racers, hot rods and custom cars, Mozart reported.

Architect Korth Sunseri Hagey of San Francisco designed the proposed museum, and preliminary plans show the building will be made from modern materials to give it an industrial look in order to fit in with the surrounding area.

The design was given a thumbs-up by the city's development design committee in late December, and a more detailed proposal is scheduled for later this year.

In addition to showcasing Mozart's car collection, the museum may also rotate collections from other national museums, Mozart reported.

Mozart made most of his fortune when he sold his import auto parts distribution company in the late 1970s. He currently owns a Palo Alto-based development company specializing in technology campuses and office buildings. ■



VERONICA WEBER

Outgoing Mountain View Council member Mike Kasperzak says he plans a run for state Assembly this year.

End of the line for veteran councilman

MIKE KASPERZAK, NEW TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY, SAYS HE'LL SEEK HIGHER OFFICE

By Daniel DeBolt

One of the two council members the city will lose next week is Mike Kasperzak, an eight-year veteran who is now setting his sights on the state Assembly.

Kasperzak has chalked up two four-year terms, making him the longest-serving member of the current City Council. He met with the *Voice* last week at his favorite hangout, the Starbucks on El Monte and El Camino Real, to talk about the last eight years in Mountain View. And he gave some advice to the new council:

"You were elected for your overall abilities as commu-

nity leaders, not for a vote on a particular issue," he said. "Do what you think is best for the community, based on all the facts. Flexibility and a collaborative approach will serve you

"Most importantly, be decisive."

MIKE KASPERZAK

well, but most importantly, be decisive."

Kasperzak, who famously switched from being a Republican to a Democrat last year, is

not one to always tow the party line. As a Republican he often supported ideas or people that put him at odds with his party. While his fellows were bashing Michael Moore for "Fahrenheit 9/11," for example, Kasperzak told the *Voice* that although he thought the movie lacked balance, he loved Moore.

He added, "I may be coming out of the closet here, but I'm not a big supporter of the president right now despite my party affiliation."

When Kasperzak talked about the accomplishments he was most proud of during his time on the council, he mentioned winning

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Locals mark 3,000th G.I. killed in Iraq

By Daniel DeBolt

About 100 people joined Karen Meredith, the well-known Mountain View mother of a fallen soldier, downtown on New Years Day to mark the 3,000th American soldier to be killed in Iraq.

Meredith said that when her son, Army Lt. Ken Ballard, was killed in Iraq in 2004, she didn't think she'd have to pay tribute to so many more fallen soldiers.

"It's our job to remember them," she said.

Monday's event was called "3,000 lights for 3,000 soldiers," and exactly that many Christmas lights were formed to make a peace sign on the grass on the northeastern corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real. Organized by Mountain View Voices for Peace, the event was the only one for Peninsula residents not close to San Mateo or San Jose.

The names of 300 California soldiers killed in Iraq were read. Then, 300 of the lights, wrapped around a light pole, were turned off.

Meredith read a poem titled "The Undead Soldiers" and spoke briefly. The families of Erik Kesterson and Wesley Canning, other soldiers killed in Iraq, were also in attendance.

The number of soldiers killed so far in Iraq has surpassed the number killed in the first four years of the Vietnam War. The 3,003 dead as of press time does not include 377 contractor casualties or the nearly 60,000 Iraqi civilian deaths. ■

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Christmas spirit prevails after house fire

DISPLACED FAMILY TAKES COMFORT IN HELP FROM GENEROUS NEIGHBORS

By Zunaira Durrani

As Mountain View resident Michael Wallis returned home on Dec. 22, he realized it was too late to put up the Christmas lights.

As he neared his driveway, he

noticed no one else had time for lights either. He felt disappointed that the Christmas spirit was missing. Little did he know that 24 hours later, he would see that spirit in full force.

That evening, a fire struck the Wallis family's duplex on 735 Vaquero Drive, leaving them with an estimated \$50,000 in damages — and several family members, including three young children, one of them

only 3 months old, with no place to stay.

The fire destroyed the garage and the family's van. Everything inside the duplex was covered in ash and smoke. With Christmas three days away, the Wallises found themselves stranded in chilly December weather.

"When things happen, it's how you respond to them," Michael Wallis said later. "We found friends, and the spirit of Christ-

mas gave us the help we needed."

The Red Cross offered the family coupons for a few nights' stay at the Tropicana. Over the next week, the Wallises started analyzing the damage with the insurance company and seeing what could be salvaged.

They also found help from the Depallens family across the street. Wallis praised his

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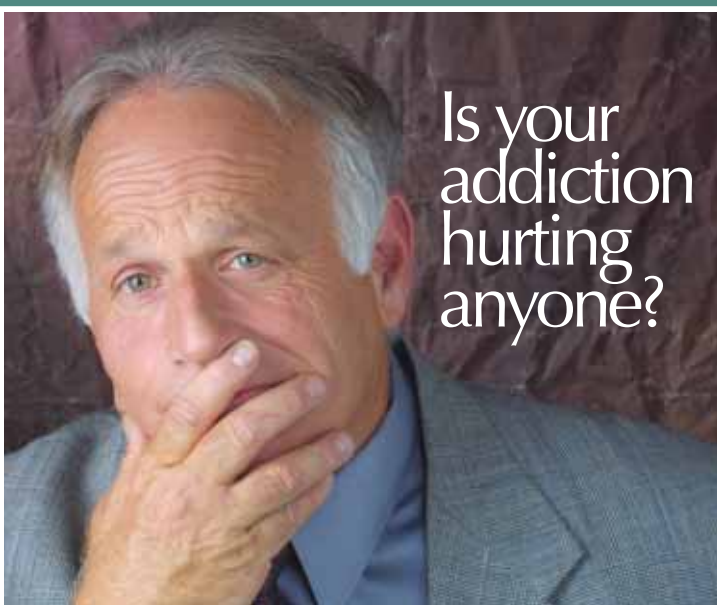
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Deer Hollow farm manager Mary Gilman walks the grounds during one of her last days on the job. Gilman is retiring to start a farm of her own.

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Deer Hollow director says goodbye

IN 24-YEAR TENURE, MARY GILMAN BROUGHT NEW STRUCTURES, CURRICULUM TO CITY'S FARM PROGRAM

By Alexa Tondreau

Life on Deer Hollow Farm is hectic, to say the least. There is livestock to feed, an orchard to prune, seeds to plant, and children to teach — busloads of them, brought in from neighboring towns on a near-daily basis.

Then there's the matter of the herbs, the eggs, and the stacks of hay. Also there's a wilderness trail that runs through the farm and gets heavy traffic from pedestrians and bicyclists, and volunteers stop by during all times of the day to help out. Add to all of that the goat that went into labor last night and you've got a day in the life of Mary Gilman, Deer Hollow's senior coordinator.

"I call myself a teacher-slash-farmer," Gilman said, in an interview with the *Voice*. "I've helped Deer Hollow grow to get where it is. Everything's successful now. It's a good time to go."

Gilman retired last week, after 24 years running the farm, which functions as a historic homestead and working farm and invites nearly 4,000 children a year to participate in its educational programs.

Located in the Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve above Los Altos, Deer Hollow is managed by the city of Mountain View in conjunction with funding from the Midpeninsula Open Space District, Santa Clara County and the nonprofit organization Friends of Deer Hollow Farm.

Gilman has been one of Mountain View's hardest working employees, with a job that required

her to live on site at Deer Hollow and work seven days a week to keep the farm up and running.

"You always need to be a season ahead. Today may be a winter day, but we're planting for the summer program," Gilman said. "The city has always respected my dedication to the program. It's been a pleasure to work with them. But it's also been a heck of a lot of work."

Her hard work has not gone unnoticed. Michele Petersen, Mountain View's recreation supervisor, said Gilman had been "a wonderful asset to the city and the community. She serves constituents all over the Bay Area." Petersen continued, "She really has been the farm all these years."

Gilman, who grew up in Washington, D.C. and relocated to California in her 20s, first became acquainted with Deer Hollow when she worked there as a summer camp counselor "somewhere back in the '70s," she said with a laugh.

After working as a school teacher and program coordinator, Gilman got the top job at Deer Hollow in 1982 and saw the farm through substantial growth and development. Under Gilman's watch, most of the structures on the 10-acre site were rebuilt to authentically replicate the kind of family-run homestead that stood on the land in the 1850s.

But Gilman also revamped the educational curriculum, expanding just a few classes into a full-fledged "outdoor education" program for children from kindergarten to ninth grade. Current courses include farming and gardening, science and wilderness studies, and a history class that studies the culture of the Ohlone Tribe through a replica of a Native American village.

Gilman said she developed the curriculum to correspond with

lessons that students were receiving in their classrooms, so that the words and pictures in their textbooks could come to life at Deer Hollow, and also to instill students with an appreciation for nature. Deer Hollow Farm is surrounded by rolling grasslands, chaparral and woodlands and is bordered by Permanente Creek.

"That's what matters most to me, watching students who I've known since they were five years old return as young adults or adults with a respect for the land," Gilman said.

The success of the educational program makes Gilman feel the most proud.

"The pure pleasure in my soul and gut has been for the children first," she said, "and the community of people here. It's a strong community."

That community feels just as strongly about her. Throughout her final days on the job, volunteers, employees and Deer Hollow fans interrupted her routine to give their heartfelt good-byes.

"We've been coming here for years. It's like a second home for us," Los Altos resident Suzie Moll said, after wishing Gilman well. "My kids have grown up alongside the animals. They think of it as their farm."

Gilman is leaving Deer Hollow to move with her "wonderful partner" to a farm of their own, on 40 acres in Monterey County. She said she felt the time was right for her to begin a new chapter in her life, and that she knows Deer Hollow will continue to thrive after she is gone.

"People were surprised when I said I was leaving. The saying I kept hearing is 'the farm won't be the same without you.' But because of the commitment of our staff and volunteers, it will stay strong. I really believe that."

"But hey, the time comes," Gilman said. "I've loved it." ■

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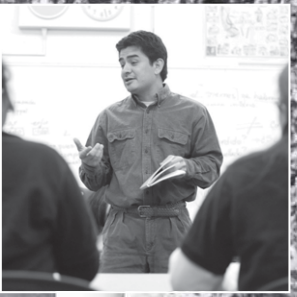



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Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Former NAS Moffett Field

The next regular meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the former Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field will be held:

On: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, 7 to 8:50 p.m.
At: Mountain View City Hall, Fourth Floor
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities under way at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement.

To review documents on Moffett Field cleanup projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, 650-903-6887. For more information, contact Mr. Rick Weissenborn, Navy BRAC Environmental Coordinator, at 619-532-0952 or richard.weissenborn@navy.mil.

tract negotiation process.

A tentative agreement has reportedly been reached, and was presented to the city's SEIU members on Thursday after the *Voice* went to press. City officials and SEIU representative Richard Ames would not disclose details of the agreement before SEIU members had their vote.

When asked if the tentative agreement was progress, Ames said, "In my mind it is, after eight to nine months of negotiations." Ames is a building inspector for the city of Mountain View.

If ratified by the SEIU and approved by the council, the contract will also put into effect the council-approved contracts for the firefighters and the Eagles, both of which came to agreements in December.

The big sticking point for all three unions was retiree health care. The Eagles deal was either innovative or a step backward, depending on who you ask. The city wanted a two-tier plan with new employees getting significantly reduced retiree health benefits to deal with escalating health care costs and new accounting standards. The Eagles accepted the plan, but the firefighters did not, instead taking a one-year contract extension with little change.

"It certainly is a significant decrease in benefits and certainly not taken very well by the membership," Ames said during negotiations about retiree health care. "It's a situation where new employees have one level and old employees have another. Typically that leads to labor unrest."

With significant cuts made to retiree health plans for the Eagles, the SEIU may have been tempted to take similar cuts. On the other hand, the Eagles received a pension increase and cost-of-living adjustments worth \$4 million over the four-year contract. Council members Matt Pear and Greg Perry said the deal would cost the city heavily in coming years as more city employees retire.

In defense of the pension increases, city manager Kevin Duggan said there would be significant cost sharing for the pension increase, and that much of the funding will come from reserves earmarked for employee benefits. Finance director Bob Locke said the Eagles will pay \$500,000 of the \$4 million contract over the next four years. ▀

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The nonprofit, recently formed by a merger between the Community Foundation Silicon Valley and the Peninsula Community Foundation, now manages \$1.5 billion in assets and 1,400 philanthropic funds. Its new offices are at 2440 W. El Camino Real near San Antonio Road.

"Together, we can do more than the two community foundations were able to accomplish working separately," said foundation president Emmett D. Carson, in a statement. "Like our existing sites, the new headquarters will have community conference space where we will hold workshops and events for nonprofits and donors. In addition, the space will be available to community groups."

The foundation plans to move in by this summer. More information can be found at www.siliconvalleycf.org.

LANES TO CLOSE FOR STEVENS CREEK TRAIL WORK

In the next few weeks, construction will begin on the extension for Steven's Creek Trail, taking the trail south of El Camino Real from its current

terminus at Yuba Drive.

The biggest challenge will be creating the tunnel underneath El Camino Real, which will require closing one lane in each direction on the major thoroughfare until the tunnel is completed.

When work is finished, trail users will be able to walk from Cuesta Park down Sleeper Avenue, up the trail and eventually all the way to Shoreline Park, connecting the city's two major parks.

— Daniel DeBolt

VTA ALTERS BUS, LIGHT RAIL ROUTES

Beginning with the new year, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority is adjusting service on a number of bus routes and on its light rail system.

Service changes will be made across VTA's entire light rail system. Impacted bus lines include 13, 15-17, 19, 23, 25-27, 31-34, 37, 38, 40, 46, 47, 54, 55, 59, 62, 64, 65, 68, 71-73, 77, 81, 82, 85, 104 and 121. In addition to those lines, more significant adjustments will be made on lines 10, 35, 39, 66, 76 and 101, along with Express Line 102 and Express Line 120.

Light rail schedule changes affect the following lines: Ohlone/Chynoweth-Almaden, Alum Rock-Santa Teresa, and Mountain View-Winchester.

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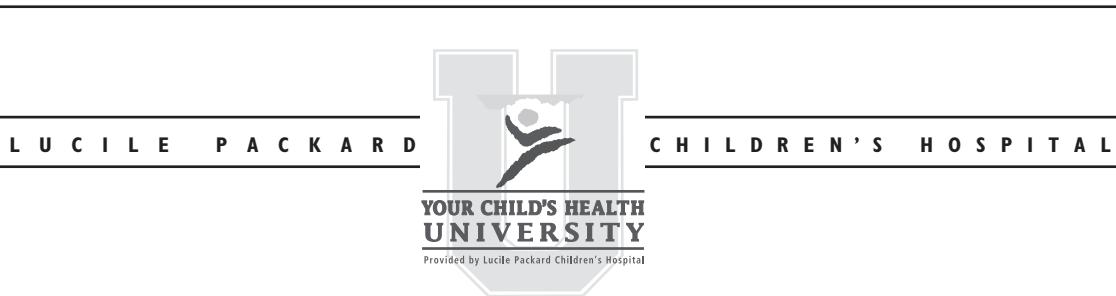
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Economic development on the rise

With an end to Google's expansion nowhere in sight, the New Year may hold more gains for the company, with a one-million-square-foot campus at Moffett Field still in the works and plans for new buildings on another 40 acres near Charleston Road.

City manager Kevin Duggan said it will be the first time Google has built new buildings in Mountain View, and he added that the company is very interest-

ed in green building techniques.

Mountain View's shopping centers may also receive some attention. While the new Charleston Plaza shopping center in northern Mountain View has taken off with its new big box stores, others, like the San Antonio shopping center, are struggling — though it's hoped a Home Depot will bring more customers there.

Open space battle at Grant Road farm

Mountain View's beloved farm on Grant Road, also known as the pumpkin patch, may have its fate decided in 2007 — but if the situation becomes too difficult to resolve, it could take until 2008, said Kevin Duggan.

A plan from the Mountain View Farmlands Group to preserve five acres of the farm seemed to pencil out with satisfaction for several city council members, but whether it will be found viable in 2007 remains to be seen.

In January, developer Summerhill Homes announced plans

to develop the 16-acre farm with 55 homes. But decisions were delayed because of planning staff shortages.

All eyes on housing

Affordable housing: With hundreds of residents being displaced by condo conversions — cheap apartments being knocked down to make way for condos — in northern Mountain View, the city has found itself in a quandary over how to handle the changes. In 2007, the new Council could develop a clearer policy on tenant relocation and the need for affordable housing in general.

Mayfield development: As early as

February, developer Toll Brothers may present fairly complete plans for early phases of what could be the largest housing development in city history: 530 homes on the 27 acres on the site of the old Mayfield Mall at Central expressway and San Antonio Road. Toll Brothers expects to break ground



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 Free orientation on Monday, January 8, 6:30 – 9 p.m. The program designed to help people learn how to deal effectively with physical and emotional stress by providing training in breathing, meditation and gentle yoga.

"Managing Your High Blood Pressure," Tuesday, January 23, 3 – 5 p.m.
 This class provides information on causes, risks and treatment of high blood pressure, and approaches to successful reduction, such as exercise and medication.

"Good Nutrition and Feeding Practices for Toddlers," Wednesday, January 24, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 This class will address parental concerns regarding nutrition and feeding practices. It should be attended by parents or caretakers only.

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in spring, 2008.

General Plan update: The new City Council may make it a priority to update its General Plan, and how the housing element — which will state how many units the city hopes to build in coming years — is written will make all the difference. The new plan is due in 2009.

Fraud allegations at MV Whisman

Last October, an anonymous letter alleged that former Superintendent Eleanor Yick and former Associate Superintendent Mondrite Archibeque had committed insurance fraud and were bilking the California teacher's retirement system of upwards of \$20,000 annually.

Current Superintendent Maurice Ghysels asked the state retirement system, CalSTRS, to investigate the matter, which it will do in 2007. Based upon the findings of CalSTRS, Yick and Archibeque could have to reimburse the state retirement system if they are found guilty, and additionally could face prosecution from the district attorney.

School districts to work on math

Declining tests scores in math brought officials from Mountain View's elementary and high school districts together at the end of 2006, in order to generate a plan to get students at the middle school level on a more

solid track for success in math.

Scores showed that students coming from Graham and Crittenden middle schools were consistently underperforming at the high school level, flunking algebra and geometry classes at a much higher rate than students coming from other districts.

Remediation suggested by school officials for 2007 includes longer math periods during the day, more one-on-one assistance and the elementary school district conducting its own tests to help locate problem areas.

Local pols to seek county, state office

The surprising announcement that termed-out state Assembly member Sally Lieber will run against incumbent Liz Kniss for the District Five supervisorial seat may make for an intense race. The two Democrats are similar politically, and Kniss says she doesn't understand why Lieber is challenging her for the seat.

Meanwhile, outgoing City Council member Mike Kasperzak will join the race for Lieber's Assembly seat. The Republican-turned-Democrat faces opposition from Cupertino council member Dolly Sandoval and Santa Clara council member Rod Diridon Jr.

LA Hills redistricting to be resolved

Expect to see resolution to the Los Altos Hills redistricting movement on Jan. 25, when the Santa Clara County Department of Education rules on whether to stop the redistricting effort

dead in its tracks or allow it to continue for state approval.

The hearing will also feature 50 members of the public not able to speak at the initial hearing last month, which lasted five hours. The struggle to create a K-8 district has been ongoing for nearly three years, and began when the Los Altos School District closed Bullis Elementary, the last local public school in the Hills.

Hospital may add board members

The directors of the El Camino Hospital District have begun to consider adding up to three more members to the hospital board, which oversees the hospital's operations. The hospital board — not to be confused with the district board — has never had more than six sitting members at any given time.

Additional members might bring the board more specific expertise, proponents claim, but those wary of the change think that adding members could dilute the vote of the current Board of Directors, whose members, minus CEO Ken Graham, also constitute the district board.

The issue, which would not change the number of members (five) elected to the district board, will be studied by hospital administrators and voted on at a general board meeting in the months to come. ▀

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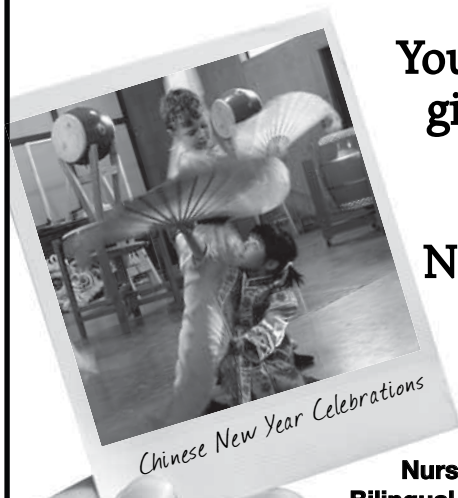
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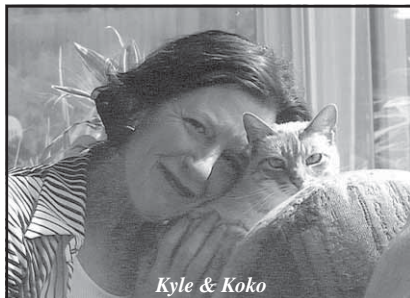
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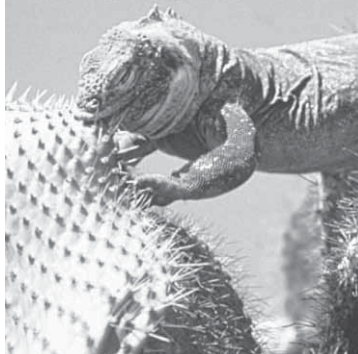
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city employee benefits for domestic partners, writing a letter to the attorney general about problems with the Patriot Act after 9/11, and beginning the Below Market Rate housing program — hardly the pet issues of a hard-line Republican.

In fact, he says, most people didn't even know he was a Republican while he was a council member. Kasperzak is betting that his practical experience as a member of the nonpartisan City Council will appeal to this largely Democratic district, which he's hoping will elect him to state Assembly.

"I think the voters really want people to go to Sacramento and work as close to a nonpartisan fashion as they can, like we do on the City Council and county Board of Supervisors," Kasperzak said. "I want to make the job about working for the people, not which party is most powerful.

"Everybody knows I'm a moderate. I think that's what Californians want."

In his last election, Kasperzak was the second highest vote-getter while running on a pro-housing platform. Some residents felt he was too pro-growth as a council member — he often approved higher density housing developments even as neighbors packed the council chambers in defiance of a project.

But he defends his housing agenda, and says that although the new council may not have the strong housing agenda the old council had, the issue will continue to dominate local politics as two

million people are added to the Bay Area's population by 2020.

"No more homes?" he said. "Great, what are our children going to do? Get a \$300,000 down payment? That's hard."

Kasperzak is trained as a lawyer and runs his own mediation business, with a focus on settling disputes between government and individuals.

After the city settled a dispute with some of its unions over retiree health benefits, cutting them for new employees, Kasperzak declared, "That's groundbreaking for cities." No other city has come up with a way to deal with new federal accounting standards and skyrocketing health care costs, he said.

As for the pension increase in the contract, he said, "Some say it's a sweet deal, but it's a competitive deal. We are already losing employees to other cities."

Kasperzak has his regrets, one of them being the failure of a council pay raise measure that voters turned down in November by a margin of 600 votes. As one of the primary advocates of the raise, he said he hopes it will be back on the ballot soon — but this time, he advises, let voters chose the best salary to pay the council. The current \$500 stipend "leaves too many people out of the loop," he said.

But for Kasperzak, such setbacks are small compared to the "real honor to serve the people of Mountain View."

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Holy chapattis and unholy garbage

By Diana Reynolds Roome

Editor's Note: Diana Reynolds Roome, a Mountain View resident and longtime contributor to the Voice, has been traveling in India and Nepal, retracing steps she took there many years ago and discovering much that has changed.

AMRITSAR, PUNJAB, India — If you think Highway 101 is pandemonium, just try the road from Delhi to Dharamsala. On this four-lane highway everyone looks eligible for arrest — including the cows.

Drivers seem to take delight in missing everyone else by a mere centimeter — including old men on wobbly bikes, tractors driving the wrong way, and whole families on scooters with the toddler squashed behind the handlebars, father clutching a briefcase and mother perched on the back with her sari floating in the updraft. The big difference is that even on major roads like this, often partly under construction and nearly always bumpy, people seldom get above 30 or 40 mph, which makes the whole procession look a bit like an overcrowded circus on the move.

As for the scene bordering the road, it looked much like a hundreds-of-miles-long rubbish dump with humans, dogs and buffaloes living wretchedly among it, all searching for some worthwhile find among the scraps. I felt disgustingly over privileged with my camera, Visa card and bottle of clean water.

The driver of our rattling old bus with flowered curtains honked relentlessly the entire way, in an attempt to speed up our long day's drive north. This is the accepted way of saying, "Move over, I'm coming through!" — and it seems to work. In fact, the most important part of the vehicle here may be the horn, and the gaudily painted trucks and buses sport large slogans on their backsides reading "Horn please!"

If drivers in America honked at every vehicle they passed, there'd be numerous instances of road rage. But anger just doesn't wash here — it's not part of the Indian spirit.

Leaving the relative peace of Dharamsala and traveling west into the Punjab, the drive is marginally saner. There's less garbage by the side of the road and more views of the rural farmland the Punjab is famous for. Sikh men sport brightly colored



PHOTOS BY DIANA REYNOLDS ROOME
The Golden Temple in Amritsar was built over 400 years ago and can receive up to 35,000 visitors a day.

turbans and women wear their elegant traditional *salwar-kameez* — loose trousers with billowy tops and colorful scarves, often of embroidered silk. School girls wave, wearing neat uniforms and hair carefully braided in plaits down their backs. Here as everywhere else, women bent double at work in the fields or breaking rocks by the side of the road wear bright saris — as if in defiance of

pilgrims from all over the world, who visit in a dynamic stream day and night.

The shrine is open on every side, denoting its welcome to everyone, wherever they come from and whatever their beliefs. There's a constant murmur of song as pilgrims line up on the bridge over the lake, and I can't resist humming along. The sound swells as we enter the shrine and I catch a glimpse of the Sikh holy book, displayed under a gorgeously embroidered orange canopy as a high priest wafts a peacock feather fan respectfully above it. As we leave, everyone gets a scoop of *prasad*, a sweet concoction that tastes of almonds, honey and spices — mmm.

Anyone who's really hungry can visit the vast outdoor court where volunteers feed as many as 35,000 people a day — a

tradition of hospitality that goes back to the days of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. An aroma of baking bread emerges from a building in the compound surrounding the temple, and through a window we glimpse a machine churning out *chapattis* — hot, freshly baked flat breads, not unlike flour tortillas — by the hundreds.

No wonder the Sikhs are currently in a hot debate about naming the Golden Temple the eighth wonder of the world — ahead of the Taj Mahal. ■



the drabness of their lives.

Our goal is the legendary city of Amritsar and its Golden Temple, built just over 400 years ago. We arrive at 9 p.m., in time to see the Sikh holy book, or Adi Grantha, before it is returned to the temple precincts for the night. The shrine, also known as Harimandir, is indeed a marvel, not just because of its staggering beauty — the delicate shrine, encased in gold leaf and lined with marble inlay, is reflected in a pool of holy water known as "the nectar of immortality" — but because it's alive with

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Soups & Chowders

Friday, January 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (hands-on) \$34

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Five Secrets to Permanent Weight Loss

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m. \$10

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Wednesday, January 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (hands-on) \$34

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FIRE

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neighbors, Phillippe and Karen, who showed great generosity even though their own son had just recovered from brain surgery. They were about to go on vacation, he said, so they let the stranded family stay at their place.

"The Depallens have been absolutely amazing," Wallis said. He described how "the front of our van got completely melted off" in the fire, and the family needed a vehicle. The Depallens, he said, "had a van stored which needed a battery replacement for some time. Well, they put in a new battery in the van and handed it right over to us."

Help came from other places as well.

"On Saturday after the fire, the police were in our neighborhood as part of Cops That Care to drop off toys for the kids," Wallis said. "I said to myself, 'These are people who already serve the community and they took time out to do this.'"

Alicia Crank, a member of the Human Relations Commission and friend to the Wallis family, offered her support as well.

"I contacted people I know who might know of a place they could stay," she said in an e-mail. "They aren't able to stay in the duplex, and it's going to take the owners time to get the damage assessed, insurance claims processed, work scheduled, contractors

hired, and so on."

Starting next week, the family will move to another friend's place. "This very generous outflow of help, and all the donations from the community, has really inspired and encouraged the Wallises," Crank said, "and I know they want to stay in the neighborhood if at all possible."

Crank said she's putting together an information group through the Mountain View Renter's Association (www.mvra.info), to help people facing a similar situation in the future.

The two-alarm fire that caused all this trouble brought in firefighters from Palo Alto, Santa Clara County and NASA-Ames. Mountain View police also stayed on the scene to help with damage control. No one was hurt by the blaze.

Lynn Brown, spokesman for the Mountain View Fire Department, said the fire was accidental, possibly caused by flammable material on a couch in the garage. He emphasized that in case of a fire, people should call 911 immediately instead of trying to put it out themselves, which can cost valuable time.

The family may not know where they're staying next, but the Christmas spirit Wallis encountered has him optimistic about their future in Mountain View.

"The community's ongoing generosity is amazing. We have [received] more than we can use, and we will give back," he said. ▣

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Banner year for Holiday Fund

NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR, DRIVE TOPPED \$27,000 THANKS TO GENEROSITY OF VOICE READERS

In a year when the economy was improving but still not great, Voice readers opened their hearts, and their wallets, to push Holiday Fund donations to the best ever in the four-year history of the drive.

More than \$27,000 was contributed through Tuesday of this week, an increase of more than 17 percent. The contributions came from 106 individuals or groups, including \$2,309 from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and \$631 from the Mountain View Moms Cookie Party. Roy and Janet Hayter gave \$1,000, but there were plenty of \$50 and \$100 donations. (See page 7.)

With the expected matching grants, the Holiday Fund will award \$54,534 to the six nonprofit groups that serve the local community.

The matching funds come from the Wakerly Foundation, the David and Lucille Packard Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The Peninsula Community Foundation oversees distribution of the funds, which will be dispersed in February or early March. Recipient organizations will receive 100 percent of the contributions.

Each of the nonprofits listed below is expected to receive a grant of approximately \$9,000, depending on the size of the matching grant:

- The Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos
- The Community Health Awareness Council, known as CHAC
- The Mountain View Rotacare Clinic
- The Day Worker Center of Mountain View
- The Support Network for Battered Women
- The Community School for Music and Arts

Each year, in its December editions, the Voice supports the Holiday Fund drive by publishing a coupon and information about the fund, as well as stories about each of the nonprofits that will benefit. And each year since its inception four years ago, readers have increased their donations, from \$13,000 in 2003-04 to more than \$27,000 this year.

The Voice staff and publisher Tom Gibboney are grateful to the readers who contributed, and thank them for their generous gifts.

Obviously, our readers recognize the importance of the nonprofits who serve the less fortunate in our community. We welcome their support.

■ GUEST OPINION

No fun in affordable housing strategy

By Roy Hayter

Contrary to the impression given in last week's Voice story "Fun with BMR funds," the City Council has already decided how best to use \$11 million in BMR funds. Its "Affordable Housing Strategies" passed 6-0 on May 9, 2006.

The decisions to use the Evelyn Avenue site for family housing and to fund 100 senior units at New Central Park Apartments have already been made and are part of these strategies, created to supply affordable housing for low-income families. In 2007, the job of the council is, or should be, to build on more than two years of work by staff, EPC and previous councils to achieve this goal.

Progress in Mountain View has been far from steady. There is a recognized lack of staffing dedicated to affordable housing in City Hall. Individual agendas have diverted attention from the goal of supplying low-income affordable housing.

I am dismayed that the city attorney has declared that the proposed new use for BMR funds, called "housing relocation" fees, is legal.

If he says it is legal it may be so, but, in our view, it is not right, and certainly not just. These fees will help residents to relocate, most likely out of Mountain View, but they are too meager to provide housing affordable to those who are displaced. Where is the fun (or justice) in that, legal though it may be?

The other uses for BMR funds, as mentioned in the article, have all been previously discussed and analyzed, and appear in various EPC and council reports and plans. Council members selected the best for the Affordable Housing Strategies. What is missing is not new ideas to use a "pot of money," but consistent implementation of the existing strategies.

For example, implementing a BMR program is not exactly rocket science. Palo Alto and Sunnyvale have used similar programs for many years to produce hundreds of ownership and rental units that are affordable to their low-income residents. If Mountain View were to emulate the examples of our neighbors, there would be no need to give our displaced residents a handout to move elsewhere.

Roy Hayter lives on Yale Drive.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

DIDN'T OPPOSE ALL SCHOOL BOND MEASURES

Editor:

In a letter from Herb Perry published Dec. 29, it is falsely asserted that I "opposed each of the bond measures passed to raise funds for our local elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and community colleges."

Actually, I did not oppose the second version of the high school bond measure (which lowered the amount and set up an oversight committee) — although I did criticize the unlawful use of public funds to advocate its passage. I did not oppose the Whisman Elementary bond or the Mountain View Elementary bond, and I wrote letters to the Voice in support of both the first and second versions of the Mountain View-Whisman parcel tax.

With regard to Mr. Perry's claim in his letter that I am "working hard to ensure that the college district doesn't spend all of the [\$490.8 million] bond money

"for one giant telescope or a nuclear reactor," the point, of course, is that under the language of the college bond measure, the money could be used for virtually any capital project, and such slippery language does not amount to a "list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded" as required by the California Constitution.

Gary Wesley
Continental Circle

GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK TO GREG PERRY

Editor:

I have admired Greg Perry from the beginning of his term as Mountain View City Council member. I have not always agreed with him, but he knows how to squeeze a nickel, as well as how to spend money to best effect.

I'm sorry he is leaving the council, but his family is a very good reason to do so, and I wish him well.

Doug Pearson
Fordham Way

■ GUEST OPINION

Council has community's best interests at heart

ACCUSATIONS OF 'PRO-DEVELOPER STANCE' IGNORE NEED FOR MORE HOUSING, OTHER FACTORS

By Nick Galiotto

The guest opinion of Dec. 22, "Local government gone wrong," requires a response. The mischaracterization of the city council's motivations in the Satake Nursery site rezoning as a continuing "pro-developer stance" needs a reality check.

There were several arguments that I personally found persuasive in support of the modified R1 zoning recommended by the Environmental Planning Commission. And, although now accused of not listening to the "neighborhood," I did listen, and did review the materials provided by the obviously diligent and earnest Unity advocates. However, listening should not convey an expectation of acquiescence to what has been heard. The various positions or "arguments" have to be weighed in context of impacts on both the immediate neighborhood and the broader community as a whole.

The city is constantly challenged to provide more housing so that some of it becomes more affordable. If the city doesn't make reasonable efforts to offset the state's concerns of a jobs-to-housing imbalance, the state is poised to remove local controls by legislating its override of certain restrictions on housing development — for example, local parking requirements.

Those that accuse the council of kowtowing to developers should first take a look at the Housing Element of the General Plan, because that is the real motivator. In this backdrop, the council adopted a major change to higher-housing density near the existing Monta Loma neighborhood, primarily because of proximity to rapid transit (so-called "smart growth"). Many of those residents felt they weren't listened to, but numerous mitigations were applied because of their input.

Nevertheless, the council had to consider this development in light of the few opportunities available to significantly increase housing stock through a smart growth application, which is in the broader community interest.

With the Satake site development, the EPC recommended that R1 zoning, together with the major mitigation of carving Marilyn Drive into two cul-de-sacs, represents a significant preservation of the immediate neighborhood while allowing four more houses than R1-7 zoning would. While certainly not adding a great deal to the broader community need for housing, it at least gives that some consideration.

Here are some cogent reasons for supporting R1 zoning which actually came from residents of the immediate neighborhood:

1) We believe that the additional four units gained with R1 zoning are needed by the community. The city needs more ownership housing for families. All areas of Mountain View should try to optimize housing opportunities for others, which answers a social need.

2) Also, we believe that increasing the lot size and size of the houses will increase the price of the housing by 10 to 15 percent, which will make the housing out of reach to most of the population. This type of infill opportunity is unique with such a large parcel of land. Reducing the number of units will decrease the project's economies of scale and increase costs.

3) We do not consider that an R1 zoning will hurt the "rural" character or integrity of the neighborhood. The lot sizes in this area vary from 4,500 to 13,000-plus square feet. The subdivision lot lines never had a grid-like design: It reflects the crossing of a creek, the existing nursery and subsequent lot splits. From the street, one cannot tell a 13,000-square-foot lot from a 5,000-square-foot lot, as most houses have the same frontage in this neighborhood. Further, the companion unit ordinance makes the lot size per unit around 6,000 square feet.

4) Changing the lot size from R1 to R7 does not change the setback requirements, thus R1 provides the same level of privacy.

This constitutes my response as an individual member of the council, and, while it is not my intention to undo the Marilyn Drive mitigation, I believe the neighborhood should recognize the value in this definite tilting of the balance between immediate neighborhood and broader community interests in the favor of the immediate neighborhood.

Nick Galiotto is mayor of Mountain View.

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The Chicken 65 dish at the Hyderabad House includes curried chicken chunks tossed with curry leaves and green chillies.

KARNA KURATA

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

No more fancy-schmancy

HYDERABAD HOUSE TAKES A MORE CASUAL APPROACH TO INDIAN CUISINE

By Sheila Himmel

In recent months, the local population of Indian restaurants has been putting on the Ritz. We've seen fusion, higher prices, lower lights and smaller plates. Hyderabad House says no thanks to all that.

Let the Junnoons and Mantras do the lounge scene, and others have their white tablecloths. Let the dives and chaat houses have their flings. In between is a growing market for quality food in sleek yet comfortable semi-self-serve surroundings.

The tablecloth route wasn't working for Hyderabad House's predecessor, Marigold. It had gotten good reviews, a listing in the widely watched Zagat guide to Bay Area restaurants, and a lot of business. Too much business.

"For a small place, we were peaking already," said Satish Sandadi, who opened Marigold in 2003 and then Hyderabad House early this year. "Waiters would be taking orders and the phone rings. Takeout was disturbing service."

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A year ago, Marigold went dark. Two months later, it reopened as Hyderabad House, with the same chef and many of the same menu items. Instead of waiters, who weren't a big draw at Marigold anyway, now there's a counter where you order and pay, get drinks and a number. The food comes to your table in time, quick or not, depending on factors beyond your control.

Chai tea is complimentary. It isn't world-beating chai, but it's free. Sandadi just wants you to try aromatic tea with milk.

Among appetizers, vegetable samosas (\$3.50) wear crunchy coats and not too much oil. The Hyderabad starter called Chicken 65 (\$7.95) is a treat, if you don't mind a little heat from curry leaves and green chili.

On the menu, only Spicy Vindaloo (\$9.95) hints at its heat level. The biryani dishes (layered casseroles with spiced rice and meat or vegetables) are served with cooling raita, a yogurt sauce. All dishes come with chewy, nicely charred naan and/or basmati rice.

For proof of beauty being skin deep, look no further than chicken dum biryani (\$8.95), the Ugly Betty of biryanis. Brown, skinless yet tender pieces of bone-in chicken rest on brownish rice, which has been cooked with the chicken.

All the meats are halal, fulfilling Muslim dietary law, in accordance with Muslim-dominated Hyderabad.

The tandoor oven produces prawns, minced chicken skewers and boneless chicken pieces. Stick to bones is my advice. The minced lamb kebab (\$8.95) was dry and crumbly, while tandoori chicken (\$5.95), a yogurt-marinated

leg and thigh, stayed moist.

Bone-in goat curry (\$9.95) also is delicious. Another curry, butter chicken (\$9.95) features shredded barbecued chicken, soaking up a creamy tomato sauce.

Vegans and vegetarians have lots of choices.

In saag paneer (\$8.95), domino cubes of custard-like mild cheese take the edge off spinach spiked with cilantro, green onion and fenugreek leaves. Fresh herbs tingle in these curry sauces. Like many Indian restaurants aiming for a wide American audience, Hyderabad House explains paneer as "cottage cheese," which sounds like something that would stick in your throat. This paneer is more like soft tofu.

In addition to saag paneer, vegetarian curries include the Hyderabad specialty mirch ka salan (\$8.95), featuring yellow wax chilies. Not all the seeds have been removed, so watch out. The tips, away from the stem end, are safest. But this dish is worth getting just for the sauce, a sumptuous paste of sweet tamarind, sesame, onions, peanuts and slivers of spinach. Four curries are labeled vegan, such as Eggplant Bertha (\$9.95), baked and mashed.

If you aren't a vegan, do not miss the baby eggplant (\$9.95), a Hyderabad specialty. Thick, cardamom-inflected sauce smothers soft, sweet, egg-shaped eggplants that have been scored open.

Yellow lentil soup (\$3) is a comfort any day.

And if all this talk of curry and biryani makes you sweat, Hyderabad House also offers a tandoori chicken salad (\$5.95) and three wraps.

The brief but broad beer list includes Coors Light, Becks Dark and the three Indian ten-

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- BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**
Century 12: 12:40, 3, 5:50, 8:10 & 10:25 p.m.
- BLOOD DIAMOND (R)** ★★★★★ Century 16: 12:15, 3:35, 6:50 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 12:25, 3:30, 6:40 & 9:45 p.m.
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- CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G)** ★★★★★1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:30, 4:10, 6:40 & 9:05 p.m. Century 12: 12:05, 1, 2:35, 4:20, 5:10, 7, 7:40, 9:30 & 10:05 p.m.
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ERAGON ★★★★★
 (Century 12, Century 16) Adorable as a newly hatched baby and elegant when grown, the dragon Saphira (voiced by Rachel Weisz) moves with a fluidity not seen in previous computer-generated renderings of these mythical creatures. Based on Christopher Paolini's best-selling novel of the same title, the coming-of-age tale focuses on 17-year-old farm boy Eragon (Edward Speleers) who discovers a mysterious sapphire stone in the forest. His war-torn homeland of Alagaesia suffers under the rule of King Galbatorix (John Malkovich), a one-time Dragon Rider who betrayed his righteous colleagues to take

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all the power for himself. When a winged creature surprisingly hatches from the blue "stone," Eragon discovers his destiny as the

last of the Dragon Riders. He and Saphira offer the only hope of restoring peace and justice to the land. A fine cast brings the formulaic characters to life, including Jeremy Irons as Eragon's mentor, Sienna Guillory as a rebel princess, and Robert

Carlyle as a malevolent sorcerer. Often warm and ultimately uplifting, the fantasy delivers entertaining fare for the entire family. *Rated: PG for fantasy violence, intense battle sequences and some frightening images. 1 hour, 39 minutes.* — S.T.

who abandons father and son, faulty bone-density scanners that won't sell, no rent for the apartment and the IRS nipping at his heels — Gardner somehow reaches into untapped reserves of tenacity and courage. A real-life story that feels real — uncommonly refreshing. *Rated: PG-13 for language. 1 hour, 57 minutes.* — J.A.

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 aside and break with long-standing tradition. *Rated: PG-13 for language and adult situations. 1 hour, 43 minutes.* — J.A.

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) "You got a dream, you gotta protect it. If you want something, go get it. Period." Words of wisdom passed from struggling medical supply salesman Chris Gardner (Will Smith) to his 5-year-old son Christopher (real-life son Jaden Christopher Syre Smith). The sentiment bears heavy meaning considering the hardships Gardner faces. He's a suddenly single parent trying to break off a piece of the American dream by enrolling in a risky unpaid internship program with high-profile stockbroker Dean Witter. San Francisco circa 1981 is a city ripe with potential if you know how to work it. And Gardner works like a madman to protect his boy and pull himself out of a perpetual hole. When it gets as hard-luck as it can — a dissatisfied wife (Thandie Newton)

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 with the ritual-bound world of his Queen. Blair and Her Royal Highness do emotional battle while a staid Prince Philip (James Cromwell) staves off reality by stalking an elk that's furtively roaming his summer estate. What ensues is

VOLVER ★★1/2

(Guild) Penelope Cruz gives a remarkably mature and poignant performance in a disjointed account of tangled family ties. Cruz is the sultry Raimunda, a Madrid wife and mother who struggles with a teenage daughter, hard workdays and a rocky marriage. A family crisis results in her dead-beat hubby's untimely death. Raimunda's snap solution is to dispose of the body and keep his disappearance on the Q.T. As if that's not enough of a burden, Raimunda is also coping with her plainer, jealous younger sister (Lola Duenas), who claims their deceased mother (Carmen Maura) is making appearances at her apartment. A ghost or a hallucination? The family dysfunction makes for a complex foundation greatly enhanced by director Pedro Almodovar's traditionally vivid visuals (red is the recurrent color of choice) and abstract sense of style coupled with a Hitchcock-mystery vibe. But "Volver" leans heavily towards the capricious, encompassing superfluous apparitions and a thread of genetic insanity. The result is a melodramatic telenovela that feels more like frippery than the delicious spiritual fantasy it endeavors to be. *Rated: R for nudity, language and bloodshed. In Spanish with English subtitles. Two hours.* — J.A.

WE ARE MARSHALL ★★1/2

(Century 12) Long-standing traditions of gridiron majesty and small-town pride permeate this touching but conventional tale of tragedy and re-birth. Marshall University is a small West Virginia college with a mediocre football team that is nonetheless the delight of the town of Huntington. A tragic plane crash shatters Marshall's athletic dreams, killing the entire team, its coaches and a number of football faithful. Reeling from the shock, the town — including the star quarterback's fiancée (Kate Mara) and stunned father (Ian McShane) — attempts to pick up the pieces. Assistant Coach Red Dawson (Matthew Fox), who opted for a recruiting trip on that fateful day, struggles with survivor's guilt. And then there's the matter of the football season, which university President Donald Dedmon (David Strathairn) decides to quash due to lack of new recruits and lingering grief. Enter hyper-enthusiastic motivator Jack Lengyel (Matthew McConaughey), a coach who takes on the impossible task of rebuilding a traumatized town and a football team. "Marshall" doesn't score any touchdowns in the emotion department, but there's something inherently satisfying in the chestnut cliches of a sports film, a go-team mindset that has been and always will be an integral part of the movie landscape. *Rated: PG for mature themes and a scary accident scene. 2 hours, 7 minutes.* — J.A.

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Book signing after lecture: "Skywalking: An Astronaut's Memoir." Free.
NASA Ames Research Center, Bldg. 943, Eagle Room, Mountain View.
www.researchpark.arc.nasa.gov

SPECIAL EVENTS

AN EVENING WITH ROBERT KAHN In conversation with Ed Feigenbaum. Jan. 9, member reception 6-7 p.m.; lecture and Q&A 7-9 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 810-1005. www.computerhistory.org

ART GALLERIES

INGE INFANTE "FIELDS, NEW COLLAGES" Through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Thu.-Sun., 1-5 p.m.; reception Jan. 6, 3-6 p.m. Free. 1870 Art Center, 1870 Ralston Ave., Belmont. Call 261-1086. www.1870artcenter.org

"FLOWERS, FRUIT AND FUNGI, TREES AND TRAVEL" Photographs by Dawn Ishimaru Frazier on display through Jan. 13. Free. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

"JUNE IN JANUARY" By Lillian Balliet. Through Feb. 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

"SMALL WORKS" By member artists in all media. Through Feb. 3. Gallery House, 320 California Ave., Palo Alto. www.galleryhouse2.com

ART21 Artist Kate Curry shows her latest work of sky scenes on display through Jan. 30. Art21 Gallery, 539 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 566-1381. www.art21.us/539_Alma/curry_panel.htm

STEPHEN ACHIMORE: COLOR FIELD PAINTINGS Features abstract paintings of New York-based artist. Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. through Jan. 27. Free. Stellar Gallery, 539 Bryant St., Palo Alto.

AUDITIONS

"DAVID COPPERFIELD" Auditions for LAYT's winter drama directed by Charles Ascello. Jan. 8-9. Ages 12-20. Prepare a drama one minute monologue. Los Altos Youth Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 947-2796. www.ci.los-altos.ca.us/recreation/layt

"THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE" PYT invites youths ages 8-20 to audition Jan. 6, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.; Jan. 7, 2 or 6 p.m. Prepare a song and a one-minute prose monologue. Bring sheet music or instrumental tape or CD. \$160. Peninsula Youth Theatre, 2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. www.pyt.net.org

AURORA SINGERS AUDITIONS Rehearsals Tuesdays. For information and auditions, call Dawn Reyen 365-6785.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

MUSHROOM WALKS Filoli Nature Docents, will lead you on a discovery excursion along the hills at Filoli. Children under 12 not allowed. Jan. 6, 20 and 27, 10 a.m.-noon \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

CONCERTS

GREGG ROLIE BAND, MALO PLUS LA VENTANA Jan. 13, 7 p.m. \$35 advance/\$40 at the door. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 366-4119. www.foxdream.com

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCING Thursdays, through March 1, 7-9 p.m. \$7. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

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/

ENVIRONMENT

EARTHQUAKE HIKE With docents Tommi and Strether Smith. Learn about local geology and earthquakes at the junction of the Pacific and North American plates. 2-3-mile stroll to discover remnants of the effects of the 1906 earthquake and discuss how to prepare for future earthquakes. Jan. 7, 2-4:30 p.m. Free. Los Trancos Open Space Preserve. www.openspace.org

EXPLORING BALD MOUNTAIN With docents Paul Vadopalas and Sarah Schoen. A 6 mile, moderately-paced hike along the Borden Hatch, Bald Knob, and Irish Ridge Trails. An out and back route. Meet at Skeggs Point. Reservations are required. Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve. www.openspace.org

SCENIC AEROBIC HIKE With docents Bernie Larkin and Stella Yang to visit a variety of District preserves. 3-5 mile, moderately-paced aerobic outings. Meet at the Grizzly Flat trailhead. Jan. 10, 10 a.m.-noon Free. Long Ridge Open Space Preserve. www.openspace.org

EXHIBITS

"CLASSIC AND TIMELESS TOYS" Palo Alto Sport Shop and Toy world and the Museum of American Heritage present "Classic and Timeless Toys," an exhibit featuring over 75 classic toys of the 20th century. Learn the history of toys and the story behind their inventions. Fridays-Sundays, through Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org

"MYSTERY OF VENICE" An atmospheric view of La Serenissima during Carnavale. Photography by D. Cichon showing through Jan. 13. Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Keeble & Shuchat Photography, 290 California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 327-8996. www.kspphoto.com

ART EXHIBITION "Reflections" contemporary figurative paintings by local artist, Laura Varich. Paintings are rendered using the "alla prima"



"SAN SEBASTIEN SCENE" SPAIN 2006, WATERCOLOR BY SUEJ MCCALL

"IMAGES OF SPAIN": Vibrant watercolors by artist, Suej McCall on display through Jan. 27. Paintings inspired by the artist's recent travels to Spain. Meet the artist Fri., Jan. 5, 5-7:30 p.m. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gallery 9 Los Altos, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

technique. Through Feb. 2. Mike's Cafe, 150 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 321-3520.

ART IN ACTION LIBRARY SHOW Art in Action opens a 6 month long art show series featuring artwork from local students grades K-8. Through May 5. For a list of participating schools see website. Free. Art in Action, 3925 Bohannon Dr., Menlo Park. Call 566-8339. www.artinaction.org

MULTIMEDIA STUDENT ART SHOW Original works of digital paintings, imaging and photography will on display through Jan. 20 by students. Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Canada College Main Theater Foyer, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. Call 306-3330. www.canadacollege.net/multimedia/

PAINTINGS AND COLLAGE Oil Paintings by Bohdanna Kesala; watercolors by Amy Da-Peng King, and collage by Mellissa Shields.

Through Feb 8. Free. Stanford Art Spaces, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 725-3622. <http://cis.stanford.edu/~marigros>

PENISULA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE Jan. 6-7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Features exhibits of orchids, sales of orchids by vendors, informative seminars on orchid culture and other topics, sales of orchids by members and orchid art. \$5 adults/\$3 seniors, disabled and children 12-16. Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. Call 361-8658. <http://penorchidsoc.org>

REPETITIOUS ANTICS Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through March 23. Photographs and collages by Jessica Walker and Cyane Tornatzky, blending gender issues and technology to blur the edges of the natural and the artificial. Free. Serra House, 589 Capistrano Way, Stanford. Call 723-1994. <http://gender.stanford.edu>

VISIONS OF DHARMA: THAI CONTEMPORARY ART Exhibition highlights the work of two of Thailand's artists. Works are contemporary and explore a wide range of subjects and styles. Hours: Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu., 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Through March 4. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. Call 723-3469. <http://museum.stanford.edu>

FAMILY AND KIDS

"OLIVER" Presented by Bay Area etc's. Featuring the musical classics "I'd Do Anything"; "Where is Love?"; "Consider Yourself" and "Who Will Buy?" Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 12-21, 2-7:30 p.m. \$15 adults/\$12 seniors/\$10 students. Bayside Performing Arts Center, 2025 Kehoe Dr., San Mateo. www.bayareaetc.org

PACT SCHOOL COFFEE NIGHT Accepting K-5 students. Jan. 9, 7-9 p.m. Free. Starbucks, 750 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pactschool.net

HEALTH

ASH KICKERS STOP-SMOKING CLASSES Led by a trained facilitator, the class utilizes group support and offers resources and strategies to help you kick the habit. Thursdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15, 6-7:30 p.m. \$70. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call (408) 998-5865. www.lungsrus.org

LIVE MUSIC

THE JACK CONWAY TRIO Jack Conway, guitar; Roger Dahlberg, bass; and Reno Bryan, drums playing classic jazz with vocalist Juanita Harris. Jan. 5, 8-10 p.m. Dana Street Roasting Company, 744 W. Dana St., Mountain View. www.jackconwaytrio.com

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Griselda Caceres tries on hats with help from her sister Pamela while shopping at Therapy, Mountain View's trendiest retail store. The store sells a mix of fashionable retro clothing and home furnishings.

Therapy session

GIFT AND CLOTHING STORE TAKES DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SCENE IN A NEW DIRECTION

By Daniel DeBolt

Inside downtown's new gift store, aptly named "Therapy," shoppers can find unique stationery, vintage-style clothes, home decor, children's books, signs reproduced from bygone eras

and even a Jesus action figure.

It's quite a change from the restaurants that have dominated downtown for years. In fact, the owners say, it could signal a new direction for the neighborhood.

"I think Castro Street is going to change; there will be more stores

like it," said Wayne Whelan, who owns the store, part of a small chain, with his wife Jing Chen. "The city has a very diverse population — there are a lot of really bright people. I'm just happy to be the first of what I think are going to be many."

Whelan reports that business has exceeded expectations since their opening in late October. That's due to shoppers like April Harnett, 19, a lifelong Mountain View resident who says she's purchased "lots of clothes" from the store.

"I'm so happy this has finally come to Mountain View," she said. "Before that we had nothing. The style is really unique, the clothes there really urban, chic.

It's fun and it's hip. The ambience of the place is really great, too.

"I would rather support a place like that than wait in line at malls. I hope they stay there a long time," she said.

Harnett had just finished a trip to Therapy with a male friend who came all the way from San Jose to visit the store. She said she's taken several of her friends there, and continues to spread the word as a loyal customer.

One goal of the store is to have "a little something for everybody," which makes it more comfortable for the guys accom-

panying their female partners on a shopping trip, Whelan said.

The unusual mix of gifts and clothes is akin to that found in particular stores in urban areas, such as in San Francisco's Mission District — which, in fact, is where another of the Therapy stores is located. The chain has two other locations as well, in Burlingame and San Luis Obispo.

Whelan described the selection as "fairly random." In the window are small animals welded together from scraps of metal. Inside, the shelves hold novelty gifts, such as strawberry flavored gummy bacon and a librarian action figure with "amazing, push button shushing action." There are children's clothes, books and unusual stuffed animals.

"It's been an evolution," Whelan said. "Originally we sold vintage goods. We scoured garage sales and flea markets. It got to



Casual flats mix it up with fancier pumps at Therapy, located on Castro Street.

NICHOLAS JENSEN

■ INFORMATION

Therapy is located at 250 Castro Street, Mountain View. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekends. For more information, call (650) 691-1186.

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Gadgets galore for 2007

MOUNTAIN VIEW FORUM OFFERS GLIMPSE
AT COMING TECHNOLOGY (HINT: THINK VIDEO)

By Angela Hey

How will technology impact our lives in 2007? At the Churchill Club's annual "What's Hot, What's Not in Personal Technology" forum, held recently in Mountain View at the Computer History Museum, industry "thought leaders" demonstrated cool gadgets, including a talking star finder with built-in global positioning system and a marsupial teddy bear with twinkling paws playing an iPod in its pouch.



Angela Hey

Three trends were evident: 1) the proliferation of personal video, 2) the time-shifting of broadcast events, and 3) the expanded use of USB ports.

Hot on the heels of Google's \$1.6 billion acquisition, Chad Hurley, YouTube's co-founder and CEO, was bullish about video on cell phones. Veteran *Wall Street Journal* columnist Walter Mossberg opened the forum by proclaiming that 2006 was "not a banner year for great gadgets." He joked about Apple's elusive and much rumored iPhone. He liked the Motorola Moto Q phone and Samsung's Black-Jack — devices that look like RIM's popular Blackberry. Helio, a joint venture of Earthlink and SK Telecom, resells Sprint's phone service with hip video services and cool video phones.

Seriously, the 80GB iPod is available now and can show up to 100 hours of video — so do you really want video cluttering up your phone? Greg Harper, gadget guru and industry consultant, is readily recognized on a plane, muffled by his noise-canceling headphones and sporting dark glasses that enlarge movies playing on one of his many handheld devices. A belt buckle with a miniature video screen was also shown. Contemplating your navel has a whole new meaning in the world of personal video.

You may not need a new device to see movies. I use Pocket DVD Wizard (www.pocketdvdwiz-

ard.com) to convert a movie from a DVD via a Windows PC to a Windows PDA. It's not very quick, but it works on most movies with Palm and Windows smartphones.

There'll always be full-length feature films, but Chad convinced us that the real action is in do-it-yourself short clips. Educators must now teach children not only how to read and write, but how to make compelling video to help them get jobs, sell products, record their vacations and communicate professionally.

Panelists spoke about the tiny iPod Shuffle as the ideal gift for playing tunes. I use my iPod Shuffle to store podcasts and NPR radio programs, rather than songs. Meanwhile, time-shifting pioneer TiVo is expected to debut a service in early 2007 that will let you send home movies across the Internet to a TiVo subscriber's TV, so there's no need to send a DVD through the mail. In the future, having to listen to radio or watch TV at preset times will seem restrictive and primitive.

Kara Swisher, author and *Wall Street Journal* technology writer, showed how you can use your computer's USB port for cooling champagne. The companion beverage warmer would be useful to keep my pot of tea hot.

Moixa energy (www.usbcell.com) has created standard-sized batteries that have a built-in USB plug so they can be recharged using your laptop's USB port. This saves packing a battery charger, and possibly a power converter as well. USB ports are widely found in cigarette lighter connectors so that you can power devices in your vehicle. You can get a cigarette lighter connector that also plugs into a wall socket — again reducing the need for multiple connectors.

Greg had a USB-connected robotic hamster on a treadmill — but it crashed his PC. He closed the panel presentations by flashing his digitally enhanced T-shirt to the audience — a must-have for Silicon Valley high tech company gear in 2007. ▀

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Therapy

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the point that we couldn't meet the demand so we started selling reproductions. We also sell a ton of clothing. We've kind of got two businesses under one roof."

The couple lives in San Luis Obispo and was looking for a location in Palo Alto before stumbling onto Mountain View on the suggestion of a customer.

"I was really close to signing a lease to be on University Avenue," Whelan said. "For some reason I couldn't see myself being right there at that particular location. Somebody came to me in my store in Burlingame said 'You should check out Castro Street.'"

When he did, he found a vibrant area with lots of healthy restaurants and foot traffic, espe-

cially from people who go downtown on special occasions to meet people for dinner or lunch.

"To have a gift store there and be able to sell greeting cards alone there was a lot of potential," Whelan said. "It seemed like an opportunity to go someplace where there wasn't going to be a lot of conflict about who sells what. We're not really taking anybody else's business, and hopefully we are filling a need."

Employee Cindy Tse said customers who frequent the store are often looking for something "trendier." She said customers who told employees they liked the store apparently moved from San Francisco and knew of the Therapy on Valencia Street.

"Now they don't have to go to the city and they don't have to go to Valencia Street," Whelan said,

adding that he found the store's fan base to be humbling. "I hope I can bring a little bit of that big-city vibe to Mountain View."

One of Harnette's favorite things about the store is the fact that it's open late — until 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays — so she can shop after having dinner downtown.

On the Web site www.yelp.com, Therapy is getting positive reviews.

"Downtown Mountain View is slowly becoming a better retail, not just restaurant, destination," writes one reviewer.

"The fabulous, hipster, modern, and reasonably priced Valencia St., San Francisco shops have come to the South Bay! Thank goodness!" writes another. ▀

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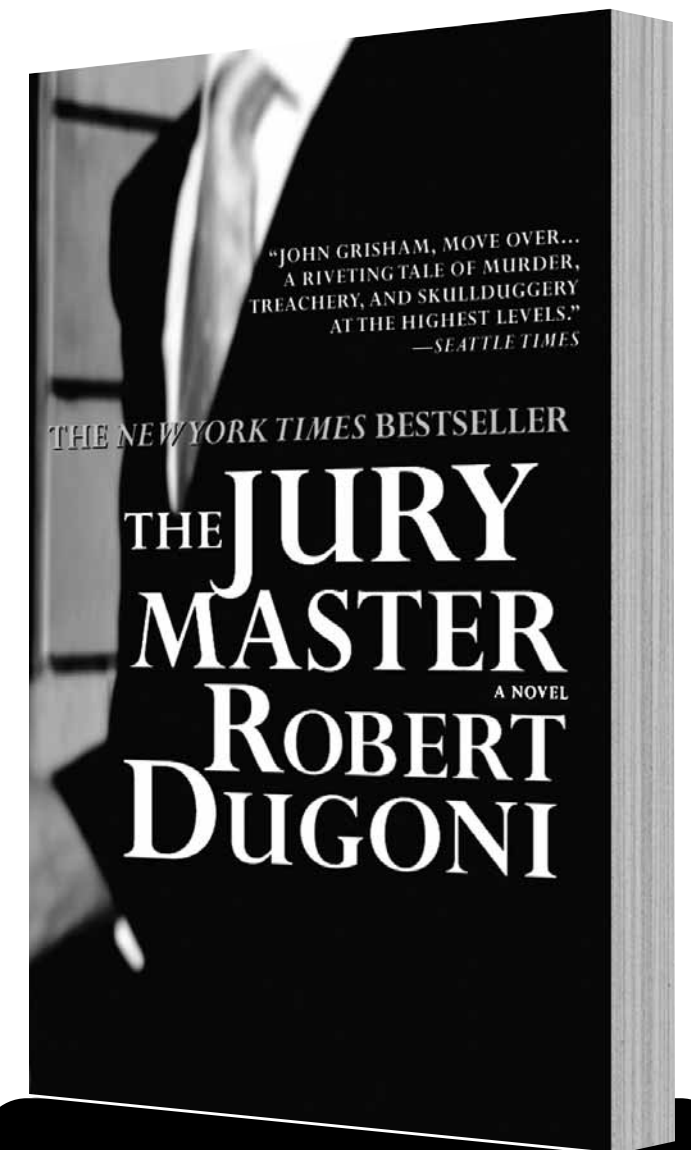
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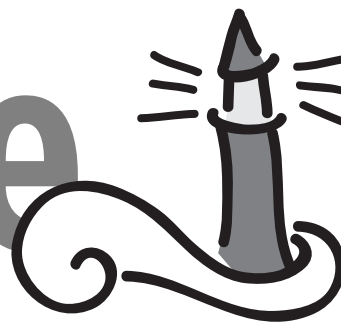
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STUDIO F. X.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 486664

The following individual(s) is (are) doing
business as Studio F. X., E. Washington, Sun-
nyvale, CA 94086:

IRENA ROTBART
978 Kiely Bul. F.
Santa Clara, CA 95051
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individual.

Registrant has not yet began to transact
business under the fictitious business name(s)
listed above.

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SWAT MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 486769

The following individual(s) is (are) doing
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tions, 836 Runningwood Circle, Mountain
View, CA 94040:

CHRISTINE G. FLAVIO
836 Runningwood Circle
Mountain View, CA 94040

This business is being conducted by an in-
dividual.

Registrant began transacting business un-
der the fictitious business name(s) listed here-
in on November 1, 2006.

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cember 7, 2006.
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997 Other Legals

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BUYER: Eng Annie Ma, 856 W. El
Camino Real, #A, Mt. View, CA
94040.

BUSINESS: AMANOR DELI & BAK-
ERY, 856 W. El Camino Real, #A, Mt.
View, CA 94040.

DATE OF CONSUMMATION:
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LAST DAY TO FILE CLAIMS:
January 23, 2007

ESCROW HOLDER: WILLIAM H.
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of the above described Business to
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Business, to be consummated at the of-
fice of the Escrow Holder at the time of
consummation or thereafter. Creditors
of the Seller may file claims with the
Escrow Holder on or before the last day
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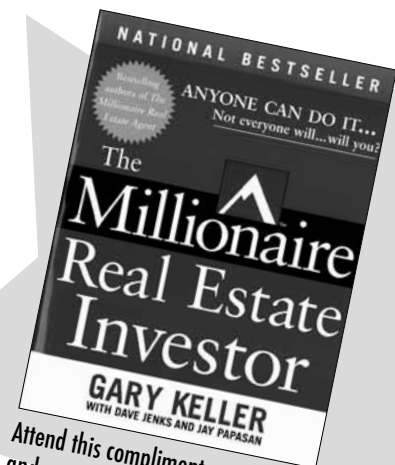
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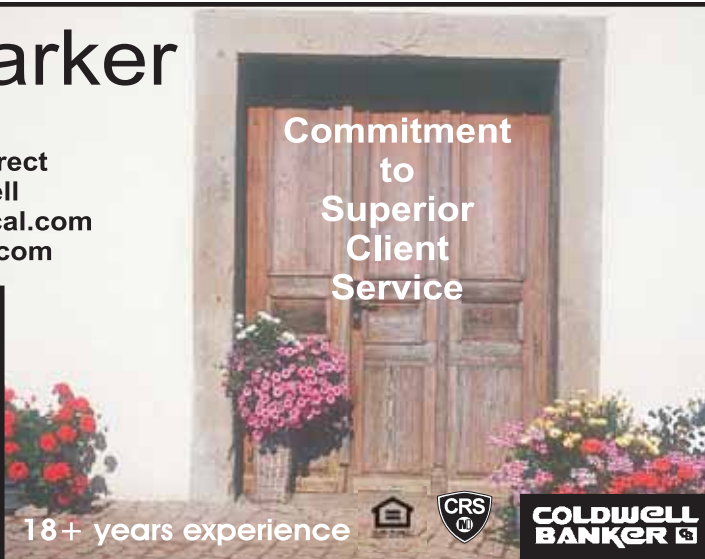
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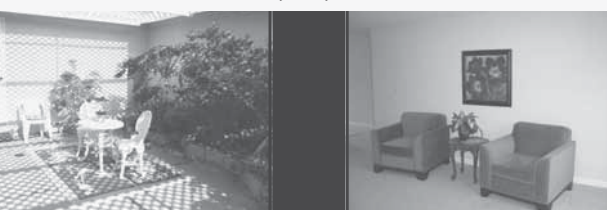


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Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$559,500**
 2 BR 1.5 BA Step down living rm w/fp. Gourmet kit w/Vicking gas range & granite counters. Lrg master w/vaulted ceiling. Wood laminate floors. Laundry. Garage.
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Captivating water views! **\$505,000**
 2 BR 2 BA Spacious living/dining combo w/fp. Sliding door opens to deck on the water. Master suite. Inside laundry. Complex offers: Pool, spa, tennis courts.
Karen Quaid **650.948.0456**

MOUNTAIN VIEW

280 Easy St #503
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$429,000**
 2 BR 2 BA Newly remodeled kitchen and baths. Large private patio. Mirrored closet doors. Fresh paint and new carpet. Swimming pool in complex.
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Fabulous Amenities **\$347,950**
 1 BR 1 BA Wonderful unit offers dining area & fireplace. Enclosed patio. Pool, tennis court, clubhouse, spa, lakes, bbq & volleyball area! Near downtown.
Fletcher & Archbell **650.941.7040**

OROVILLE, BUTTE

Endless possibilities! **\$260,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Cozy home on 6.8 wooded level, sunny acres in Oroville, CA. View of mountains, Grow grapes, raise livestock, start a winery, build a dream home.
Jim Galli **650.948.0456**

PALO ALTO

PA Botique Facility **\$4,500,000**
 Gorgeous 13 unit apartment bldg. Great location to Stanford & Downtown. Completely renovated & updated. Carpets, coin laundry & more. Call agent to view
David & Veronica Rudick **650.325.6161**

Downtown PA Luxury! **\$1,395,000**
 2 BR 2.5 BA Gorgeous! Large and elegantly appointed executive townhome. Gourmet Kitchen, Hardwood Floors, formal DR, FP, garage parking, patios, storage.
Rod Creason **650.325.6161**

601 Webster St **\$1,350,000**
 Rare 3 unit building in heart of downtown PA. Charming detail, h/w floors, large two car garage. Keep as income prop or convert back to SFR. Appt only.
Zach Trailer **650.325.6161**

Rare Opportunity **\$899,000**
 3 BR 2 BA in Prestigious Barron Park. Private End-Unit, Nice yard, Attached 2car garage, Fireplace, Well equipped kitchen. Great PA Schools, Pool & Spa.
Irene Suh **650.325.6161**

SAN JOSE

Magnificent views! **\$1,800,000**
 Situated in Greystone/Almaden. Approx 2.5 acres, building site. Located within area of multi-million dollar homes.
David & Veronica Rudick **650.325.6161**

Comfortable Family Home **\$729,888**
 4 BR 2.5 BA Large LR, FR, eat-in kitchen, fresh interior paint and updated landscaping incl. new lawn. Quiet neighborhood near open space, golf.
Rod Creason **650.325.6161**

1139 Bird Ave. #5
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$435,000**
 2 BR 2 BA Single level 1st floor end unit in Willow Glen Villas near dining & shopping. Inside laundry, storage. Two car detached garage. 17-unit complex.
Kathryn Tomaino **650.941.7040**

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146 Giffin Road
Los Altos \$1,275,000

Enjoy townhome living at its finest! This HUGE 3 Bedroom and 2.5 Bath townhome features 2,426 sq. ft. of living space, Brazilian cherry hardwood floors, enormous kitchen w/ granite counters and ample cabinet space, living, dining and family room areas, master bedroom w/ vaulted ceilings, incredibly large master bath w/ marble floors and jacuzzi tub, walking distance to downtown, 2 car garage and much more....



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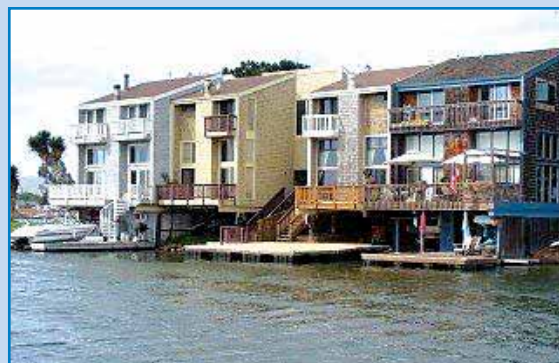
695 San Martin Place
Los Altos \$2,100,000

Gorgeous traditional home on private cul-de-sac featuring 6 bedrooms, 4 baths, separate family room, media room, hobby room, inside laundry and utility room, separate dining room, beautiful master suite with huge walk-in closets, hardwood floors, formal entry, A/C and much more! Immaculate landscaping and lovely private garden amongst the pines. This is a must see!



2090 Flintwick Court
San Jose \$789,000

This is a lovely, well maintained 3 Bedroom, 3 full bath split tri-level home in the Mount Pleasant area of San Jose. Great location on a cul-de-sac. It has a good sized lot with approx. 1900 square feet of living space. There is a partial view of the valley from the upstairs bedrooms. Special area for your motorhome or RV and extra parking.



694 Port Drive
San Mateo \$999,950

Wonderful water front home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, major remodel includes custom kitchen, bathrooms, hardwood floors, radiant heating, double pane windows and a large boat dock. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac with beautiful bay views you must come see this home.

COMING SOON IN NAPA



Beautiful custom built home with Magnificent Valley Views. Features large 20,000 square foot lot with 5400 square feet of spectacular living space, located within the lovely gated community of Silverado Crest. Call 408-691-3940 or 408-219-0725 for more information.



1662 Latham Street
Mountain View \$778,000

REMODELED/ RESTORED... Charming home in wonderful neighborhood; move-in ready and expandable! Near downtown, easy stroll to restaurants, library, theatre, coffee shops. When nestling at home, enjoy cozy warmth of dual-pane windows, rich, luxurious hardwood flooring throughout and sunny French door leading to private deck with many fruit trees. New Kitchen with real bamboo flooring offers abundance of cabinet space accented with deluxe granite countertops. 3 bed, 1 bath, new copper supply lines and much more!



3586 Payne Avenue #14
San Jose \$449,950

Charming condo in a desirable west San Jose area. Located in a quiet and friendly neighborhood, this cozy condo featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, major upgrades include carpet, kitchen & bath room floors, kitchen countertop, stove, sinks, double pane windows through out, interior paint. Extra closet, walk-in closet, end unit with beautiful view of swimming pool. You don't want to miss this.

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