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CALL FOR PEACE:

Wendy Fleet, of Mountain View, reads names at the temporary peace memorial at Mountain View Civic Center Plaza marking the fourth anniversary of the Iraq war. On Sunday, members of Mountain View Voices for Peace and Gold Star family members and supporters read the names of those soldiers that have died.

A giant in the field comes to El Camino

THOMAS FOGARTY TO
BRING HIS CLOUT,
CASH AND 'INSTITUTE
FOR INNOVATION'
TO MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Alexa Tondreau

In a major coup for El Camino Hospital, it was announced last week that world-renowned surgeon/inventor Dr. Thomas Fogarty will partner with the hospital this summer to form the Fogarty Institute for Innovation.

Fogarty, who gave a brief presentation of his work and experience to the hospital board last week, has been a leading vascular surgeon, inventor and engineer for over 40 years.

Fogarty assured the board that

in his new position he will continue his usual pursuits.

"I'm going to try to promote innovation in the field of medical devices — which is what I've done my whole life," he said.

Holding over 100 surgical patents, Fogarty's name is behind

such medical breakthroughs as the Fogarty balloon embolectomy catheter, which is used to remove clots from arteries and veins and is recognized as revolutionizing medicine towards minimally invasive therapies. Fogarty has developed medical products primarily in the field of vascular health.

In 2000, Fogarty received the Lemelson-MIT prize, the largest cash prize in the world for invention and innovation. Fogarty was inducted into the National Inventor's Hall of Fame in 2001.

For those who don't know him for his work in the medical field, he's also the namesake behind Fogarty Wines, produced out of his winery and vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Ever the doctor, Fogarty, on



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County may ax local rehab unit

BUDGET CUTS COULD
SHUT 264-BED PROGRAM
FOR INMATES

By Daniel DeBolt

As residential development in the Whisman area starts to crowd the work furlough center at 590 East Middlefield Road, the county proposed this week to cut the rehabilitation program for non-violent criminals to meet budget constraints.

The 264-bed facility has been in operation, just east of Whisman Road, for over 20 years. Men convicted of nonviolent crimes, such as embezzlement, drug possession or driving under the influence, are housed there at night and on weekends to receive counseling, but are allowed to leave during the weekday to go to their jobs and visit family for one day every weekend. Currently only 118 of the beds are being used.

Facing a tough budget crunch with the failure of Measure A, the county said it will save over \$1 million a year by closing the center, and make at least another \$4 million by selling the property in Mountain View's lucrative commercial real estate market. A crew of 10 full-time counselors and cooks would be laid off in Mountain View. Another work furlough program for women in south San Jose would also close.

The facility was also on the chopping block in 2005, but county officials, such as local district Supervisor Liz Kniss, fought to keep it open because of its ability to rehabilitate criminals. Those housed at the center would have to be moved

to a minimum security prison, which would not have saved any money, Kniss said.

This year, Kniss may find herself fighting to save it again if a decent alternative is not proposed.

"The center provides a very unique kind of opportunity" for rehabilitation, Kniss said. "I will fight for it again."

The Board of Supervisors is expected to make a decision on the center in June.

This year, at least 84 percent of inmates are eligible for house arrest, which is a cheaper program, said county spokesperson Delores Nnam. Kniss questioned why the inmates

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Kniss calls for mail-in voting

CASH-STRAPPED
COUNTY COULD
SAVE MILLIONS,
SUPERVISOR SAYS

By Daniel DeBolt

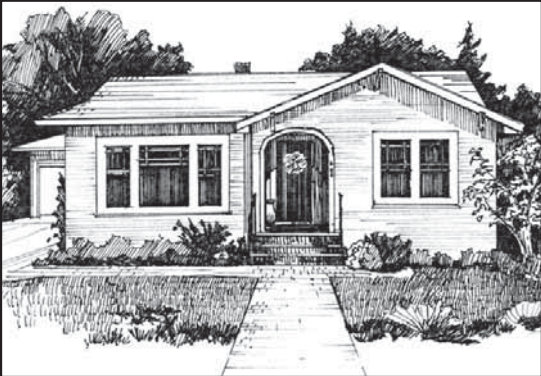
To help ease severe county budget cuts this year, District Five Supervisor Liz Kniss is pushing the state to allow mail-in elections, which she says could save the county millions of dollars.

One version of the idea would make voting booths and voting

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REDEFINING QUALITY SINCE 1990
Reading between the emotional line makes the difference between finding a house and a home.

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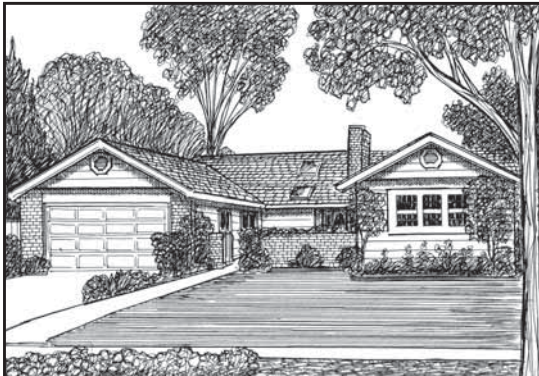
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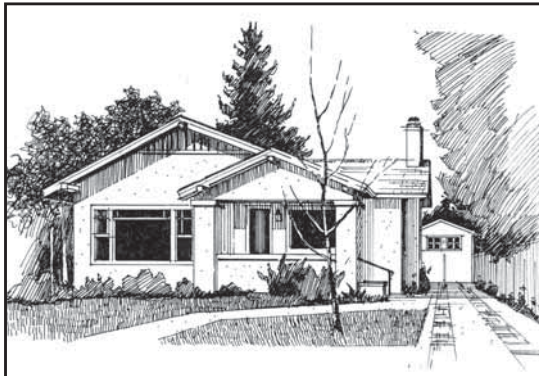
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Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

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

Which do you prefer: high-density or sprawl?



"I think it makes sense to conserve space and create affordable high-density housing. Proximity to public transport is important. But if you build high rises, you block out the sun and vegetation so the city planners need to provide green spaces and parks."

Aika Suai, Los Altos



"High-density. It's a better use of land. It requires less energy because people don't have to drive for long distances. It also helps to promote community."

Mary Hamilton, Mountain View



"We live in high-density. It really depends on how big the location of a city is."

Steve Moore, Kunming, China



"High-density. It's what I grew up with."

Katrina Rouse, Baltimore, Md.



"I prefer the mountains. Much more open space."

Tim Ray, Mountain View

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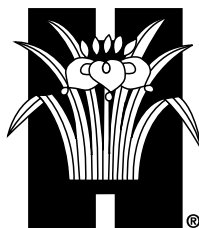
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■ CRIMEWATCH

INDECENT EXPOSURE, 151 W. EVELYN AVENUE, 3/14

Last Wednesday at 10:54 p.m., a female employee of VN Grocery and Liquor was working when she was interrupted by a man who came in and exposed himself to the employee. The suspect fled at the time. Later, police tracked down and arrested 34-year-old Jose Valdovinos and charged him with indecent exposure. Valdovinos is accused of exposing himself twice before at the same store.

POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT TRADEMARKS, LEONG DRIVE AND EVANDALE AVENUE, 3/13

Last Tuesday at 12:52 p.m., police officers conducted a routine patrol check during a traffic stop on a vehicle at Leong and Evandale. While searching the vehicle, police discovered several hundred pirated CDs and DVDs. Twenty-two-year-old Marcela Zurita, who was in the vehicle, was arrested and booked at the main jail and charged with possession of a large quantity of counterfeit items.

■ POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

- 1000 block El Monte Ave., 3/12
- 700 block Mountain View Ave. 3/12
- 1100 block Grant Rd., 3/13
- 900 block Clark Ave., 3/14
- 1600 block Villa St., 3/14
- 600 block Castro St., 3/17
- 1200 block Pear Ave., 3/17

BATTERY

- Moffett Boulevard, 3/13
- 300 block Easy St., 3/13
- Graham Middle School, 3/14
- 1500 block N Shoreline Blvd., 3/18
- 800 block E El Camino Real, 3/18

BREAKING/REMOVING VEHICLE

- 2600 block N Shoreline Boulevard, 3/16

CRUELTY TO A CHILD

- 200 block Evandale Avenue, 3/13

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

- 1300 block Grant Rd., 3/14
- 1700 block Miramonte Ave., 3/18
- 300 block Tyrella Ave. 3/18

DISTURBANCE

- 400 block Pettis Ave., 3/17

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

- W El Camino Real/Escuela Avenue, 3/17
- 700 block San Pablo Drive, 3/17
- 200 block Castro St., 3/18
- 700 block W Dana St., 3/18
- 300 block Showers Drive, 3/18

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

- 700 block Sonia Way, 3/17

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- 900 block E El Camino Real, 3/14
- 600 block Moorpark Way, 3/17

FORGERY

- 100 block N Rengstorff Ave., 3/16

GRAND THEFT

- 300 block Martens Ave., 3/14
- 500 block Hans Ave., 3/18

NARCOTICS POSSESSION

- E. Evelyn Avenue/Ferry Morse Way, 3/13

PETTY THEFT

- 2400 block Betlo Ave., 3/12
- 3000 block Truman Ave., 3/12
- 3300 block Ivan Way, 3/13
- 200 block Sierra Vista Ave., 3/13
- 1700 block Miramonte Ave., 3/16
- Mervyns Department Store, 3/16
- Mountain View Library, 3/17
- 800 block Independence Ave., 3/17
- 700 block Continental Circle, 3/18
- 2200 block California St., 3/18

STOLEN VEHICLE

- 400 block Velarde St., 3/13

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

- 2400 block Grant Road, 3/13
- 500 block Central Avenue, 3/14
- W El Camino Real / S Rengstorff Avenue, 3/14
- 400 block Logue Avenue

TRESSPASSING

- 1900 block Colony St., 3/17

THEFT BY FRAUD

- 500 block Thompson Ave., 3/13
- 2200 block California St., 3/16

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

- 700 block Continental Circle, 3/13

VANDALISM

- 2600 block N Shoreline Blvd., 3/13
- 1400 block Miramonte Ave., 3/16
- 300 block Escuela Ave., 3/18
- Amarin Thai Restaurant, 3/18
- 1600 block San Luis Ave., 3/18
- San Veron Park, 3/18

VIOLATION OF PROBATION

- Central Expressway/N Shoreline Blvd., 3/16

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Our very own Edison

By Don Frances

IF YOU'RE GOING to hold an event called the "Modern Marvels Invent Now Challenge," you may as well have it at the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose.

And that is where, on Thursday (after the *Voice* went to press), Mountain View resident Xiangfeng Duan stood among a handful of peers to be honored for his work as one of the world's great modern inventors.

The event, which claims to "unveil the top 25 inventions of 2007," featured tips and insight from famed medical-device inventor Thomas Fogarty — who, it so happens, is relocating his Fogarty Institute for Innovation to El Camino Hospital this summer (see story, Page 1).

And what, exactly, did Duan invent? Who knows! The promoters weren't revealing any secrets until after the Thursday event. But a quick search online revealed that a Xiangfeng Duan of Mountain View has put in a patent application for "doped elongated semiconductors," not to mention "growing such semiconductors, devices including such semiconductors, and fabricating such devices."

"Doped elongated semiconductors" sounds like a bad episode from college — but Mountain View is a city built on the entrepreneurial spirit, and I'm confident Duan's invention, whatever it is, is brilliant.

(Hopefully, by the time you read this, event sponsor The History Channel will have put more details up on its Web site at www.history.com/invent.)

IN LESS OBSCURE local news, players from two local youth

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Red Rock's new wheels

DOWNTOWN CAFE SUPPORTS COFFEE GROWERS IN AFRICA THROUGH THE RWANDAN 'COFFEE BIKE'

By Alexa Tondreau

Two years ago, when the new owners of Red Rock Cafe vowed to take all of the proceeds from their coffee shop and donate them back to the local community, they never knew it would lead to supporting coffee farmers in Africa.

But then along came Project Rwanda, a nonprofit dreamed up by one of mountain biking's founding fathers, Peninsula resident Tom Ritchey.

Richey, owner of famed bike maker Ritchey Design, Inc., created Project Rwanda to assist the nearly half-million small-holder coffee producers in the tiny East African country through the use of so-called "coffee bikes." The bikes, which Richey designed, are meant to help coffee growers in Rwanda transport their coffee cherries from the field to the washing station more quickly.

The old method, in which planters used whatever means possible to haul the cherries, usually meant a lag time of six to 12 hours after picking, during



SAM TENNEY

A wooden bike hangs in the window of the Red Rock Cafe in Mountain View. The nonprofit group Project Rwanda is helping Rwandan coffee farmers acquire wooden bicycles to expedite the harvesting process, significantly increasing economic viability.

which time the cherries would often bake in the sun, decreasing their value. With the bikes, the produce can be delivered in two to four hours.

Explained Red Rock manager Emily Schreiber, "Farmers would just have to sit on the side of the road and wait for a truck or something to pick them up. But the quicker they can get the

coffee to the plants, the better the coffee will be, and the higher price they can get."

Coffee is the primary export from Rwanda, and success in the coffee industry is vital for a country that has had to slowly rebuild itself since 1994, when it was destroyed by civil war.

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Locals chime in on Whisman project

COUNCIL DELAYS FEEDBACK FOR TWO MORE WEEKS

By Daniel DeBolt

The fate of up to 1,300 more homes along Ferguson Drive near Whisman Station won't be clear for two more weeks, when the City Council plans to reconvene to discuss the project after hearing public comment Tuesday.

The council held a study session Tuesday to determine if there was still a majority of council members in support of the project after the November election of three "slower growth" council members. But after public comments ran for nearly two hours, the council decided it was more important to move to the next agenda item, community development block grants.

Council discussion of the Whisman project was tabled until April 3 at 5 p.m. Public comment will not be taken at that time.

In an unusual twist for large residential projects here, the majority of speakers at Tuesday's meeting said they see the project as an example of environmentally friendly, transit-oriented growth and want to see it approved by the council. Organizations such as the League of Women Voters and Tri-

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Tuberculosis rates up 14 percent, county says

Bay City News

Santa Clara County experienced a 14 percent increase in the number of reported tuberculosis cases in 2006, county health officials announced Tuesday.

Santa Clara County's rate of 12.8 per 100,000 people is the third highest rate in California. Health officials further estimate that 10 percent of

the county's population has a latent TB infection.

"Many people think that TB is something that we don't have to worry about anymore, but the disease continues to be a problem here in our county," Santa Clara County Health Officer Dr. Martin Fensterhieb said.

"We are also facing new challenges stemming from a rise in complex cases and multi-drug-

resistant TB, making it even more important for people to get tested and treated for TB before they are at risk for serious health effects."

There were 228 reported TB cases in Santa Clara County in 2006 compared to 200 in 2005, according to the county's public health department.

TB is a bacterial lung disease that can remain dormant in infected individuals

for years before becoming active and extremely contagious. Symptoms of active TB include fever, coughing, fatigue, weight loss, diminished appetite and coughing up blood.

While completely curable, TB can take six to nine months to cure, and longer for antibiotic-resistant strains of the bacteria, according to the health department. ▣



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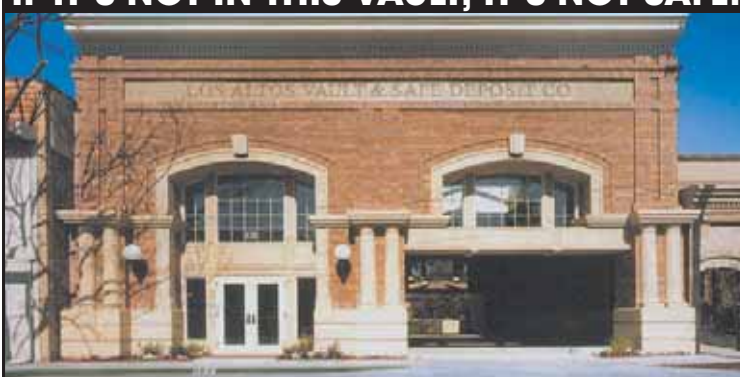
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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Three American Avocets



"Here is a picture of three American avocets (*recurvirostra americana*) taken at Shoreline on New Year's Day," wrote Nola Mae McBain of Diablo Avenue. "We are fortunate to have a place like Shoreline nearby where you can walk and watch the birds. There is always something different to see every time we go."

If you have a photo taken around town which you'd like published in the Voice, please send it (as a jpg attachment) to editor@mv-voice.com.

EDITOR'S DESK

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soccer teams are proving, once again, their mettle on the field:

"Six players from the MVLA Avalanche Girls U14 soccer team were selected to the Cal-North State U.S. Olympic Development Program Team," last weekend, according to Gabe Foo and Erin Montoya. And furthermore, "The MVLA Lightning Girls U11 soccer team won the CYSA

Cal-North State Championship on Feb. 24. ... The Lightning team scored an impressive 25 goals and shut-out eight opponents to win the State Championship title."

Both the Avalanche and Lightning teams train under Montoya, who played pro soccer for the San Diego Spirit by way of Santa Clara University.

"WHAT DO Vice President Dick Cheney and Camino Medical Group have in common?" asked our friend Cynthia

Greaves, a CMG spokesperson, in a recent press release.

God, nothing I hope. But it turns out there's an answer: deep vein thrombosis.

And furthermore, March is Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month. ... So, for this final week of March, whenever you think about Cheney, think about the veins in your legs. Either are liable to give you trouble. ▣

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EPA gives update on TCE pollution

PLUME IN WHISMAN-AREA GROUNDWATER TO BE COUNTERED WITH SOYBEAN OIL

By Daniel DeBolt

The Environmental Protection Agency held an open house on the so-called MEW superfund site last week, where attendees learned, among other things, that soybean oil may be the answer to the area's trichloroethylene (TCE) pollution problems.

The MEW is an industrial area bordered by Middlefield Road, Ellis Street and Whisman Road in northeast Mountain View. At the meeting, held in a building at Moffett Field, experts stood next to displays showing the flow of a large plume of TCE in the MEW's groundwater, and discussed how it was being tested and treated under the area's busy industrial buildings.

Liquid TCE is a chemical found in many solvents, and is a known carcinogen. It is believed

to have gotten into the groundwater due to industrial activity at the site.

One such display was developed by Weiss Associates, which says it can treat TCE using soybean oil. In this process, the oil is injected into the ground and feeds existing bacteria; the microbes, in turn, convert the TCE into a much less harmful gas.

Scientists at the open house said significant progress has been made in this bioremediation process since it replaced a traditional "pump and treat" system at Intel's MEW property in 2005.

"If it works here, there's a good chance it may work in the rest of the site," said L. Maile Smith, a geologist hired by Intel. "It's cutting edge in a lot of ways."

Pump and treat systems have existed in the area since the 1980s, but their ability to clean the water had leveled out by 2005, leaving the last bit a challenge.

Maps show the underground TCE plume crossing Middle-

field Road, just touching the northern edge of the 1,300 homes proposed near Whisman station. There is another TCE plume under Whisman Station and another smaller residential site called Bedford Square, which is under construction. Both were built on the site of a former GTE facility.

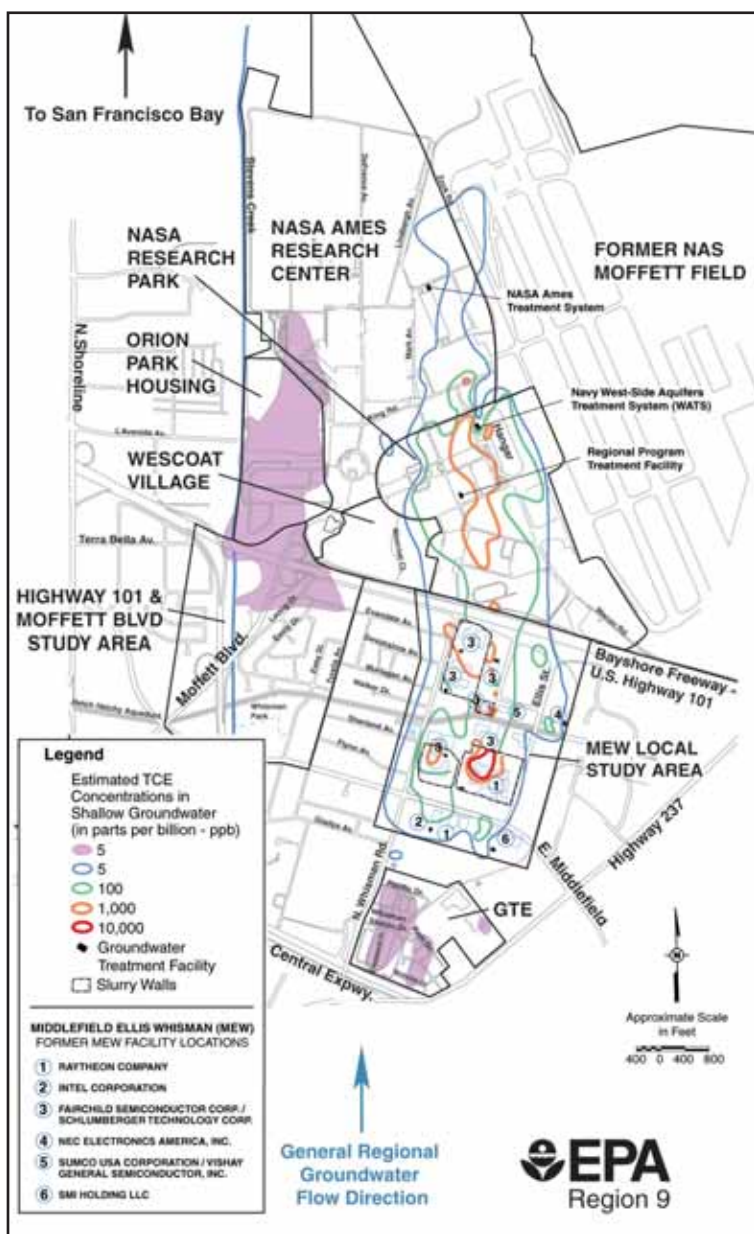
The EPA has a continuing program to help insure there

are no short- or long-term health effects from vapors of TCE, which can emanate from the groundwater and cause health problems in high enough doses.

So far, no TCE has been found in the area between these two sites, where a 1,300-home development project is being proposed. A future environmental impact report will have the last

word on the problem, which could be mitigated with vapor barriers under the homes and ventilation systems. Experts say such systems have successfully mitigated the problem at several Mountain View businesses and at one home at Whisman Station.

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County Apartment Association support the project as well.

Council members Ronit Bryant and Jac Siegel have expressed opposition to converting the land from industrial to residential zoning, though at least two property owners say they've been trying to sell it as industrial for years with no luck.

A handful of Whisman Station residents spoke, with a small minority absolutely opposed to moving the project forward. Several raised their hands in the audience to say they were undecided.

Many said they were not opposed to more residential housing in the area, but were concerned about the area becoming a "concrete jungle," with too much housing density and traffic. One cautioned that the development could be a major planning mistake if it wasn't done in conjunction with the city's general plan.

"Maybe a general plan update would be a good idea," said Mark Underwood, president of the Whisman Homeowners Association.

A few Whisman Station residents said they wanted more retail in the area. Currently, "People

are forced to get in their car to do something as simple as buy a cup of coffee," said one Whisman resident.

Developer Regis Homes assured neighbors that the project, even after two years of work, was still in the "embryonic stage" and that it would not move forward without their input.

"This will be a return to the era of tree-lined streets and community gathering places."

MARK KROLL,
PRESIDENT OF REGIS HOMES

"This will be a return to the era of tree-lined streets and community gathering places," said Mark Kroll, president of Regis Homes. "This will be a model project for the community."

City staff said up to 37,000 square feet of retail space would be viable on the site if it were built to the maximum number of homes. Ten percent of those homes would be below-market rate, a concession the city's affordable housing

advocates praised.

City planners said that there would be less traffic impact with full residential development than with complete industrial development of the area.

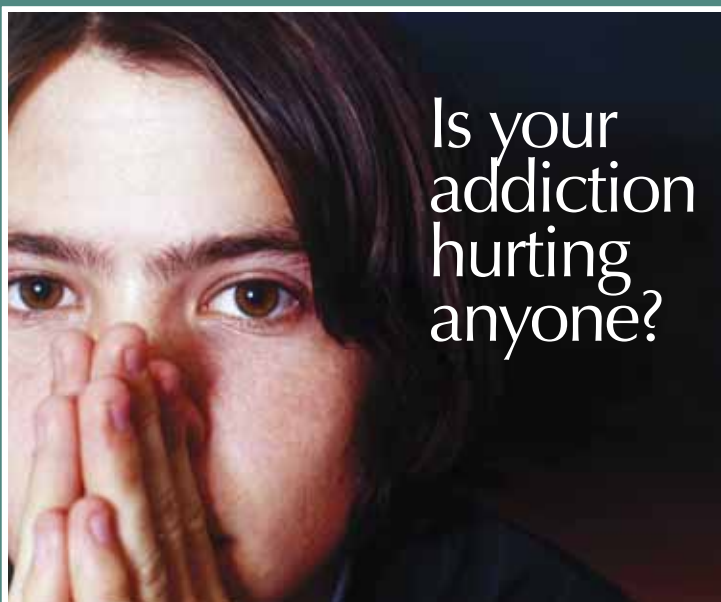
Groups ask for federal funds

The bi-annual ritual for non-profits returned on Tuesday, as 24 groups came to speak to the council for their share of \$1.1 million in federal funds — also known as community development block grants, or CDBGs, and HOME affordable housing funds — as well as a little bit of general fund money.

Groups such as the Community Services Agency and the Second Harvest Food Bank made three-minute pitches to maintain program funding levels, sometimes asking for more or less than previous years.

Mayor Laura Macias pointed out that there was only a \$50,000 difference in what was being asked for in total federal funds and what was available in federal funds. City staff said the difference could be made up with city general fund money if the council decided to do that. ■

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machines extinct locally. Another would consolidate voting booths while aggressively encouraging mail-in ballots.

Kniss said Oregon has already instituted elections by mail only, with a cost savings of 30 percent. With four elections this year expecting to cost \$5 million each, the savings could be dramatic, she said.

The need for extra revenue was at the forefront Tuesday, when 300 people packed the county supervisors' chambers to air concerns about cuts to county health care programs. Kniss said the county is proposing to cut 75 percent of its public health nurses, who deal with mental health problems and drug and alcohol addiction all over the county. Clinics serving Mountain View, such as Palo Alto's Mayview and Sunnyvale's Fair Oaks, would be affected, as well as

"These are major cuts from a very vulnerable population."

LIZ KNISS

patients who receive house visits, she said.

"I will not let these cuts be made," Kniss said. "These are major cuts from a very vulnerable population."

The county is in the early stages of proposing its budget cuts, with final votes to be made in mid-June, Kniss said. While mail-in ballots won't solve the budget problem, the idea could be one of several little things that will help.

Kniss estimates the county could save \$6 million during the next year by using mail-in ballots. The four elections scheduled between November 2007 and November 2008 could cost \$20 million using traditional voting methods. She has directed county staffers to evaluate the savings potential of the plan.

On the state level, a similar proposal is being pushed by the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, and the California League of Cities is suggesting a pilot program to allow counties to mail in elections on a test basis. Don Perata, senate president pro-tem, is said to be open to the idea.

Mail-in elections are not new. Around the state they have been used for small school district and city council elections. Oregon

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FURLOUGH

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were't on house arrest already if that was the case. The county executive requested a study on rehabilitation alternatives to work furlough in 2005, but the results have yet to be presented.

Though Whisman has always been a mostly industrial neighborhood, a recent letter to the *Voice* indicates that new residential development in the area could lead to complaints

about the facility. The anonymous letter claims that some inmates are prone to "yelling, spitting and making comments towards women who are waiting at the light rail station" in the early morning. The station on Middlefield Road is adjacent to the furlough center.

The *Voice* was unable to confirm the problem, and Nnam, the county spokesperson, said she had no knowledge of such incidents.

One of the closest residential neighborhoods is Whisman Station, which has its own light rail

station a mile away. A huge new Whisman development, to the tune of 1,300 homes on Ferguson Drive, is still in the planning stages.

In 2000, an inmate at the facil-

ity was mysteriously killed. Michael Dwayne Wallace, 20, was hit by a bullet that traveled through a window and down a 50-foot hallway to hit him in the chest. He was scheduled to be

released from the center within the week after serving time for a minor drug offense. ■

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instituted mail-in elections in 1998 after a slow transition that began in 1981. Five years later, a survey reportedly found that 81 percent of Oregon citizens are happy with the system.

Other states have not had as much luck instituting the idea. In November, Arizona residents overwhelmingly rejected a proposal for mail-in elections.

Alameda County is also pushing the idea, citing the problems and costs involved with voting machines. Others have cited the

2000 presidential election problems in Florida as a good reason to streamline the system. In Oregon, voter signatures on the ballots are checked for authenticity against signatures on voter registration cards.

Kniss said mail-in ballots have increased voter turnout in Oregon. In November 2004, Oregon had an 85 percent voter turnout, the highest in the nation, she said. In Santa Clara County, a third of voters use mailed absentee ballots, and Kniss said that number is expected to jump to 50 percent by November 2008.

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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Mountain View City Council has scheduled a study session for Tuesday, April 3, 2007 to consider the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget for the General Operating Fund, including various city fees. The study session will start at 6:30 in the Council Chamber, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like the City Council and staff to know your views, please send a letter to the City Council at P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039 or an e-mail to city.clerk@mountainview.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30.

Copies of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Narrative Budget Report – General Operating Fund will be available for review by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office, 500 Castro Street, 3rd floor, Mountain View, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View. The report can also be found on the City's website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us.

City of Mountain View Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget Schedule:

- April 3 Study Session:** Narrative Budget Report (Part I) – General Operating Fund
- April 17 Study Session:** Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Annual Goal Setting (Part II)
- May 1 Study Session:** Narrative Budget Report (Part II) – Other Funds (including the Utility Funds) and General Operating Fund follow-up
- May 8 Council Meeting:** CDBG Hearing (Part II)
- May 22 (tentative) Council Meeting:** Adoption of CIP
- June 5 Council Meeting:** Annual Budget Public Hearing
- June 12 Council Meeting:** Adoption of Budget

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The Project Rwanda Web site, www.projectrwnda.org, estimates that cutting down on transportation time works out to an increase of 15 to 20 cents per pound of coffee sold, and an increase in earning potential of 30 to 40 percent annually.

The wooden bikes' structure allows for many pounds of coffee cherries to be bundled onto the long, low-slung seat, and the farmer can then push the bike to the central production plant. Another version of the coffee bike — of a more modern, if extra long, design — is available as well.

Project Rwanda uses a foreign vendor to manufacture the modern bikes for a low cost, then sells them to Rwandan farmers for about \$150. The bikes are offered through a rural credit program set

up by Opportunity International, which provides micro-loans with low interest rates over a three-year period. Project Rwanda hopes to distribute 1,000 bikes this year.

Red Rock manager John Riemenschnitter became acquainted with Project Rwanda because he and Ritchey attend the same church, the HighWay Community, a non-denominational Christian church whose headquarters are on the floors above Red Rock. HighWay purchased Red Rock back in 2005 for the purpose of using its profits to fund local charity.

Although the first two years of charitable giving have been somewhat slow going, Schreiber said — “we're still figuring out how to run a coffee shop” — they believe Project Rwanda offers an excellent opportunity for the business to give back.

Ritchey, who Riemenschnitter described as “a visionary kind of guy,” was the key. “He loves bikes, and when he visited Rwanda he

began to see how coffee could fit in with that.”

Ritchey is currently traveling in Rwanda, and was not available for comment.

To help support the project, Red Rock has purchased 670 pounds of Rwandan coffee, and will donate one dollar of every pound sold back to Project Rwanda. Riemenschnitter said the coffee, which costs \$10 dollars a pound, has been selling fast. Calendars featuring photos from Rwanda are also available to purchase, and all proceeds will go back to Project Rwanda.

“It's the biggest thing we've done to date,” Riemenschnitter said of the contributions to Project Rwanda. “This is something we'd like to be partnered with for a while.”

The cafe, located in downtown Mountain View on the corner of Castro Street and Villa Avenue, has one of the wooden coffee bikes on display. Riemenschnitter said the owners plan to expand the coffee shop into the second floor of the building sometime next year.

For more information on Project Rwanda, visit projectrwnda.org or <http://woodenbikecoffee.com>. For more information on Red Rock Cafe, visit www.redrockcafe.org. ■

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Caltrain commuters will pay 25 cents more per zone traveled outside the boarding zone beginning Monday, April 2. Also, departure times for seven southbound morning trains will change by up to three minutes to prevent periodic delays, according to Caltrain spokesperson Jonah Weinberg.

Monthly passes bought for April before the 2nd of the month will be sold at the new rate. The hike is to cover escalating operation costs as approved by the Caltrain board in June 2006, Weinberg said.

For more information, call Caltrain at (800) 660-4287 or visit www.caltrain.com.

'SPRING INTO FASHION' AT MICHAEL'S

Quota International is organizing a fashion show at Michael's on Shoreline in Mountain View this Saturday, March 24.

Designer's Corner from San Jose will be showing off its latest collection. The show will start at 11 a.m., followed by noon lunch

at Michael's, located at 2960 North Shoreline Blvd.

Ticket costs \$35. To RSVP, call Vivian Schatz at (650) 969-8499 or Willie Crosslin at (408) 270-1447.


CSA ANNOUNCES 'FABULOUS 50S' GALA

The Community Services Agency is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a “Fabulous 50s” fundraiser in Palo Alto on Saturday, May 12, and says it's not too early to “mark your calendars today” for the event.


Since 1957, CSA has contributed to emergency assistance, senior and homeless services. To mark its 50th year, CSA is inviting community members to book a table, raise funds for the needy and enjoy dinner and dancing.

The Fabulous 50s event will be 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Cabana, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. To reserve a place or book a table, call Cindy Yee at (650) 968-0836 or e-mail her at cyyee@csacares.org. For more information, visit www.csacares.org.

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FOGARTY

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Fogarty Wine's Web site, said that

based on scientific research of the nitric oxide contained in the skin of grapes, wine "should not be viewed so much as an alcoholic beverage but more as a health food."

Jon Friedenber, the hospital's

vice president of resource development, said El Camino welcomed Fogarty with open arms.

"We are very, very pleased and excited," he said. "This will be a significant benefit to the hospital,

patients and the community."

The hospital will neither fund the institute nor receive any stock, royalties or intellectual properties from it. The hospital is being paid rent for the space, Friedenber said, and Fogarty himself is donating personal funds to launch the institute and will work without compensation.

Up until recently, Fogarty was associated with Stanford University, but said at last week's meeting that bureaucracy there created too many delays and hindrances.

"Innovators are impatient," he said. "They get irritated when people try to keep them from doing something."

Fogarty said El Camino will let him work without those hassles and for much less cost. And because of his reputation, he is able to draw other esteemed researchers, physicians and engineers to work with him.

"All I want is a workshop," Fogarty said. "I don't want any fancy offices or fancy plaques."

Fogarty is scheduled to move into 45,000 square feet of offices in the Melchor Pavilion on the hospital's main campus in July. A majority of the space will be taken up with the engineering room, which Friedenber likened to "garage space" where ideas will be put into action.

The Fogarty Institute will be a

separate nonprofit, with its own board of directors. Friedenber said the relationship between the institute and the hospital is designed to nurture the clinical and innovative interests of all those involved.

Fogarty will bring a small staff of five with him, and physicians of specific sub-specialties working at the hospital will have an opportunity to spend time at the institute should they so choose.

"We thought that with our orientation toward technology and clinical excellence that there would be an opportunity to have a collaboration," Friedenber said.

Fogarty told the board that his team works as inspirations come to them. Currently Fogarty is interested in developing a device that will stop deadly blood clots, called pulmonary embolisms, which travel from the veins in the leg up to the lungs. He envisions a filter-like device to trap and dilute the clots, which are the third most common cause of death in a hospital.

"We just look at where there's the need and ask ourselves, can we do something?" he said.

The hospital is planning to host a grand opening gala of the Fogarty Institute in June, on a day to be announced. ■

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Six candidates up for hospital seat

NEW BOARD MEMBER TO BE CHOSEN NEXT WEEK AT PUBLIC MEETING

By Alexa Tondreau

The El Camino Hospital District has received six candidates to fill Dominick Curatola's open seat on the hospital board, and is scheduled to decide among them during a special March 27 board meeting, which will be open to the public.

The deadline for applying was March 1. All applicants are registered voters in the hospital district, which includes Mountain View, Los Altos and parts of Sunnyvale and Palo Alto.

The candidates are:

■ Victor M. Reid, III — 61, Los Altos resident since 1981; member of El Camino Hospital Foundation since 1992; member of foundation and Hospital Finance and Investment Committee; past member, board of trustees Los Altos School District; treasurer,

Los Altos Educational Foundation; currently an investment manager at Altos Financial Management, LLC.

■ Ginny Lear — 61, Los Altos resident; member of El Camino Hospital Auxiliary, 1968-83; League of Women Voters of Mountain View/Los Altos, 2005-06; Los Altos School District board of trustees, elected 1983-87; Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, executive director, 1990-93; Foothill College Commission/Foothill-De Anza Foundation, 1990-present; trustee, Los Altos Union High School District, 1994-95.

■ John L. Zoglin — 51, Los Altos resident; current director of eCommerce at PGP Corp. in Palo Alto; served in executive positions at Intuit, Dell and Hewlett-Packard; volunteer for nonprofit organizations Springboard Forward (coaching and mentoring service) and Pacific Community Ventures (consultant to small businesses in

low/moderate income communities).

■ Len Doberne, MD — 58, Mountain View resident; internal medicine and endocrinology medical practice at El Camino Hospital for 25 years; fellowship from Stanford University in endocrinology.

■ Francis Cauthorn — 83, Sunnyvale resident; master of public administration degree, Golden Gate University; professional experience includes building official for the city of Campbell and superintendent of building safety division, Sunnyvale.

■ Robert Belstock — 66, Los Altos resident; background in financial advising; staff accountant and partner in accounting firm; performed work for the auxiliaries of the Allied Arts Guild for Packard Children's Hospital; served on advisory committee to the Los Altos City Council.

Physicians buy back part of surgery center

EL CAMINO HOSPITAL'S \$3 MILLION DEAL WILL SPLIT OWNERSHIP OF UNIT

By Alexa Tondreau

The hospital board announced last week that it is selling off 49 percent ownership of the El Camino Surgery Center to physicians working there, resulting in a joint venture partnership.

The surgery center, located on the hospital's main Grant Road campus, has a total value of \$6 million. Roughly \$3 million in equity is being sold to the physicians. The closing date of the sale was Feb. 28, when 96 of the available 196 units were sold. The remaining units will be sold in a future offering.

So far, 18 physicians have purchased units of the surgery center, according to Lisa Cooper, the center's executive director.

"Some can own more than others, but no one physician can have more than 5 percent" of the 49 percent interest, she explained.

Cooper said the deal came about because of "interest from active physicians for a new partnership."

The hospital has always retained at least 51 percent ownership of the surgery center. The center is composed of six operating rooms, a procedure

room and special pediatric area in 17,000 square feet of space at the Willow Pavilion. It currently lists 180 physicians on staff and offers all surgical specialties.

Since September 2005, the hospital had been sole owner of the surgery center, an unusual arrangement in light of national statistics that put hospital ownership of ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) at just 3 percent. Physicians have ownership in 90 percent of ASCs nationwide.

The hospital bought back physicians' shares of the center in September 2005 from a partnership formed in the 1980s.

"Many had retired and some were deceased," Cooper said of the physicians, most of whom no longer work at the surgery center. When the partnership expressed a desire to sell in 2005, the hospital agreed, she said.

Cooper believes the best possible situation is to have both hospital and physician ownership of the surgery center.

"It's great to have the support of a larger organization and to be on the campus," she explained. "You can streamline procedures and don't have to have the costs associated with the ER and lab." She added that physician owners "have a strong incentive to do their procedures here."

The El Camino Surgery Center is one of the busiest outpatient facilities in the county, treating approximately 6,700 patients a year.

Surgical robot purchased

In other news, the hospital also finalized a deal last week to spend \$2 million to purchase the da Vinci robotic surgical system from Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

The state-of-the-art system allows surgeons to use four robotic arms controlled through a video console, simulating the surgeon's eyes and hands. The surgeon's hand movements are translated into precise movements made by the robot's instruments, and an enhanced 3-D view of the operative field gives the surgeon an inside view of the patient.

The robot was designed to be used for endoscopic procedures that allow for minimally invasive surgery.

"Minimally invasive procedures are becoming a greater and greater share of all surgeries and often are easier on patients," said Diana Russell, vice president of patient care services.

The most common procedures that the da Vinci system will be used for include prostatectomies, bariatric surgery and gynecological surgery for cancer or benign conditions such as endometriosis.

The da Vinci system should be installed in six to eight weeks, including time for room preparation and staff training, hospital personnel said. ▀

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MV Whisman spending parcel tax 'wisely,' committee finds

By Alexa Tondreau

The committee in charge of parcel tax oversight in the Mountain View Whisman School District released a report last week evaluating the district's spending for the 2005-06 school year, and found that spending "overall was consistent with the provisions and the intent of Measure J, the parcel tax ballot measure."

The committee, made up of six members of the local community, was assembled to compare actual spending of parcel tax revenues to the planned spending presented in May 2005. As it turned out, members said, actual program costs were 4 percent less than the earlier estimate.

Total expenditure of parcel tax monies was \$1,411,452. The largest allocation of funds towards any single program was \$346,935, or 25 percent of spending, which was used to keep Slater Elementary School open last school year, one year beyond its expected closure.

"We were very divided on that. We had a pretty lively debate going on," said vice chair Mike Cobb.

Cobb said that while costs to keep the school open were extremely high, the committee was divided because "one of the tenets of the parcel tax was to keep class size small."

Ultimately, the committee recommended that alternative funding sources be identified for the program, but no such sources were available to the district.

Slater School was not reopened by the district this year.

Other large program allocations were \$138,347 for academic at-risk programs, \$199,811 for retaining teachers and staff and \$181,041 for library staff.

About \$60,000 was spent on legal fees, all of which went towards fighting a lawsuit by Saratoga resident Aaron Katz. His suit was finally dismissed in Santa Clara County civil court in late December.

Although early budget analyses found that only 75 percent of allocated funds were going toward Measure J-approved programs, Cobb said the district is

now operating at 100 percent.

"I think the district is spending the money quite wisely," he said.

Because the district came in under budget, the report urged MV Whisman to spend more money on one particular program — a fifth grade science camp retreat that received nomi-

nal funding last year.

The committee's six members, made up of a mix of parents and non-parents living in the Mountain View Whisman district area, meet quarterly. ▀

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

A new wrinkle on Hangar One

In what was almost an afterthought during a recent Moffett Field advisory board meeting, Navy official Rick Weissenborn dropped a major piece of news about Hangar One.

He said that even if the Navy cleans up the dangerous PCB chemicals that contaminate the framework of the 73-year-old hangar, it is very unlikely the structure would be left in a “usable” condition. “What has to be done to make it useable has to be done” by someone else, Weissenborn said.

The comment is a huge insight into the Navy’s thinking about how it will respond to the intense public pressure to restore the fabled hangar, which was built to house the USS Macon, a 785-foot dirigible that crashed and burned just four months after arriving at Moffett in 1934.

The hangar project is a giant piece of the Moffett Field restoration project, which continues many years after the Navy turned the base over to NASA. An earlier estimate on the

cost to scrub the PCB-laden contaminants from Hangar One was found to be substantially overpriced, leading to charges that the Navy was simply inflating its costs to avoid cleanup and restoration of the historic landmark.

Now it appears the Navy may accept responsibility, as it should, to scrape any contamination from the hangar’s huge frame. But unless another “skin” can be applied to the frame, the hangar is virtually worthless to NASA or any other agency that might want to use it — and it would probably be a gigantic eyesore visible from miles away.

Unfortunately, we won’t see a full environmental report and cost estimate until later in the year. But if the hint dropped in Weissenborn’s report reflects the Navy’s thinking, Hangar One supporters should look for friends in high places (House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Barbara Boxer would be a good start) who can engineer a compromise to make sure Hangar One comes out with its skin intact.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

COUNCIL MUST CREATE MORE PARKS, NOW

Editor:

I was shocked and disgusted to read in your March 9 edition that only two members of the City Council thought that adding parks in underserved areas of Mountain View was a priority goal (“With eye on \$32 million surplus, Council sets goals”).

Only Jac Siegel and Margaret Abe-Koga consider parks to be

a priority, while four members consider global warming to be a priority concern for our little municipality.

Delusions of grandeur. I voted for local politicians to solve local problems, not for a representative to the United Nations. The only warming within the control of the City Council is that of our growing urban heat island — the more we pave, the hotter our neighborhoods grow. The solution is easy: More parks. More trees.

I don’t know why the newest members of the council think they were elected: their good looks, perhaps? No, it was because they represented themselves as being pro-parks. Well, now they have a majority on the council, and there are no more excuses.

I have watched piece after piece of land all over the city get developed from edge to edge, while the city sits on millions of dollars in park in-lieu fees, twiddling its thumbs. I am hereby putting all council members on notice that I have become a single-issue voter. If they do not act to increase the number and size of parks in underserved areas, they will not get my vote ever again, no matter what fine legislators they prove to be in other respects.

I want my parks, and I want them now. I suspect I am not the only one.

Anne Cheilek
Sierra Vista Avenue

SEND SURPLUS BACK TO TAXPAYERS

Editor:

A March 9 article talks about how the City Council is at a loss to decide what to do about the \$32 million surplus in the city budget.

I have a simple suggestion. Reduce taxes or send the taxpayers a refund.

It seems ludicrous to me that the City Council thinks it has to spend the money. Apparently, taxes are too high.

Ron Lautmann
Saint Julien Way

FRANCIA PROPERTY WOULD MAKE A GREAT PARK

Editor:

I am generally in favor of high-density housing for selected areas in Mountain View.

I agree with (*Voice* columnist) Forrest Linebarger that “when you concentrate residential growth in urban cores, with shops and restaurants sprinkled in, you can have a vibrant, social, walkable place to live with bona fide cultural opportunities” (“The fat of the land,” *Home & Garden*, March 16).

Old Mountain View residents dream of a walkable downtown, and I agree that means a grocery store as well as a drug store. But no full-scale grocery store can survive in downtown Mountain View until the number of customers within walking distance reaches a critical mass. That will only happen with high-density housing in and around downtown.

Similarly, the Whisman area

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■ GUEST OPINION

Smart growth doesn't mean no growth

CITY MUST ADD HOUSING IN A WAY THAT IS FAIR TO CURRENT RESIDENTS

By Elna Tymes

The new City Council has demonstrated that it's not as willing to approve development projects as previous councils. Some call that NIMBYism; others have taken great pains to show that it's not NIMBYism, but rather an attempt to match up promised city services, such as parks, with already built housing developments.

Many of these developments were approved with the developers being allowed to put up in-lieu fees rather than dedicating actual park or open space land, and by allocating some of the new units as "below market rate" (BMR) units. The in-lieu fees have basically gone into city funds, awaiting some city action to start construction on these projects.

The city currently has 32 existing parks. Land for one of the most recent parks, the .75-acre Devonshire Park, was bought in 1997 and 2006, and the park was opened in January 2007. Land for another recent addition, the .8-acre Sierra Vista Park, was bought in 1998; the park is scheduled to open in November 2007.

The only other park under development is the 12.5-acre Cuesta Park Annex, the land for which was bought in 1973 and 1987. The Annex is still in the master planning process.

Housing developments have been approved at a relatively brisk pace in the recent past, but dedication of park land has not kept up with housing approvals. The result has been that significant portions of Mountain View north of El Camino Real have seen housing density grow without the concomitant parks.

Further, the only BMR project in recent history has been San Antonio Circle. And while parks and BMR housing are the visible additions that are supposed to accompany any new housing development, there are other city services required for these new hous-

ing units as well — things like additional police and fire capacity, additional traffic measures, additional library service, and so on. In short, the kinds of things we as Mountain View residents have come to expect from our city.

Slower growth advocates, I believe, are not interested in a "shut the gate now that I'm here" policy. We understand the need for smart growth, for higher density housing where it makes sense, and for development policies that urge residents to walk or use mass transit. But we also have three very strong concerns:

First, what about paying attention to the character of existing neighborhoods, those very communities that make places like Mountain View an attractive place to live? In the case of the Mayfield project, for instance, it makes no sense to place four- and five-story condo towers virtually next door to a community of mostly single-story homes.

Second, what about bringing the more densely developed communities, or even older communities without local parks, up to the city average of park space per resident? Why not do that before approving any more dense residential developments, particularly those that will not have their own local parks?

Third, since all these new residents will require schools and police and fire services, for example, what about creating affordable (BMR) housing units for teachers and police and fire personnel, so that they can live in or close to the places where they work?

Slower growth doesn't have to mean that all housing development has to stop. It does mean, however, that the city needs to take a more balanced look at just what it means to add more housing.

Elna Tymes lives on Adele Avenue and is president of the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association.

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was designed from the beginning as a concentration of people surrounding a light rail stop that provides easy access to, among other things, the Mountain View Transit Center. This links downtown and Whisman, enhancing the walkability of both. The Whisman area needs to grow (more housing and more retail business) and the proposed housing development

will help the housing part of that.

But more people will need more park space, and the Francia property is ideally located and sized (10 acres) for the purpose. I'm lucky enough to live within walking distance of Cuesta Park. Residents in the Whisman area deserve the same luck.

Doug Pearson
Fordham Way

DESPITE WEALTH, MANY STILL GO HUNGRY

Editor:

Living in the affluent Bay

Area it is easy to forget that many residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties do not have enough to eat. In fact, over 158,000 individuals experience ongoing hunger, and almost a third of these individuals are children.

The reasons for this are numerous and varied. Low wages for those who are working, coupled with a lack of affordable housing, and soaring health care, energy and fuel costs, are hindering families' ability to put food on the table.

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I ask everyone to help with accomplishing this task. The first step is to understand what a huge issue hunger is in our community. Next, we must continue to support organizations, programs and initiatives that are working to combat it.

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SHIVA'S INDIAN FOOD RIVALS ANY COMPETITOR'S — BUT BEWARE THE SPICY VINDALOO

By Elaine M. Rowland

If you walk past Shiva's Indian Restaurant and Bar, you might guess from the thumping music out front and decorator lighting/color scheme in the foyer that it's a nightclub.

But once inside, you're welcomed by low-key, friendly staff, puffy clouds painted on the ceiling, and serene colors highlighted in the evening by candlelight, as if you've just stepped through the wardrobe.

Aside from a sleek bar at the rear,

Shiva's doesn't feel clubby at all, with a relaxed ambience attracting a mix of families with children, young folk and not-as-young folk enjoying an evening without grandchildren. In 2005 Shiva's was voted Best New Restaurant in the *Voice*, and is still doing well, drawing a brisk work crowd at lunch and plenty of patrons on weekend nights, especially.

Shiva's takes a risk with diners like me by limiting lunch offerings to a buffet (Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for \$11.95; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. for \$12.95), which offers a dozen or so hot entrees, appetizers, a small salad bar, rolls and desserts.

Buffets rightly have a reputation for wearing down foods, which can

dry out, become soggy, grow leaden — you name it. But Shiva's gives careful consideration to which foods survive buffets. While I didn't love every food in the line-up, none tasted as if they'd suffered.

I did love Shiva's butter chicken, as does everyone else, so either jump in the buffet line early or make sorties to see if it's been replenished. This house specialty of Tandoor-grilled chicken is simmered to tenderness (not mush), in a creamy gravy the menu says is tomato-based with honey (but which I think secretly is just a stick of butter). The other chicken curry in the buffet was a little dry, but the lunch buffet changes daily to



SAM TENNEY

Shiva's dining room.

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Lunch buffet at Shiva's Indian Restaurant.

SAM TENNEY

SHIVA'S

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keep things interesting.

One of the buffet food's ID tags described it as "cottage cheese" simmered with bell pepper and spices. The cheese is actually paneer, and the result is a powerful bell pepper taste with cubes that are a cross between tender chicken and tofu in texture.

Remember to ask for a basket of hot naan for the table. The people at Shiva's are too smart

to leave naan withering on the buffet.

At night, the buffet area becomes another dining section, and you're given an actual menu. Shiva's sizeable menu is divided into appetizers, soups and salads, accompaniments, kebabs (vegetarian, chicken, lamb, seafood), curries (vegetarian, lamb, chicken, seafood), and desserts. Food is served family-style so everyone can poach from one another.

We started with Aloo tikki chat, deep-fried potato patties topped with vegetables and chutneys of tamarind and mint (\$4.95). It's a good, complex food with so many flavors going on it's hard to remember you're eating potatoes.

Goan chicken vindaloo (\$14.95) is a smoldering dark red curry with chicken and potatoes, fired with peppers and spices. My dinner date said after

tasting a flight of wines, perhaps a flight of beers might have been better with the blazing vindaloo. But the curries at Shiva's span the whole continuum of spiciness, from mild and creamy curries to wicked vindaloes. Dal lakhnavi (9.95) is near the cooler end of the scale, though with a heat that accumulates as you eat. A variety of lentils, simmered overnight in a highly seasoned garlic sauce, create a creamy, vegetarian dish with real depth and flavor.

You have to have bread, if only to save yourself from the curries you've ordered. But the house naan (\$2.95) basted with olive oil and herbs is so soft and delicious, I could order just naan for dinner. There's an entire section of oven-fresh breads (stuffed and otherwise) on the menu. Someday I might tear myself away from Shiva's naan and try a different bread.

■ DINING NOTES

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Other drinks include coffee, milk (to salve smoking taste buds), a laudable wine list, and mixed drinks from the bar such as specialty cocktails. As I mentioned, there are also flights of

wine (with tasting notes) to conduct your own private tasting, or if you're just indecisive. The Around the World (\$11) flight includes an Indian wine.

My only suggestion for Shiva's has nothing to do with the food, but with the volume of the music out front, where people wait to meet with friends, or step outside to make calls. It's too loud to chat over easily, and a tad misleading about what dining is like there. ▣

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MOVIE TIMES

300 (R) ★★★1/2 CENTURY 16: 11 A.M.; 1:55, 3:50, 4:40, 6:50, 7:30, 8:40, 9:30 & 10:15 P.M. CENTURY 20: 11:30 A.M.; 12:55, 2:15, 3:40, 5, 6:25, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:35 P.M.

AMAZING GRACE (NOT RATED) ★★1/2 CENTURY 12: 12:30, 3:45, 7:10 & 9:55 P.M.

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) ★★ CENTURY 20: 11:55 A.M.; 2:25, 4:50 & 7:20 P.M.

AVE. MONTAIGNE (NOT RATED) AQUARIUS: 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15 & 9:40 P.M.

BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) ★★1/2 CENTURY 20: TUE. AT 11:40 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

BREACH (PG-13) ★★★ CENTURY 20: NOON, 5:10 & 10:10 P.M.

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) CENTURY 16: 11:15 A.M. & 1:35 P.M. CENTURY 20: 11:35 A.M.; 1:55, 4:35, 6:55 & 9:15 P.M.

DEAD SILENCE (R) CENTURY 16: 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45 & 10 P.M. CENTURY 20: 12:15, 1:05, 2:30, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30 & 10:25 P.M.

DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) ★★ CENTURY 20: 1:10, 4:05, 7:05 & 10 P.M.

GHOST RIDER (PG-13) CENTURY 20: 11:45 A.M.; 2:30, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:25 P.M.

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) CENTURY 16: 11:10 A.M.; 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:15 & 10:30 P.M. CENTURY 20: 12:20, 1:30, 2:35, 3:45, 4:50, 6, 7:10, 8:15, 9:35 & 10:30 P.M.

THE HOST (R) ★★★ CENTURY 20: 9:50 P.M.

I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ★ CENTURY 16: 11:20 A.M.; 1:40, 4:10, 6:30 & 9 P.M. CENTURY 12: 12:20, 2:50, 4:20, 5:15, 7:50, 9:35 & 10:25 P.M.

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) ★★★1/2 CENTURY 20: 7:25 & 10:15 P.M.

THE LAST MIMZY (PG) CENTURY 16: 11:25 A.M.; 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:25 P.M. CENTURY 20: 11:35 A.M.; 12:45, 2, 3:10, 4:25, 5:35, 7, 8, 9:25 & 10:20 P.M.

THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R) ★★★★★ GUILD: 2:30, 5:30 & 8:30 P.M.; SAT. & SUN. ALSO AT 11:30 A.M.

MISS POTTER (PG) ★★★1/2 AQUARIUS: 2:15, 4:30, 6:45 & 9:15 P.M.; SAT. & SUN. ALSO AT NOON.

MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) ★★★ CENTURY 16: 3:55 & 10:05 P.M. CENTURY 12: 12:50 & 7:05 P.M.

THE NAMESAKE (PG-13) ★★★ CENTURY 20: 11:30 A.M.; 2:15, 5, 7:45 & 10:30 P.M. PALO ALTO SQUARE: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:30 P.M.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) CENTURY 20: 2:35 & 7:40 P.M.

NORBIT (PG-13) ★★ CENTURY 20: 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:15 P.M.

PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) ★★★1/2 CENTURY 20: 2:20, 4:55 & 10:10 P.M.; FRI.-MON. ALSO AT 11:40 A.M. & 7:30 P.M. PALO ALTO SQUARE: 1:35, 4:25, 7:15 & 10:05 P.M.

PREMONITION (PG-13) ★★ CENTURY 16: 11:05 A.M.; 12:05, 2:30, 4:20, 5, 8, 9:40 & 10:20 P.M. CENTURY 12: 12:10, 1:30, 2:40, 4, 5, 6:25, 7:30, 8:55 & 10 P.M.

PRIDE (PG) ★★★ CENTURY 16: NOON, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:20 P.M. CENTURY 20: 11:45 A.M.; 12:50, 2:20, 3:20, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:10, 9:45 & 10:35 P.M.

THE QUEEN (NOT RATED) ★★★★★ CENTURY 20: 12:10, 2:40 & 5:05 P.M.

REIGN OVER ME (R) ★★★ CENTURY 16: 11:10 A.M.; 1:30, 2:15, 5:05, 6:50, 7:55 & 10:40 P.M. CENTURY 12: 11:50 A.M.; 1:20, 3, 4:15, 6, 7:20, 9 & 10:15 P.M.

SHOOTER (R) ★★1/2 CENTURY 16: 11 A.M.; 12:35, 1:50, 3:25, 4:45, 6:35, 7:35, 9:30 & 10:25 P.M. CENTURY 12: NOON, 1:40, 3:30, 4:45, 6:30, 7:40, 9:45 & 10:30 P.M.

TMNT (PG) CENTURY 16: 11:30 A.M.; 12:40, 1:45, 2:50, 4, 5:10, 6:15, 7:25 & 9:45 P.M. CENTURY 12: 11:40 A.M.; 1, 2, 3:20, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30 & 10:35 P.M.

WILD HOGS (PG-13) ★★ CENTURY 16: 11:35 A.M.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15 & 9:40 P.M. CENTURY 12: 11:45 A.M.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15 & 9:50 P.M.

ZODIAC (R) ★★★1/2 CENTURY 16: 12:30 & 6:40 P.M. CENTURY 20: 11:50 A.M.; 3:15, 6:45 & 10:05 P.M.



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MOVIE REVIEWS

300 ★★★1/2
 (Century 16, Century 20) The first groundbreaking film of 2007 explodes on the screen courtesy of up-and-coming director Zack Snyder ("Dawn of the Dead") and acclaimed comic creator Frank Miller. Snyder adapts Miller's sparse graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae with the same devoted verve that Robert Rodriguez brought to "Sin City." Miller's fantasy-infused account of the clash between the Greeks and the Persians in the year 480 B.C. revolves around King Leonidas (Gerard Butler) of Sparta. When a massive Persian army led by the effeminate and self-proclaimed "Man God" Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro) threatens to enslave Greece, Leonidas and 300 of his most devoted soldiers travel to the narrow mountain pass of Thermopylae in an effort to hold off the approaching horde. Some viewers may scoff at the thin character development or macho dialogue, but the entrancing visual power and unparalleled imagination of "300" cannot be ignored. The 300 Spartan soldiers wanted glory, and they got it. *Rated: R for graphic battle sequences, some sexuality and nudity. 1 hour, 57 minutes.* — T.H.

AMAZING GRACE ★★1/2
 (Century 12) Michael Apted helms a sincere but dry re-telling of the fight for the abolition of slavery. In late-18th-century England, antislavery pioneer William Wilberforce (Ioan Gruffudd) is nearing physical and emotional collapse from his all-consuming cause, and is forced to retire to the country home of generous benefactors for some R&R. Said patrons also double as match-makers and William is thrown together with spirited admirer Barbara Spooner (Romola Garai). The fight for antislavery is an uphill battle that divides friends and creates enemies. William is assured the support of future Prime Minister William Pitt (Benedict Cumberbatch), but butts heads with evil opponents Lord Tarlton (Ciaran Hinds) and the crafty Duke of Clarence (Toby Jones). The climax is a groundswell of tear-inducing virtue that leaves "Grace" on a high, if not amazing, note. *Not rated but could be PG for mature themes and some violence. 1 hour, 58 minutes.* — J.A.

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER ★★
 (Century 20) Director Michael Polish offers one small step for man, if you can take one giant leap and suspend your disbelief about a farmer who wants to launch a rocket from his barn and orbit the earth in it. Billy Bob Thornton plays the Texas astronaut-farmer named Farmer, a surname contributing to the excessive amount of too-cute touches. Trained as an aerospace engineer and Air Force pilot, Farmer had to abort his plans to become a rocket man due to family obligations. Now he's back at the ranch with wife Audie (Virginia Madsen), 15-year-old son Shephard (Max Thieriot), a pair of daughters (Jasper and Logan Polish) and a home-built spacecraft sharing the barn with the horses. Although the bank plans to foreclose on the farm in 30 days, Farmer primarily worries about coming up with

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\$50,000 to buy the 10,000 pounds of high-grade fuel needed for lift-off. The film's most honest moments take place at the Farmers' dinner table, where parents and siblings interact with warmth and spontaneity — finally showing the right stuff. *Rated: PG for thematic material, peril and language. 1 hour, 44 minutes.* — S.T.

THE HOST ★★★

(Century 20) "The Host" is straight from the annals of Japan's '50s horror classics, a B-grade creature-feature that does far more than go bump in the night. Dim-witted single dad Gang-Du (Song Kang-Ho) is working his father's make-shift food stand when he spies crowds of rubbernecks anxiously gathering on the banks of the Han River. Suddenly an enormous amphibious creature rises from the water and begins to attack the frantic masses. Gang-Du and his middle-school daughter Hyun-Seo (Ko A-Sung) join the fleeing flock, but the slimy thing snatches Hyun-Seo with a flick of its tail and disap-

pears back into the murky depths of the Han. Gang-Du fears the worst but finally receives a scratchy cell-phone call from his daughter, who claims to be trapped by the creature in Seoul's labyrinth sewer system. Thus begins an oddly compelling journey that pits Hyun-Seo's shell-shocked family against the slimy monstrosity. The action is pure high camp, a madcap mix of fear and humor that hits a few slap-sticky skids along the way. A good time at the movies, no matter how you cut it. *Rated: R for excessive gore. 1 hour, 59 minutes. In Korean with English subtitles.* — J.A.

I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE ★

(Century 12, Century 16) The plot is one big tease. All Richard Cooper (Chris Rock) can think about is sex, primarily because he doesn't have any in his seven-year marriage. His exhausted wife Brenda (Gina Torres) works, takes care of the kids and falls asleep as soon as her head hits the pillow. One day a sexy friend (Kerry Washington) shows up at Richard's office to ask for a favor. From that point on, the successful Wall Street investment banker starts meet-

ing the provocatively dressed Nikki for late lunches and other afternoon outings, often missing important business meetings with colleagues (Steve Buscemi and Edward Herrmann), putting his job in jeopardy. A lack of inventiveness dogs the narrative. Many situations are repeated with slight, unfunny variations. Richard Cooper looks like the real Chris Rock but acts like a mindless duplicate from "Invasion of the Body Snatchers." And he's not funny. *Rated: R for pervasive language and some sexual content. 1 hour, 37 minutes.* — S.T.

WILD HOGS ★★

(Century 12, Century 16) William H. Macy

is the best thing about director Walt Becker's "Wild Hogs." His Howdy-Doody face and good-hearted enthusiasm serve his computer-geek character well, as he joins Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence and John Travolta in a tepid comedy about midlife crisis. With a nod to "Easy Rider," the suburban friends mount their motorcycles to seek adventure on the open road. Make that misadventure. There's not a sign or post that Dudley (Macy) doesn't seem to slam into between Cincinnati and this not-so-wild bunch's destination of the Pacific Ocean. Allen takes the role of Doug, a dentist with a supportive spouse (Jill Hennessy) and a son (Dominic Janes) disinterested in

having anything to do with him. Lawrence plays a hen-pecked husband forced to return to The Firm, a plumbing business that sends him out to repair overflowing toilets at gas stations. Travolta seems to be living the male-fantasy dream with a supermodel wife. But all of them are dissatisfied with their dull, boring lives. *Rated: PG-13 for crude and sexual content, and some violence. 1 hour, 39 minutes.* — S.T.

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GETTING RESULTS: NEXT GENERATION OF WOMEN SCIENTISTS Screening of "The Gender Chip Project" March 26, 4 p.m.; followed by a panel discussion with science and technology experts 5 p.m.; reception with Stanford Admissions and other local non-profit industry representatives focusing on outreach for women in science. Free. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 725-0372. <http://gender.stanford.edu>

GREAT PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTING LECTURE Distinguished computer scientist and educator, Peter J. Denning, will share his work on the great principles of computing. March 29, reception 6 p.m.; lecture 7 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 810-1005. computerhistory.org

SPRING FLING Event features the Peninsula Carriage Driving Club showcasing carriages and horses, the Fortis Agility Sports Training Group with their trained dogs, craft projects and face painting for kids, storytelling, puppet and musical shows. Pre-ordered box lunches are available. March 31, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$20 members/\$25 non-members/\$5 children 5-17, free for children under 5. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

ART GALLERIES

"ART MADNESS" Artists will show exhibits from pottery to painting. Through March 31. Free. Gallery House, 320 California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 574-4654. www.galleryhouse2.com

"IMAGES FROM ITALY" WATERCOLORS BY SANSON Through March 31. Exhibit reflects Sanson's attraction to Italian hill towns and Renaissance cities. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

"NOW AND THEN" A solo exhibition by Bay Area artist Albert Smith. Showcasing the transformation in his work since 1975. By appointment through Sun., April 1. Free. Chelsea Art Gallery, 440 Kipling St., Palo Alto. Call 324-4450. www.chelseartgallery.com

"OPEN SPACES AND OTHER PLACES"

Carolyn Shaw will present a solo exhibit of oil paintings of California landscapes through April 29. Free. 1870 Art Center, 1870 Ralston Ave., Belmont. Call 574-4654. www.1870artcenter.org

"VIRIDITAS" PAINTINGS, INSTALLATIONS, PHOTOGRAPHY, EARTHWORK AND VIDEO By Tracy Ginsberg. Through April 28, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Spur Projects, 888 Portola Road, Portola Valley. www.SpurProjects.com

"WATER" An exhibit of watercolor paintings by Kay Culpepper. Through March 30. Tue.-Sun., 2-5 p.m. Free. Flea Street Cafe Gallery, 3607 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park. Call 854-1226. kayculpepper.com

HAWAII: "UP CLOSE" Views of Hawaii by watercolor artist Sue Lyttle. Through March 31. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. <http://viewpointsgallery.com/>

AUDITIONS

CANTABILE CHORALE AUDITIONS Auditions held by appointment at rehearsal Mon., March 26, 6:45-7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call (408) 285-6262. www.cantabile.org

BENEFITS

"MUSIC FOR OUR CHILDREN" BENEFIT CONCERT AND AUCTION An evening of Latin and world Jazz and Blues led by Bay Area trumpeter John L. Worley Jr. and Jim and Morning Nichold, Kat Parra. Tickets available online. March 24, 6-10 p.m. \$75/\$50 tax deductible. Woodside High Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. Call -212-4423. www.advocatesfc.org

CSMA'S ARTSALUTE GALA Benefit honoring accomplishments in the arts. Cocktail reception; dinner; entertainment; honorary awards; silent/live auctions featuring art and music, wines, travel and sports adventures. March 31, 6-11 p.m. \$250. Menlo Circus Club, 190 Park Lane, Atherton. www.arts4all.org/gala



"CATARACT: A JOURNEY OF SPIRIT": Chinese-style brush paintings by local artist, Patricia J. Machmiller, on display through March 31. Soaring granite, a single pine tree and the mist from a waterfall are some of the subjects rendered in ink on rice paper. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

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CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

BOTANICAL ART FOR KIDS: SPRING BLOOMS Children 8 and up will be introduced to botanical art, including fundamental principles, drawing skills and color mixing using graphite pencil and colored pencils. Class begins with a walk through the garden followed by instruction and drawing. March 24, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$35 members/\$40 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

CLASSIC DESSERTS Learn two French dough: Pate a Choux and Pate Brisée. March 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$34. Whole Foods Market, 4800 El Camino Real, Los Altos. Call 559-0300. www.wholefoodsmarket.com

GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY WITH MARGARETTA MITCHELL March 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and March 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Exploring different approaches to the photography of gardens and plants. See website for full description. \$150 members/\$165 non-members. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 329-1356 ext. 0. www.gamblegarden.org/

HEIRLOOM BULBS Presentation focusing on a season encyclopedia of antique varieties. March 24, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

SPRING BULB WALKS Small groups will walk through the garden with Filoli garden staff who will point out specific examples of color combinations and types of bulbs used. March 24, 9-11

a.m. \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

THE WONDER OF PATINAS For ages teen to adult. Materials list available online. Bring lunch. March 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$85 plus \$30 materials. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 917-6800. www.arts4all.org

WATERCOLOR BASICS Students do exercises to experience how colors are transparent, opaque, staining or floating, how they interact with other colors, how to blend colors on paper and how to layer colors for brilliance, and luminosity. March 27-May 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$275 members/\$325 non-members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DISCOVERING SHERLOCK HOLMES Stanford University will release 12 weekly facsimiles of Sherlock Holmes stories, as first seen in The Strand Magazine. Mailings through April 13. \$20 for newsprint copies; free pdf access. Discovering Sherlock Holmes, 482 Galvez St., Stanford. Call 724-9588. <http://sherlockholmes.stanford.edu>

CONCERTS

23RD ANNUAL BACH CELEBRATION Presented by Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra. A series of three Sunday concerts through March 25, 7:30-9 p.m. Focusing on the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and featuring an array of guest performers. \$12/\$10 seniors and students. Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 856-3848. www.pacomusic.org

2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION Hosted by Areon Flutes. March 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Designed to promote the study and enjoyment of performing chamber works, the performance division competition will be open for public enjoyment. Free. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.areonflutes.com

322ND BACH BIRTHDAY BASH CELEBRATION Featuring the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra and music director, Benjamin Simon. March 24, 7-9 p.m. \$20. Stanford Continuing Studies, Stanford



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MENLO SCHOOL CHORUS SPRING CONCERT Menlo's choral groups Knights and Knightingales and Lorelei, directed by Linda Jordan, and the Merry Men, directed by John Jordan present *Gospels and Other Songs of the Americas*, features Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*. Proceeds benefit a Chorus spring trip to South America. March 23, 7:15 p.m. \$10 adults/\$5 students/under 12 free. Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Call 330-2001 ext. 2274.

NOON CONCERT SERIES Wednesdays and Fridays, through March 28, 12:15 p.m. See website for daily performers. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 723-2720. <http://music.stanford.edu/Events/calendar.html>

ORGANIST DR. SUSAN MATTHEWS IN RECITAL In celebration of the 300th anniversary of Buxtehude's death and Bach's 311th birthday. March 25, 4-5 p.m. \$10 advance/\$15 at the door. St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 854-6555. <http://www.stbedesmenlopark.org/>

REDWOOD SYMPHONY Eric Kujawsky, conductor. March 25, 2 p.m. lecture; 3 p.m. concert. Brahms Violin Concerto with Karen Bentley Pollick, PDQ Bach 1712 Overture, Rendering by Berio. \$20/\$15. Bayside Performing Arts Center, 2025 Kehoe Ave., San Mateo. Call 366-6872. www.redwoodsymphony.org

DANCE

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

EXHIBITS

"ACTOR ACTOR" Through April 29. A broad celebration of the intersection of art and theater with an emphasis on Asian material. Subjects include masks, puppets, and stage set design. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Call 329-2366. www.cityofpaloalto.org

"CORRESPONDENCE: MASAMI TERAOKA UKIYO-E" Through April 29. Explores the contemporary work by Japanese American artist Masami Teraoka in juxtaposition with Ukiyo-e woodblock prints by Japanese masters. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Call 329-2366. www.cityofpaloalto.org

"NO LIMITS, WHATEVER" MULTIMEDIA EXHIBIT Includes more than 30 mixed media works created by Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society members. Through March 31. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., by appointment 369-4096. Free. Redwood City Art Center, 2625 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 917-1929. www.scvws.org

100 YEARS AT THE WILLIAMS HOUSE Exhibit celebrates the 100th birthday of the Williams House through revisiting the life and times of the family who built and occupied the home. Exhibit examines life from 1907 to the 1930s. Through June 3. Fri.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org

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Old Williams House. Saturdays, through June 2, 2 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org

ART DIALOGUES Free docent-led tours of current exhibitions. Saturdays, 2 p.m.; no tour April 7. Call 329-2370 to arrange private tour. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

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

BARE WITNESS: PHOTOGRAPHS BY GORDON PARKS Exhibition comprised of 73 photographs that were selected by the artist African American photographer, filmmaker, and author Gordon Parks. Hours: Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu., 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Through July 1. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. Call 723-3469. <http://museum.stanford.edu>

CARMEN LOMAS GARZA: PAINTINGS AND PRINTS Paintings and prints by Chicana narrative artist Carmen Lomas Garza, depicting special and everyday events in the lives of Mexican Americans. Presented by Heritage Bank of Commerce. Special exhibition partner: Castellano Family Foundation. Through March 28, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

IN THE AMERICAN WEST: PHOTOGRAPHS By Richard Avedon. Assertive, controversial, and graphically striking, Avedon's oversized images of working-class Westerners provide the opportunity to reexamine the group of photographs and to explore the realities and myths of the American West. Hours: Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu., 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Through May 6. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. Call 723-3469. <http://museum.stanford.edu>

PROFILES IN PORTRAITURE Four local artists, Charles Cantwell, Tom Thompson, Cynthia Tom and Lucy Traeger, exhibit their styles of portraiture in paintings and photography. Through April 22. Free. The Center for Nursing Excellence, 1400 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto. Call 387-2775.

REPETITIOUS ANTICS Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through March 23. Photographs and collages by Jessica Walker and Cyane Tomatzky, 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>

SEASONS AT FILOLI Exhibition will highlight Filoli's special events through a collection of photographs by members of the Friends of Filoli and

other local artists. Through March 25, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free with paid \$12 admission. Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

STEVENSON HOUSE FIFTH MONOPRINT SHOW Resident artist Vlasta Diamant mounts her students' fifth monoprint show titled "Fossils." Through March 31, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Stevenson House, 455 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. Call 493-1478.

FAMILY AND KIDS

"TEN MINUTES TILL BEDTIME" Peninsula Youth Theatre will present a Stories on Stage dramatization of the story by Peggy Rathmann. March 23, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; March 24, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. March 24. Tickets cost \$5-\$7. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pyt.net.org

GOOD SPORTS STORY TIME Children's Poet Laureate of the U.S., Jack Prelutsky, and 2006 Caldecott Medal Winner, Chris Raschka, present their joint effort "Good Sports: Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More." Sun., March 25, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 324-4321. www.keplers.com

PAUL MESNER PUPPETS PRESENT "RAPUNZEL" Sat., March 24, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. \$12 adult/\$10 youth. First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call 361-1310. www.puppetshowcase.org

TEDDY BEAR BRUNCH Sat., March 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For children ages 4-8. Sponsored by Friends of Allied Arts. Pre-registration required. Mail check for FAA to Susan Lamin, 1055 Tehama, M.P. 94025. \$20. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 324-2304. allied-artsguild.org

TODDLER STORYTIME Wednesdays, 11 a.m. For ages 18-36 months. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 851-0147.

FILM

"ILLUSION" STARRING KIRK DOUGLAS Feature tells the story of a once powerful but now old and ailing film producer who finds himself in deep regret over rejecting his only child, an illegitimate son. March 24, 7:30 p.m. \$10. Unity Palo Alto Community Church, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 494-7222. www.unitypaloalto.org

FRENCH CINECLUB: "FAUTEUILS D'ORCHESTRE" BY DANIELE THOMPSON Catherine, Jean-Francois and Jacques sometimes cross paths at a cafe where Jessica often waits on them. March 28, 7-10 p.m. \$8/\$6. Palo Alto Art

Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Call 575-6816. www.frenchcineclub.com

MONDAY MOVIES March 26: "The Devil Wears Prada." 1-3 p.m. \$1 members/\$2 non-members. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

STANFORD THEATRE GUIDE March 23: "Hollow Triumph" 7:30 p.m.; "The Seventh Victim" 6:05 and 9:05 p.m.; March 24-25: "Dinner at Eight" 4:05 and 7:30 p.m.; "One Hour with You" 6:05 and 9:30 p.m.; March 26-27: closed; March 28-30: "The Big Clock" 7:30 p.m.; "Bedlam" 6 and 9:15 p.m.; March 31-April 1: "Cleopatra" 3:35 and 7:30 p.m.; "The Gay Divorcee" 5:30 and 9:25 p.m. Stanford Theatre, 221 University Ave., Palo Alto. Call 324-3700. www.stanfordtheatre.org

WEDNESDAY MOVIES March 28: "La Boheme." 1-6 p.m. \$1 members/\$2 non-mem-

bers. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

ON STAGE

"A LITTLE PRINCESS" When 12 year old Sara is sent to a London boarding school, her spirited imagination helps her endure the harsh treatment she receives. Performances: March 23, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; March 24, 2:30 p.m. \$8 adults/\$4 children. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 463-4970.

MORE LISTINGS

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

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING NOTICE NEW RECREATION FEES AND DEPOSITS

The Mountain View Park and Recreation Commission will review new fees and deposits to be included in the Master Fee Schedule: Classes-Adult Class Registration Fee; Facilities and Rentals -Cancellation of Facility Rental Fees; Processing Fees -BBQ Amendment & Cancellation Fees; and, Field Rentals - Graham Sports Complex Deposit & Fee.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007
LOCATION: SENIOR CENTER, 266 ESCUELA AVENUE
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Interested persons may attend the meeting and present comments or send comments to james.teixeira@mountainview.gov or the Community Center at 201 South Rengstorff, Mountain View, CA 94039-7540. A copy of the staff report will be available for review at www.mountainview.gov and the Community Center beginning Friday, March 23, 2007, 4:30 p.m.



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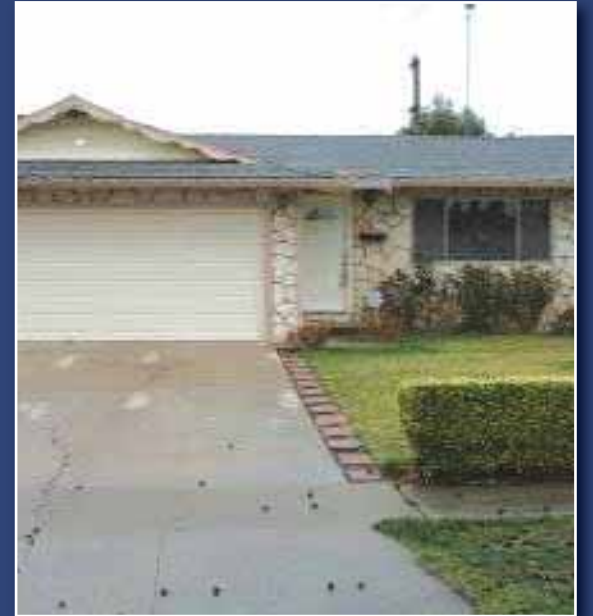
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