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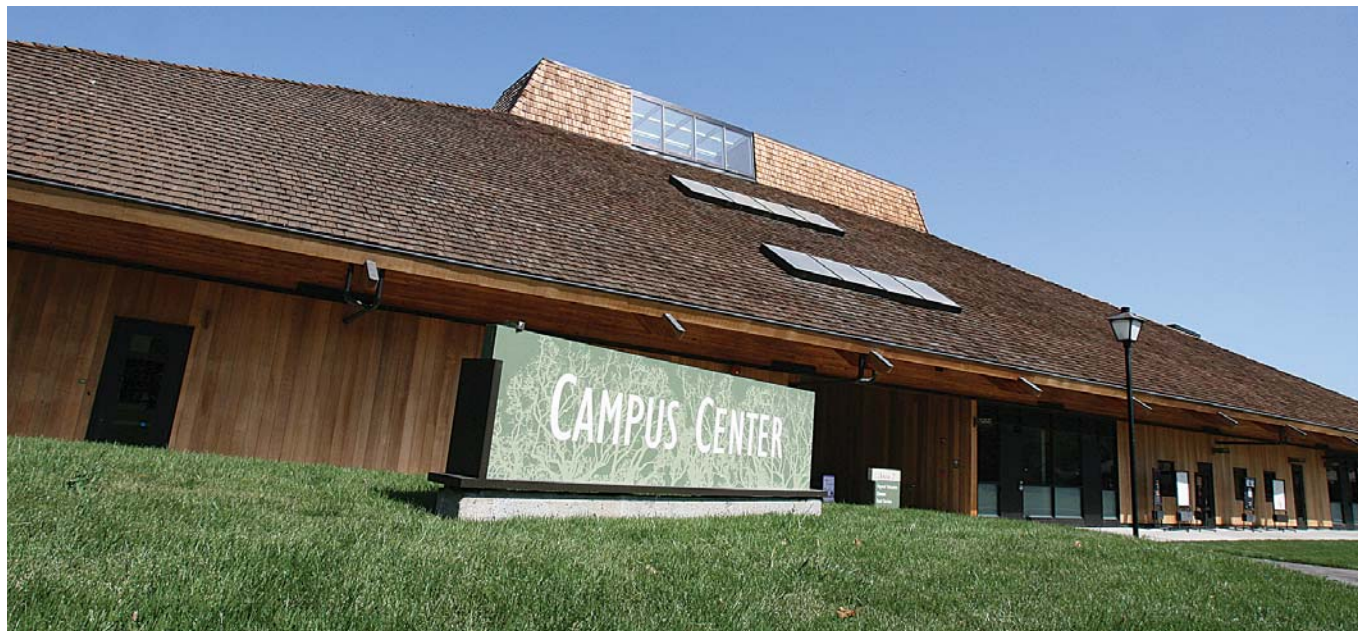
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The new Campus Center at Foothill College, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sept. 24.

New year, new prez, new Campus Center

FOOTHILL RAMPS UP FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH MUCH TO CELEBRATE

By Susan Hong

After two years of work and \$22 million spent, Foothill College is kicking off its 50th anniversary celebration this Tuesday — the first day of school — with the unveiling of its new Campus Center.

The college's 50th anniversary is technically next year, but administrators wanted to begin celebrating this year because of the center. Housed in two buildings on the east side of campus, the 30,000-square-foot facility features hardwood floors, redwood paneling and wireless Internet throughout.

"The Campus Center is the college community," said Donald Dorsey, dean of student affairs. "It's a place where people are people, and for students and staff to cross those roles and get to know each other as people. I think this is a great facility."

In the spirit of new beginnings, the college's new president, Judy Miner, said she wants to see a "systemic change" in bringing faculty, administrators and support staff closer together for the free exchange of ideas and to improve campus life.

"I really want people to think very deeply



NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

Judy Miner, new president of Foothill College

about infrastructure, about the kinds of courses and the way that we offer them," said Miner, who most recently served 18 years as vice-president of instruction at De Anza College.

Miner is already pushing one new idea, a "career workshop on wheels," where career counselors would visit the various departments on campus and talk about what it takes to land a job in a particular field.

"You could be in your classroom as a

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Passing the buck on Orion Park?

WITH SO MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED, TCE CLEANUP BECOMES A COMPLEX ISSUE

By Daniel DeBolt

After years of foot-dragging, NASA, the EPA, the Navy and even the White House are all players in a complex fight to either speed up or pass the buck on the cleanup of toxins at Orion Park. Some details of that fight spilled into a Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board meeting last week.

The Army plans to consolidate training for central California reserve units at the 72-acre Orion Park, located just outside the main gate at Moffett Field. However, vapors of TCE, an industrial solvent, are believed to be emanating from the soil there at levels above the legal limit. The original source of the solvent is unknown.

The issue led to intense discussion at the RAB meeting last

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Chloramine fight hits snag with EPA

AGENCY SAYS HEALTH OFFICIALS MUST STEP IN BEFORE IT CAN ACT

By Daniel DeBolt

As promised, local activists determined to eliminate chloramine from the tap water were granted a meeting with federal Environmental Protection Agency representatives earlier this month to plead their case.

How far they got, however, is questionable.

Citizens Concerned About Chloramine met with the EPA on Sept. 5 after Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's office arranged the meeting. Eshoo had issued a statement saying she was concerned about reports of terrible

allergic reactions to chloramine, a disinfectant which replaced chlorine in Peninsula tap water in 2004.

Despite those anecdotal reports, Bruce Macler of the federal EPA's San Francisco office defended the switch to

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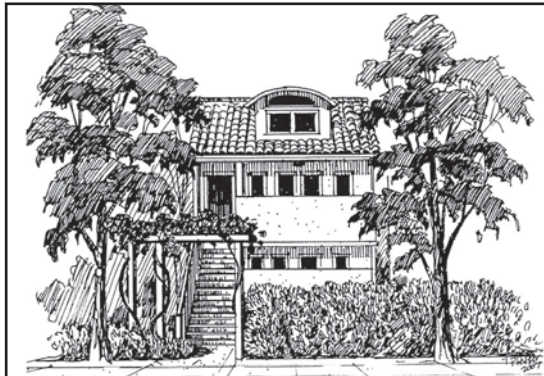
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Jack Roberts, Mountain View



"If [NASA] can save tax dollars by renting out extra space that's great. As long as it doesn't take away from their mission it is fine."

Chris Jenkins, Aliso Viejo



"I think it's OK as long as there isn't too much air traffic. As long as there isn't too much noise I don't mind."

Kathy Sprinkle, Mountain View



"I think it is fine. ... It's good for the money to go to NASA."

Sharon Killingsworth, Mountain View

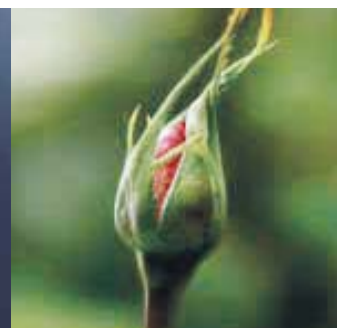


"I like it as long as there isn't too much noise. I don't like to hear them [planes]. They can spend that kind of money if they want."

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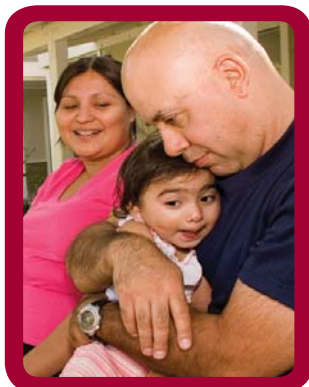
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LocalNews

■ CRIMEWATCH

SEXUAL BATTERY, STEVENS CREEK TRAIL NEAR CRITTENDEN LANE, 9/16

A 20-year-old woman was running along the trail when a man coming from the opposite direction exposed himself to her. She ran past him, but he followed and

attempted to grab her. She screamed and he ran away on Crittenden Lane.

The suspect could not be located but an investigation is underway. He is described as a black adult male, 25 to 30 years old, wearing a white T-shirt and navy-blue running shorts.

■ POLICELOG

BATTERY

Thompson Ave./Thompson Square, 9/12
Red Top Nightclub, 9/15
1900 Block Rock St., 9/17
W. El Camino Real/El Monte Ave., 9/17

GRAND THEFT

100 Block Jordan Ct., 9/13
Cantankerous Fish, 9/15
800 Block High School Way, 9/15
300 Block Chiquita Way, 9/16

BURGLARY - AUTO

900 Block High School Way, 9/17

IDENTITY THEFT

200 Block Easy St., 9/12

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL

500 Block Hans Ave., 9/11
500 Block Showers Dr., 9/15
100 Block Space Park Way, 9/16

MISSING PERSON - ADULT

500 Block Tyrella Ave., 9/16

MISSING PERSON - JUVENILE

200 Block Gabriel Ave., 9/15

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Central Expressway/N. Rengstorff, 9/11
200 Block Latham St., 9/11
2500 Block Charleston Rd., 9/11
100 Block El Monte Ave., 9/11
2300 Block California St., 9/13
1200 Block W. El Camino Real, 9/13
900 Block Dale Ave., 9/13
300 Block El Camino Real, 9/14
600 Block, Showers Dr., 9/14
Rengstorff Park, 9/14
500 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/17

PETTY THEFT

100 Block Elmwood St., 9/10
400 Block San Antonio Rd., 9/10
Sears, 9/12
100 Kittoe Block 9/14
600 Block Mariposa Ave., 9/16
Masonic Temple, 9/16
800 Block San Vernon Ave., 9/16

RAPE

2200 Block Rock St., 9/11

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

California St./Escuela Ave., 9/15
La Avenida/Macon Ave., 9/17

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

200 Block San Ramon Ave., 9/12
100 Block Park Dr., 9/13
100 Block California St., 9/16

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

100 Block S. Whisman Rd., 9/12
Wal-Mart, 9/12
100 Block Pear Ave., 9/13
100 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/14
Valero, W. El Camino Real, 9/14

FORGERY

100 Block Space Park Way, 9/12

GRAND THEFT

500 Block Castro St., 9/13

VANDALISM

1900 Block Hackett Ave., 9/11
200 Block Easy St., 9/12
200 Block San Antonio Cl., 9/13
100 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 9/13
300 Block Whisman Station Dr., 9/14
1900 Block W. El Camino Real, 9/17

■ CORRECTION

Last week's City Council story on the formation of a new youth committee, "Youth given a taste for governing," inadvertently reported that council member

Tom Means opposed the initiative. Means voted in favor of the initiative. Council member Matt Pear voted against it. The *Voice* regrets the error.

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Ready for trouble

By Don Frances

YOUR POLICE AND fire departments are teaming with Google to hold a “multi-day seminar between ourselves, larger businesses in Mountain View, public sector organizations such as AMR, and the local hospitals,” said police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

“The goal of the seminar is to work together to plan and prepare for a disaster, such as an earthquake or terrorist event.”

Homeland Security is behind the event, which a press release describes this way: “Area business and community leaders will gather in Mountain View to begin joint planning for ‘critical incidents’ as part of a federally funded program. A total of three meetings will be held over a nine-month period.”

The first meeting is Oct. 3 at Google headquarters. Wylie said organizers are hoping to bring in safety and security managers from businesses and nonprofits with more than 100 employees.

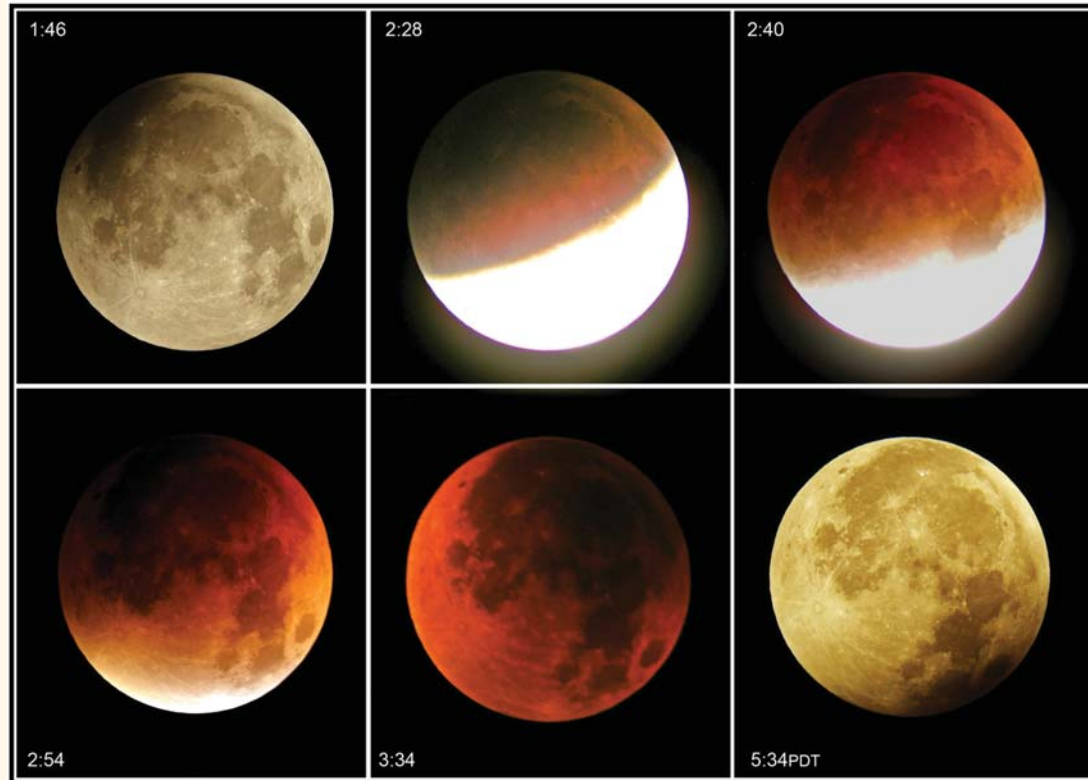
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KATHY RICE wrote a few weeks ago to ask if we would announce congratulations for three new Eagle Scouts, awarded the honor after completing their projects at Springer School.

“Ryan Wong, Carl Rice and Neal Kawas, all graduates of Springer Elementary School in Mountain View, recently achieved scouting’s highest rank of Eagle Scout,” she said. “All three scouts returned to their elementary school to perform their Eagle Scout leadership service projects. They were recognized at an Eagle Court of Honor on Aug. 19 at the Los Altos United Methodist Church.”

Congratulations to these three from Troop 33.

Don Frances is editor of the Mountain View Voice.



MOONDANCE

Many stargazers stayed up into the wee hours last month to see the total eclipse of the moon. Among them were Isaac and Heidi Kikawada, who took a series of crystal-clear photos from their back yard in Mountain View, capturing the moon as it passed through Earth’s shadow.

“We thought many people may have watched this most recent total lunar eclipse,” Isaac Kikawada wrote, “which we were lucky enough to see in entirety — the East Coast people only saw a half of it!”

On the night of the eclipse, Aug. 28, at around 1:30 a.m., “I phoned our young neighbor couple Ember and Hernan, keen observers of heav-

enly bodies, who live just two doors up from us on Mountain View Avenue, for already the partial stage was beautifully underway and I did not want them to miss the transit into totality,” Isaac wrote.

“The totality of the eerie red moon lasted more than an hour. Ember and Hernan stayed only till around 4 a.m., since they had to go to work in a few hours. As Heidi says, astronomy is a good hobby for the retired folks who can stay up.”

Isaac said he took the pictures using a small TeleVue telescope fitted with an Olympus C4040 digital camera. “Those shots were made at quite fast shutter speeds, for the magnified moon is very bright, and if we overexposed, we would have lost the delicate features.”

Care for the caregivers

AVENIDAS ORGANIZES CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE TIPS FOR THOSE CARING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

By Susan Hong

With the elderly population growing to unprecedented levels over the next several years, more adult children and spouses find themselves becoming their parents’ or loved one’s caregivers.

The experience can be daunting and stressful for family members, social workers say, which is why an upcoming conference, sponsored by Avenidas in Palo Alto and the city of Mountain View, will validate family care-giving and provide tips for better care.

Titled “The Caregiver’s Journey,” the fourth annual conference is scheduled for Sept. 29 at the Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center and neighboring Senior Center in Mountain View. Avenidas, which is based in Palo Alto and operates the Day Health Center, specializes in care-giving for the elderly. Besides providing information, the group’s upcoming conference will allow caregivers to bond and share their experiences.

This is especially necessary for caregivers of aging parents who have developed Alzheimer’s or

dementia and can no longer take care of themselves, said Diane Wilson, Avenidas’ manager of social work services. Such situations often force caregivers to make significant life changes, leading to depression, deteriorating physical health, sleep deprivation, and loss of income due to missed work, she said.

In 2004, California had 3.4 million family caregivers, the largest such group in the country, according to the National Family Caregiver Alliance. Family caregiver-

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■ NEWS BRIEFS

TWO-ALARM FIRE SENDS SIX TO HOSPITAL

Six residents of a Mountain View apartment complex were hospitalized last Friday afternoon when a fire broke out in a ground-floor unit.

The two-alarm fire was reported at around 4:30 p.m. at a large complex at 707 Continental Circle, Mountain View fire officials said.

Firefighters evacuated the building and put out the fire within minutes, according to the report. One unit was damaged in the fire and three others sustained smoke damage. No damage estimate was available.

Six people were transported to a local hospital for smoke inhalation, and several residents of the damaged apartments were displaced, fire officials said. The Palo Alto chapter of the Red Cross provided assistance to the displaced.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, officials said.

— Bay City News

COLLEGE PROFESSOR’S LAPTOP STOLEN

A laptop containing personal information for 4,275 De Anza College students was stolen during a break-in to a math professor’s home last month, school officials reported. The laptop, which also contained some faculty members’ personal information, has not been recovered.

The computer was the professor’s work computer, school officials said, and contained grading records for De Anza students who took the instructor’s math classes. This included their first and last names and personal identification numbers.

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District has no evidence at this time that any unauthorized person is using the personal information. The laptop was protected by a password, as were the student files.

— Susan Hong



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■ **SEEN AROUND TOWN**

Calm before the crowd



Shoreline Lake was busy last Labor Day weekend, but this photo was taken "early Sunday morning before the park activity begins," wrote Cecil Armando Aird of Space Park Way. Later that day, "people came out to enjoy the beautiful surroundings that Shoreline offers."

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.

ORION

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Thursday. Bob Moss, the citizen co-chair of the RAB, said he was familiar with legal actions involving Ford Aerospace in Palo Alto that would require the Army, the property's new owner, to clean up the site.

"If it's there and you can't identify who is responsible, you bought it," Moss said, referring to the TCE problem.

Meanwhile, EPA project manager Alana Lee, and Lenny Siegel, director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight, both think the Navy is responsible for the problem under its agreement to clean up Moffett Field. The EPA has the final word in the case of a conflict, Lee said.

"We haven't come to the Army to say you have to clean it up," Lee said. "We haven't come to the Navy either."

That's because the EPA has acknowledged that the contamination could be flowing from off-site, so the EPA is not comfortable requiring cleanup, she said.

Moss wanted to clarify that the EPA could have required cleanup before, but "chose not to."

"That's right," Lee said.

The EPA is currently working to

acquire funding so it can step up its investigation of possible off-site contamination sources, Lee said. NASA, for its part, has for several years expressed concern that the TCE—traveling in a plume in the groundwater—has been migrating onto its property across the street, where there is also a child care center.

Siegel explained that the EPA may be "gun shy" over requiring cleanup of Orion Park because the Bush Administration is likely to side with the military on the issue.

"The military has been thumbing their nose at the EPA—in several cases," Siegel said, citing a recent case at Fort Mead in Tucson, Ariz.

But an involved community, especially with the support of NASA, "can reverse things like this," he said.

The RAB's new Navy co-chair, Darren Newton, said senior Navy officials are discussing Orion Park cleanup efforts.

There have been concerns about replacing Orion Park's 450 vacant homes with more job sites, which could exacerbate traffic and housing problems in the area. There is also concern that the Army is not interested in cleaning up the site.

"We will cooperate with any cleanup effort that takes place,"

said Gary Houston, project manager for the Army training center.

Houston told the *Voice* that the Army would install impermeable barriers under the new buildings planned at Orion Park, which would prevent TCE vapors from emanating there. That tactic is advocated by the EPA.

NASA to clean up former marsh

Also at the meeting, NASA announced plans to clean up a one-acre site on the northwest corner of Moffett Field, which isn't part of the Navy superfund site. It includes former salt pond and marsh land next to the Bay.

The site is contaminated with several different chemicals, and NASA doesn't want them to migrate onto neighboring property owned by the Peninsula Open Space District.

"Maybe Hangar One is to blame," said Don Chuck, NASA environmental engineer. For years, toxins from the hangar's siding have been leeching into its surroundings.

Hangar One update

The Navy is expected to release its report on whether to save Hangar One as early as November, but

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■ OBITUARY

CHARLOTTE HANSON MCCONNELL

Mountain View resident Charlotte McConnell passed away on Sept. 11. She was 80 years old.

McConnell was born Feb. 28, 1927 in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. to Norman and Isabelle Hanson. Her family moved to Ohio where she met and married Michael McConnell. The McConnells lived in Nevada before settling in Mountain View, where they lived for the past 52 years.

McConnell retired in the 1980s after working many years in retail for Joseph Magnin and Bullocks. Retirement allowed her to spend more

time with her family and in her garden. She also enjoyed bird-watching and antiquing.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Dr. William Buchholz for the care and attention he provided during the last 26 years.

McConnell is survived by her husband of 61 years, Mike; her children Pam, Pat, Norm and Jill; her sisters June and Virginia; 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and eight nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Lupus Foundation of Northern California, 2625 N. First St., No. 206, San Jose, 95134.

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no specific date has been set.

On behalf of the Save Hangar One Committee, Lenny Siegel presented 1,600 signatures gathered from residents who support using a Teflon-fiberglass fabric to cover the hangar, should it be restored.

The Navy mentioned last Thursday that the state Office of Historic Preservation was recently allowed inside the Hangar for an hour-long look.

A meeting location was discussed for the large crowd that is anticipated when the final report on Hangar One is released. Last year, when the

Navy initially announced it was going to demolish the Hangar, the fire marshal had to turn people away.

Newton said the Hangar One public comment period would extend at least a week past the RAB meeting scheduled for Jan. 10. The Next RAB meeting will be held Nov. 8.

Information about RAB meetings is posted at www.bracpmo.navy.mil/bracbases/California/moffett/. The Mountain View library also maintains a repository of information on Moffett Field cleanup efforts. ■

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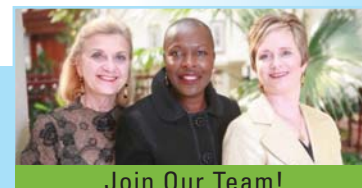
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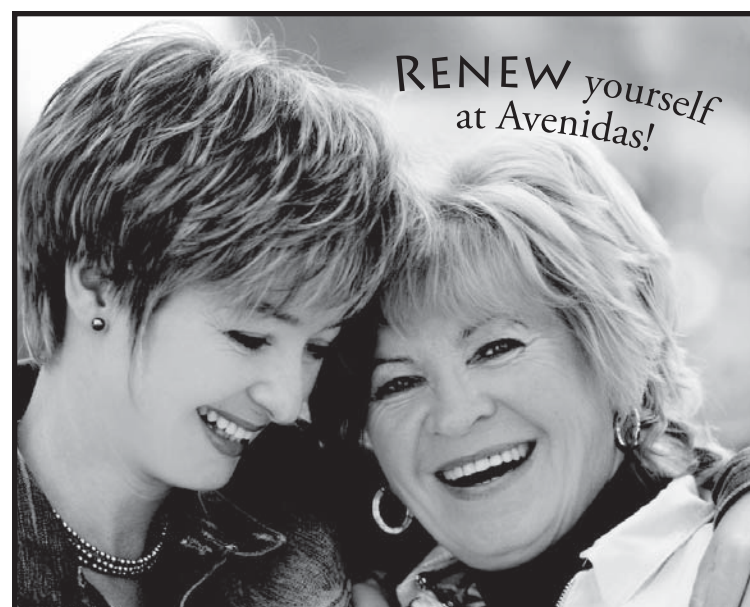
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chloramine, both at the meeting and to the *Voice*. Procedurally, he said, reports of bad reactions to chloramine must be recognized by the Centers for Disease Control or the medical community before the EPA can take action.

A few days after those remarks, Macler said CDC representatives were heading to Vermont to investigate numerous complaints there about chloraminated tap water.

"As far as we know there is no evidence there is a problem with public health," Macler told the *Voice* last week. "When we talk about what's safe, we talk about generally safe. It is possible people are effected. Medical folks have to start saying this is an issue."

Macler's position angered

CCAC president and Menlo Park resident Denise Johnson-Kula, who says she almost died from a respiratory reaction while taking a shower immediately after the switch in 2004. She continues to have respiratory reactions anywhere near tap water vapors, as does at least

inflamed digestive tracts after the switch to chloramine. That switch, made by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which manages the Peninsula's Hetch Hetchy water, was originally made at the EPA's behest.

The EPA had recommended that water agencies switch to chloramine to reduce trihalomethanes, a carcinogenic byproduct of chlorine disinfection. At high levels, chloramine is classified as a dangerous chemical that can cause gastrointestinal and respiratory problems. The EPA has regulated it at no more than four milligrams per liter in tap water, the same limit as chlorine.

However, the byproducts of chloramine are "much more toxic" than chlorine's, according to Dr. Michael Plewa, professor of genetics at the University of Illinois, who recently co-authored a study on tap water disinfection byproducts.

In the study, hamster ovary cells were used to examine the effects of one kind of unregulated disinfection byproduct — haloacetonitriles — which may have increased with chloramine use. (Currently, only 11 of over 600 byproducts known to the EPA are regulated.)

Because Plewa's study does not

involve a whole animal, the EPA is hesitant to use it in the case against chloramine, Macler said. He also said Plewa's research may not apply to the conditions in the Bay Area and that the byproducts may not be present here.

Plewa isn't as hesitant, and has said the byproducts he is study-

to call for government oversight of the EPA's actions pertaining to chloramine. She is also meeting with Bay Area congressmen Mike Honda and Pete Stark in the next few weeks.

Macler said the EPA is in the middle of a six-year update to regulations of disinfection byproducts, and that it would

**"When we talk about what's safe,
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one Mountain View resident. She believes there could have been others who weren't as fortunate.

"I could have died," Johnson-Kula said. "The autopsy would have said 'Acute respiratory distress, cause unknown.' Who would have known?"

Johnson-Kula's group says at least 400 Bay Area residents, including several in Mountain View, have developed skin rashes, respiratory problems or

**The byproducts of chloramine
are "much more toxic"
than chlorine's, according to
Dr. Michael Plewa**

ing are the most toxic he has ever seen. In an e-mail to the *Voice* last month, he recommended a switch back to chlorine.

Critics of chloramine still claim it has done little, if anything, to improve the water. Macler said one positive result of the switch to chloramine was reduced levels of legionella, but Johnson-Kula said legionella was never really a problem in local tap water.

Johnson-Kula has joined Ellen Powell, of People Concerned About Chloramine in Vermont,

probably continue research of chloramine disinfection byproducts on whole animals.

As for the CDC's trip to Vermont, "We'll hear back in a few weeks, we'll find out if they want to pursue anything," he said.

The Vermont state legislature spent two days hearing testimony on the issue earlier this year. ■

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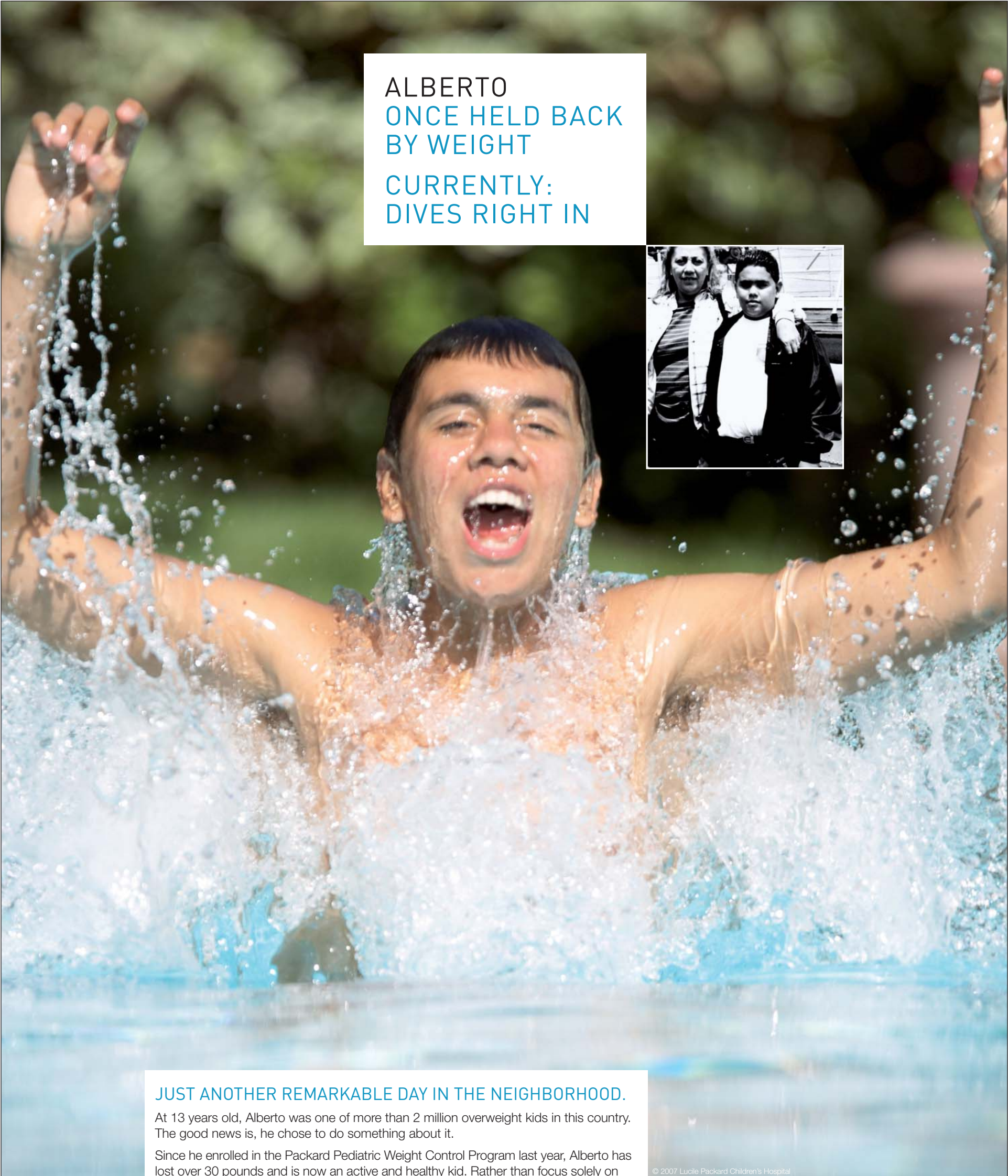
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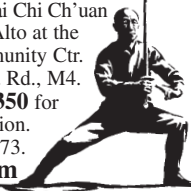
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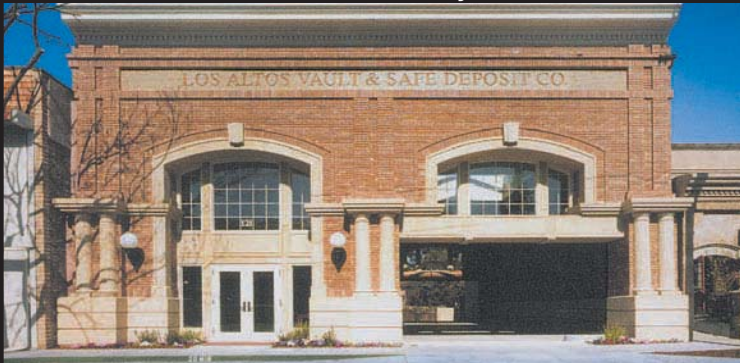
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dental hygiene student and they would come to you instead of you having to pick up your stuff and go to a counseling office. Plus you're in there with your friends. You're in there with your faculty," she said. "I think that was brilliant."

Currently the college has 19,000 students, and Miner wants to see the school expand to 25,000 in five years. She particularly wants to expand the "Middlefield campus," housed in the Cubberley Community Center in Palo Alto. The off-campus site offers a pharmacy tech program and emergency medical training, but the college has a new name in the works as part of a bigger and better school: The Northern California Center for Career Pathways.

"We really need that space and I think there is incredible potential there," Miner said. "What we want to do is develop a new career program that would be housed at Middlefield and provide enough general education coursework, so if a student chose, they could do their entire program at the Middlefield campus."

By the fall of 2008, the Middlefield campus may offer child development programs, she said. Foothill is also working closely

with Mountain View and Los Altos high schools to offer more college credit courses.

Foothill also is also thinking about introducing a new viticultural program to make use of vacant land on campus. "There are some acres that can never be developed by way of buildings, but we could plant vines," Miner said.

Students would learn the entire process of wine-making, from growing the grapes to fermenting them, she said. "We're very interested in seeing if the wine community in the region would agree with that."

Miner also instituted an author's series, and chose "The Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle for the entire campus to read together. She calls it a "one

book, one campus" bonding experience.

"I think we need to have a lot of intellectual stimulations," she said. Boyle is scheduled to visit the campus in May 2008. ■

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Judy Miner on the Foothill College campus.

NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

■ INFORMATION

What: Foothill College 50th Anniversary Celebration
When: Sept. 25, 4 to 7 p.m.
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■ EDUCATION BRIEFS

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Two teachers from Mountain View were honored for their achievements in the classroom by receiving 2007 Teacher of the Year awards from the Santa Clara County of Office Education.

Catherine Bauer, English language development teacher at Monta Loma Elementary School, and Pamela Ynzunza from Mountain View High

School, both received the award.

The Sixth District PTA and the Santa Clara County School Boards Association also sponsored the award.

JUSTREAD GETS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anne Wellner de Veer has been named local nonprofit JustREAD's new execu-

tive director, the group announced.

JustREAD is a Mountain View literacy tutoring program for high school students to help them improve essential reading and writing skills. The program uses volunteers who provide one-on-one tutoring, particularly to English language learners.

— Susan Hong

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Women represent 75 percent of all family caregivers and typically range between 35 and 64 years old, according to the California State-wide Survey of Caregivers. People of all nationalities provide care to family members, according to the survey.

John Timbs, an expert on family care-giving who will give the keynote address at the conference, advises families to seek out inner resources to best tackle care-giving challenges.

"Care-giving is often described as a journey," Timbs said. "One of the most important things is to acknowledge what they are doing, because people who are taking care of an elderly relative who is actually losing ground and getting worse can make the caregiver feel they haven't done enough. Whereas they have done a great job in keeping the person safe," he said.

"People can feel guilty for many, many reasons. Guilt is quite pervasive because they feel helpless to make the situation better, or they can feel guilty because they feel embarrassed about their loved one who is helpless or confused," he said. "Guilt is an emotion that can demoralize the caregiver and distract them from doing the job."

Timbs wants to affirm caregivers

of their commitment and skills. "They need all the help they can get and there's no shame in utilizing the resources that are around," he said.

He says that whenever possible, families should hold meetings to discuss and organize care-giving responsibilities.

"Typically family members come into the meeting with some solution in mind. Now the trick is not to discuss their solutions first-up. They should first of all share their observations and look at the needs, and then they can talk about solutions. Solutions get in the way if they come up too early."

Other speakers will discuss such issues as assisted living; taking a humorous look at how to distinguish between signs of illness and normal aging; making sense of government benefits; and nutrition for seniors — "Is Ice Cream Okay for Breakfast?" ■

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■ INFORMATION

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When: Saturday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

NASA bends rules for Google

The idea that Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin could hide their private Boeing 767 jumbo jet at Moffett Field with no one noticing is one of the best chuckles of the summer.

But we doubt if there are many laughs coming from the red-faced NASA officials who cooked up the deal to give the billionaires landing rights for their 767 and two Gulfstream V executive jets for two years in return for \$2.6 million in fees and the right to place scientific instruments on the planes. All of this was done in secret and made official Aug. 1, NASA officials say. Nothing was made public until last week.

The disclosure set off a flurry of media attention, from the *Voice* to the *New York Times*. The latter gave it a front-page story that included a Google map, showing how close the Moffett Field runway is to the company's Mountain View headquarters. Their storyline was that the Google honchos may have set a new standard in corporate perks that is likely to turn other Silicon Valley tycoons green with envy.

Not so fast. We're not sure other Silicon Valley CEOs would welcome the publicity that continues to swirl around this contract, which gives Page and Brin, through their company H211, permission to land at Moffett Field for two years.

Already, Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, a former Mountain View mayor and city council member, has joined Rep. Anna Eshoo in looking into how the arrangement came about. And Sunnyvale officials are upset that additional civilian planes could be flying over their community on the way to Moffett.

The real issue here is how NASA decided to approve basing the private planes at Moffett while turning a cold shoulder to everyone else. No press release was issued when the arrangement was signed, and as far as we know, no other firms were given a chance to match the Google founders' offer. We believe numerous other companies would eagerly pay as much or more for the right to take off and land at Moffett — even if they have to take a few scientific measurements while doing so.

Google's plan to build a new campus at Moffett with up to one million square feet of office space could be one reason why NASA is being so generous with the company. But that is just a theory based on a promise. No contract has been signed, at least as far as we know. Is there more news to come on this deal? And if so, could it be linked to H211's landing rights?

Page, Brin and NASA owe the public a full explanation on how this agreement came about. We know Google likes to keep its business plans secret. But NASA is not a private company, and it should not be making backroom deals.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

MOFFETT AIRFIELD NEEDS MORE USE, NOT LESS

Editor:

Mountain View is killing Moffett Field. Now one Google 767 is a noisy visitor? An under-utilized Moffett is a wasted opportunity. The few remaining users barely keep it alive.

Wider use of Moffett would be a boost for Mountain View and Silicon Valley. The world wants a piece of the action here and is taking it. We can accommodate Silicon Valley business or be a thorn in its side. Moffett can be torn down or we can sound-proof the homes. We can help NASA afford to operate SOFIA here or watch it go to Dryden.

Plans seem to have stagnated. We must do something or the bean counters will pull the plug on Moffett. Use it or loose it. Set this bird free or kill it.

James Baloun
Constitution Drive

DAY WORKERS MUST MAKE A LIVING

Editor:

So, some homeowners object to the Day Worker Center being located so close to their homes ("Pros, cons of new site," Aug. 31). Since when are things more important than people? So they

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Juanita Mullen
San Ramon Avenue

SIX RULES OF THE TRAIL

Editor:

Rather than continue to discuss blame for the Shoreline Trail problems, here are a few simple "Rules of the Trail" that may help:

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Quincy Drive



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Casa Lupe's giant combo plate, brimming with chicken entomatada, chicken burrito, chicken enchiladas, rice and beans.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

People-watching haven

WITH ITS DOWN-HOME MEXICAN MEALS, CASA LUPE HOLDS ITS OWN AMONG THE SHINIER STARS ON CASTRO

By Elaine M. Rowland

For the past decade, as Castro Street has grown into one of the hippest restaurant scenes on the Peninsula, Casa Lupe has been rolling up burritos and stewing Mexican and Mexican-American home cooking behind the big painted wall bearing its name.

A small restaurant with about a dozen tables inside and another half dozen outside, it has a tidy attractiveness, gaily highlighted by perky flowers in pots, colorful piñatas and paint, and festive lighting. Many restaurants attempting this look begin to seem fatigued over the years, but

Casa Lupe is holding up well. And despite the big glass windows, it's not a very noisy place, adding to its cozy ambience.

With its friendly service, you'll feel taken care of even if the food does sometimes take longer than you expect. You're brought chips and salsa when you're first seated, which varied on my two visits there. On the first meal, it was thicker, blander chips with only one salsa, a vinegary, spicy, pureed salsa roja. The next meal, the chips were perfectly crispy and salty, and served with two salsas that included a chunky salsa fresca with more kick to it

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and better, fuller flavor.

My first visit, I ordered the three-entree combo with rice and your choice of beans (black, refried or pinto), a very filling deal at \$14.95. It arrived on a huge platter, blazing to the touch, and included a beef enchilada, chicken entomatada (like an enchilada with a tomato sauce), and a chicken tamale. These dishes weren't flaming with spices (in fact, the chunky salsa was one of the hotter foods I ate at Casa Lupe). It came with rice — perfect, not soggy or dry — and refried beans that had a nice creamy texture but were a little bland.

As a whole the food was fine — simple. Casa Lupe, it turns

out, is not built on culinary adventures.

My brother ordered the carne asada burrito (\$8.95), which was the better choice of the evening. Of course, I never told him that, not wanting him to gloat. The beef was very tasty, and fairly tender. It, too, was a goodly amount of food for the money.

For dessert, we passed on ice cream and flan for the bunuelos (\$5.25), which look like deep-fried tortilla strips with cinnamon sugar and ice cream on top. A simple dish, it really hit the spot.

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from Chateau Souverain and Kenwood (\$7.75), and of course, margaritas aplenty.

For lunch, we sat at one of the handful of outdoor tables. These are set back a little from the main drag on Castro, and great for people-watching. Lunch, however, is not set back from Castro Street prices, because you'll pay more here than for the equivalent in a less trafficked area.

On this return visit, we were brought the two varieties of salsa, and ordered a side of guacamole (\$2), which was creamy and not mussed by overly inventive additions. Our lunch came with a choice of wheat or corn tortillas, and soup or a salad of iceberg lettuce with some colorful additions like tomato slices. Soup was the thing to order, however — a rich and savory meatball soup, with meatballs that tasted like little meatloaves (in a good way).

The chicken mole was very good — tender and juicy, in a thick, ruddy mole sauce of chilies and chocolate (\$14.95). It held a slight edge over the pork chile verde (\$13.95) I ordered.

The chile verde was hot in temperature and seasoning, with a mix of tender and not-so-tender chunks of pork in the tomatilla and green chile sauce. It came with beans — I chose pinto, al dente and buttery — rice, and some salad mix with no dressing I could detect.

When a dish with sides like this arrives with tortillas, I'm never sure how much is supposed to go into the tortilla, so I wrapped up some of everything on the plate into the tortilla, and it was a good combo, the beans cutting the spiciness a tad. But the chile was good with just the rice, too.

Casa Lupe is the place to go if you're craving simple, home-style Mexican cooking in a low-key, colorful setting. It has a good-sized menu with few surprises other than how little seafood is on it (I only saw two shrimp dishes). While splashier restaurants along the strip may claim more attention, I've always seen at least a modest number of diners enjoying themselves here, whether I was dining or passing by.

For watching the Castro scene more than being seen, this sister restaurant to Casa Lupe of Los Altos offers a warm, filling meal in comfortable surroundings. ▀



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3:10 TO YUMA (R) ★★★★★ Century 16: 12:40, 1:55, 3:25, 6:55, 7:35 & 9:40 p.m. Century 12: 1, 2, 4:10, 5, 7:40, 9 & 10:30 p.m.

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 12:35, 1:20, 3:35, 4:25, 6:40, 7:30, 9:45 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 12:45, 3:50, 6:55 & 9:55 p.m.

BALLS OF FURY (PG-13) Century 12: 7:15 & 10:10 p.m.

BECOMING JANE (PG) ★★1/2 Century 20: 1:45, 4:25, 7:25 & 10:05 p.m.

THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R) Aquarius: Fri. & Sat. at midnight.

THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2 Century 16: 1, 3:40, 6:45 & 9:25 p.m. Century 20: 1:55, 4:55, 7:45 & 10:30 p.m.

THE BRAVE ONE (R) ★★ Century 16: 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:20, 7, 7:40, 9:55 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05, 6, 7, 8, 9:05 & 10:10 P.M.

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) ★★★★★ Century 20: 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:35 p.m. Guild: 2:30, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:30 p.m.

DEEP WATER (NOT RATED) ★★★★★

Aquarius: 2:15, 4:30, 7 & 9:15 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at noon.

DRAGON WARS: D-WAR (PG-13) Century 16: 12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:45 & 10:15 p.m. Century 12: 12:35, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m.

EASTERN PROMISES (R) ★★★★★1/2 Century 16: 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8 & 10:35 p.m. Century 12: 12:45, 4, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.

THE GAME PLAN (PG) Century 20: Sat. at 7:40 p.m.

GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) Century 16: 12:25, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55 & 10:20 p.m. Century 12: 12:30, 1:50, 3, 4:15, 5:30, 7:10, 8:30 & 10 p.m.

HAIRSPRAY (PG) ★★★★★ Century 20: 12:55, 3:45, 6:50 & 9:40 p.m.

HALLOWEEN (R) Century 20: 10:30 p.m.

HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2 Century 12: 12:40 & 3:55 p.m.

THE HUNTING PARTY (R) Century 12: 12:50, 4:05, 7:05 & 10:20 p.m.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOON (PG)

Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:30 & 7:10 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 9:35 p.m.

IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) Century 16: 1:15, 4:15, 7:05 & 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 1:40, 4:35, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m.

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MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY (G) ★★ Century 16: 4:05 & 10:05 p.m. Century 12: 1:10, 3:40, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m.

MR. WOODCOCK (PG-13) Century 16: 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:40 & 10 p.m. Century 12: 1:05, 3:35, 5:50, 8:05 & 10:25 p.m.

THE NANNY DIARIES (PG-13) ★1/2 Century 20: 1:35, 4:20, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.

NO RESERVATIONS (PG) ★★1/2 Century 20: 12:10, 2:50, 5:15 & 7:55 p.m.

ONCE (R) ★★★★★1/2 Century 20: 12:05, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45 & 9 p.m.

RATATOUILLE (G) ★★★ Century 20: 2, 4:50 & 10:20 p.m. Fri. & Sun.-Tue. also at 7:40 p.m.

RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) Century 16: 12:35, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: Noon, 1:05, 2:20, 3:25, 4:40, 5:50, 7:05, 8:15, 9:30 & 10:25 p.m.

RUSH HOUR 3 (PG-13) Century 12: 3:30 & 8:50 p.m.

SHOOT 'EM UP (R) ★★ Century 16: 4:55 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 12:50, 3:10, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m.

THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG-13) Century 12: 1:15 & 6:15 p.m.

STARDUST (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 1:05 & 7:10 p.m. Century 20: 1, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m.

SUPERBAD (R) Century 16: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50 & 9:30 p.m. Century 12: 12:55, 3:50, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m.

SYDNEY WHITE (PG-13) Century 16: 1:40, 4:40, 7:25 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: Noon, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.

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3:10 TO YUMA ★★★★★

(Century 16, Century 12) Christian Bale is Dan Evans, a down-on-his-luck rancher/Union Army vet who's frantically trying to hang on to his ranch after a local bigwig threatens to repossess his drought-ravaged land for a railroad project. Russell Crowe makes nasty as Ben Wade, a ruthless outlaw who heads up a gang of no-goods bent on plundering and pilfering fortunes. Fate deals Evans a lucky hand when Wade lets his libido get the better of him in a post-raid attack and Evans is party to Wade's capture. Southern Pacific Railroad boss Grayson Butterfield (Dallas Roberts) wrangles volunteers to help escort his high-profile prisoner to the town of Contention, where he will board the 3:10 train bound for federal lockdown in Yuma. Evans is the man for the job, for a much-needed \$200 delivery fee, that is. The core strength of "Yuma" lies in the psychological cat-and-mouse game between outlaws on the brink of destruction. Yes, it's a remake, based on the 1957 classic, but "Yuma" has a consciousness all its own. *Rated: R for extreme violence and bloodshed. 1 hour, 57 minutes.* — J.A.

THE BRAVE ONE ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Screenwriters Roderick Taylor, Bruce A. Taylor and Cynthia Mort could not have created a more sympathetic character than radio host Erica Bain (Jodie Foster), who mesmerizes listeners with her poetic "Street Walk" stories of New York. A vicious attack in Central Park leaves her fiance dead and her so badly wounded that she becomes a shell of her former self. Foster's voice-over narration reveals her character's innermost thoughts, and the actor brings likeability and smarts to the role of victim. The result? Instant, vicarious identification with the protagonist. So when Erica buys a gun illegally for protection and kills a man in self-defense, who would object? As Erica turns into a "Death Wish"-style judge, jury and executioner, Neil Jordan's direction positions the viewer with her for every trigger pull of that pistol. The movie is a masterwork of craft, manipulating viewer emotions to elicit unthinking responses and unabashed bloodlust without the context that encourages viewers to question whether vigilante killings are the work of a sociopath or a hero. *Rated: R for strong violence, language and some sexuality. 2 hours. 2 minutes.* — S.T.

DEEP WATER ★★★★★

(Aquarius) Human folly is at the core of this spellbinding documentary that recounts the Sunday Times of London-sponsored Golden Globe Race of 1968, a non-stop, single-handed, round-the-world sailing contest that captured the imagination of thousands. Especially that of amateur sailor Donald Crowhurst, a sailing equipment manufacturer and one of nine hopefuls who enter the race bent on victory. Crowhurst has a lot to gain,

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SHOOT 'EM UP ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Mr. Smith (Clive Owen) sits at a bus stop as a pregnant woman hastens by while being stalked by a gun-toting brute. Smith's conscience apparently gets the best of him as he rescues the woman and helps deliver her baby, all while engaged in a gunfight with an array of creeps led by villain Hertz (Paul Giamatti). But a stray bullet leaves the woman dead and the newborn in Smith's care. Smith soon finds that his inadvertent adoptee is at the center of a conflict between a presidential hopeful who plans to implement strict gun laws and the firearms aficionados who stand to lose from his inauguration. Smith finds help from Donna (Monica Bellucci), a lactating prostitute whose unexpected motherly instincts prove invaluable. Owen brings a palpable charisma to the role of Smith, and his magnetic performance almost makes "Shoot 'Em Up" worth the headache. Although the screenplay is at times clever and tongue-in-cheek, the absurd scenarios and forced one-liners reveal writing that is built on gimmicks. *Rated: R for pervasive strong bloody violence, sexuality and some language. 1 hour, 33 minutes.* — T.H.

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2007 Marconi Symposium "Flattening the Earth: the social and economic implications of communications," explores how communications advances change the global dynamics of commerce, politics, and human relationships. Features a series of panels with leading scientists, engineers and communications experts. Fri., Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. \$50; students with ID free with pre-registration. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 925-872-4328. www.marconisociety.org/events.html

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Reading the World Book Club Reading the World Book Club will discuss "Leaving Mother Lake: A Girlhood at the Edge of the World," by Yang Erche Namu. Wed., Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Family Picnic and Flower Planting Party The Home Instead Senior Care office in Mountain View will host a picnic and flower planting party for area families and caregivers. Barbeque lunch, flower pots and plants are provided by Home Instead Senior Care and Summer Winds Nursery. Plants will be delivered to local seniors. Sat., Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Cuesta Park, Cuesta Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-691-9671.

Going Digital: The ABCs of Digital Photography Presentation about the latest innovations, techniques and tips to publish and get great digital photos. Tue., Sept. 25, 6:15-8:15 p.m. \$5 Commonwealth Club and Computer History Museum members; \$10 non-members. Computer History Museum, 1401 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-810-1010. computerhistory.org or commonwealthclub.org/sv

Iraq Moratorium- Mountain View Mountain View Voices for Peace will meet at to mark the Iraq Moratorium and call for an end to the Iraq war. Bring antiwar/peace signs. Wear black clothing or a black ribbon or armband. At 6:30 p.m., march down Castro Street, handing out black ribbons. Fri., Sept. 21, 6-7 p.m. Free. Iraq Moratorium- Mountain View, Castro & El Camino, Mountain View. Call 650-814-3611. www.mvvp.org

CONCERTS

Marching Band Community Thank You The Los Altos High School Eagle Marching Band and Color Guard and the Mountain View High School Spartan Marching Band and Color Guard will perform their 2007 field shows to thank the community for their support. Sat., Sept. 29, 4-5 p.m. Free. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. <http://www.mvla.k12.ca.us>

DANCE

5th Sat Live Music Contra Dance Caller: Eric Black, Band: Whirlin' Merlin (Margaret Davis, Karl Franzen, Kristoph Klover). A traditional form

of American social folk dance. Open to all. Sat., Sept. 29, 7:30-11 p.m. Admission \$1; members \$8; students \$5. 1st United Methodist Church of PA Fellowship Hall 2F, 625 Hamilton & Byron, Palo Alto. Call 650-965-9169. www.BACDS.org/ NEWCOMERS

LIVE MUSIC

Chanticleer, Stanford Lively Arts Informance Called "the world's reigning male chorus" by New Yorker magazine. Sponsored by Applied Materials; presenting partner Borel Private Bank and Trust. Wed., Sept. 26, 6-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 305. www.arts4all.org

SENIORS

AARP Driver Safety The next 55-Alive Mature Driving class at the Mountain View Senior

Center will be held in October. To register, come in or mail a check dated the first day of class, payable to AARP. Oct. 2 and 9, 6-10 p.m. \$10. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Trees: Transforming our City and Lives Representatives from the Mountain View Tree Community will be at the Senior Center on September 27 at 11 a.m. to address any tree concerns. 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Green Pastures Home 30th. Anniversary Green Pastures, a home for disabled children in Mountain View will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary in the community. Sun., Sept. 30, 1-5 p.m. 730 Cornelia Court, Mountain View. Call 650-965-2333. www.greenpastureshome.org

Sally Ride Science Festival Science and socializing for girls in grades 5-8, parents and

teachers welcome. Opportunity to meet and listen to astronaut Sally Ride, discovery workshops and street fair with music and food. Sat., Sept. 29, 11 a.m.-4:15 p.m. \$18 (advance registration required). NASA Ames Research historic district, Moffett Field, Mountain View. Call 800-561-5161. www.SallyRideFestivals.com

SPORTS

Swim Team Assessment Ages 5-18 who are comfortable in deep water and able to swim freestyle. Swimmers will be assigned a practice group after being evaluated by our coaching staff. Sept. 25-27, 4-5 p.m. Eagle Park Pool, 625 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-599-2213. www.lamvac.org

TALKS/AUTHORS

An Evening of Science Fiction Writers Local authors Nancy Farmer ("The Sea

of Trolls") and Chris Willrich (the "Persimmon Gaunt" series) will give a reading of recent works for adult readers. Free copies of the "Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction," which features their stories, will be available at the event. Thu., Sept. 27, 7-9 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 65-903-6337. library.mountainview.gov

Bill Yenne at Books Inc. Meet Bill Yenne, author of "Rising Sons: The Japanese American GIs Who Fought for the United States in World War II." Thu., Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net

MORE LISTINGS

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



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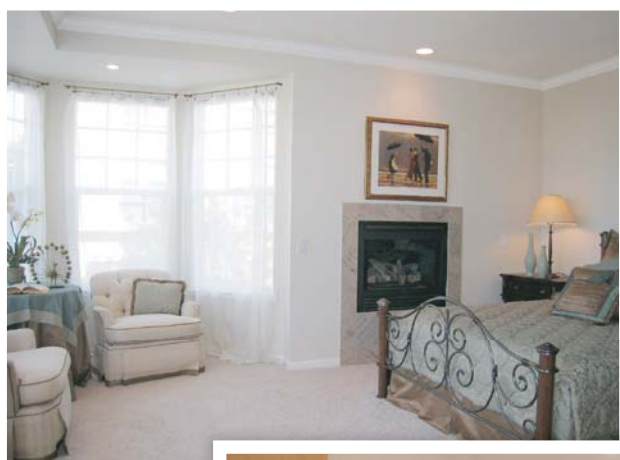
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