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CITY TO TAKE UP PLANS
FOR BMX, MOUNTAIN BIKE
PARK AT SHORELINE

By Daniel DeBolt

After five years of delay, the city is quickly rolling towards putting in a bike park at Shoreline that could become a destination for BMX bicyclists and mountain bikers from miles around.

Proof of demand for the new park can be found at the ad hoc BMX course in Mountain View known as "Creektrails," where BMX riders and mountain bikers can be seen catching air on large jumps or just riding over them for kicks. A core group of BMX (bicycle moto-cross) riders began building the dirt jumps near the end of Central Avenue many years ago. Since then, the Stevens Creek Trail was built alongside it, revealing the course for all to see.

"I see new faces every time I go there," said Stephen Early, 23, one of six regulars who maintain and build the course of jumps and berms.

This January, the city hopes to get the green light for a new Shoreline bike park from PG&E, which has an easement for its power line towers on the two possible sites. The park would be "something larger and more formal" than Creektrails, said Paula Bettencourt, assistant community services director.

The intent to build the park was established in 2003 and funded in 2006. During the intervening years, the composition of the City Council changed significantly, and the current council's position on the park is uncertain. Mayor Laura Macias said last week that it was "worth asking



HARDY WILSON

Stephen Early, 23, of Mountain View, catches air on his BMX bike on Monday as friend Chris Ricana pedals behind at the "Creektrails" course near Central Avenue.

the question, 'Do we still need it?'" Council member Nick Galiotto voted against it in 2003 due to a perceived lack of demand.

The city is currently studying two sites for the park just east of the Shoreline main gate. One is a long strip of land adjacent to the east end of the

dog park that runs between North Road and the Shoreline Park fence. The other site is a few hundred feet farther east in a secluded area between the city's pump station and the Stevens Creek Trail. Known as the Crittenden

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Bullis bollixed

COUNTY BOARD REIGNITES
CONTROVERSY AFTER
GIVING HILLS RESIDENTS
PREFERRED ENROLLMENT
AT CHARTER SCHOOL

By Alexa Tondreau

Members of the Los Altos School District said last Wednesday they were considering suing the county over newly approved enrollment rules for Bullis Charter School.

The district board members' outrage came in response to a ruling late last month by the county Board of Education, which approved a policy giving Los Altos Hills residents preferred enrollment at the school.

The district voted unanimously at last Wednesday's board meeting to investigate the legal ramifications of the action. The LASD board may file suit against the county if its legal counsel finds the ruling to be in conflict with state law, said board member David Pefley.

Controversy is nothing new for Bullis Charter School and its predecessor, Bullis-Purissima Elementary School, which the district closed down but later promised to reopen under pressure from Los Altos Hills residents. More recently, the district became host to a fight over boundary changes which will pull about two-dozen students — including some

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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Theresa Condon.

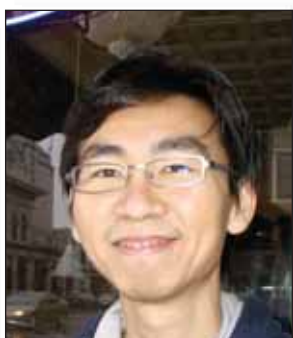
What is your favorite holiday song?



"Silent Night." It sounds nice when almost anyone sings it. It's cute when little kids sing it.
Hilary Burcell, Mountain View



"I kinda like 'White Christmas.' It has the homey feeling of what Christmas is all about."
Steve Kaefer, San Jose



"Silent Night." It's very calming, very peaceful.
Kean-Hock Yeap, Mountain View

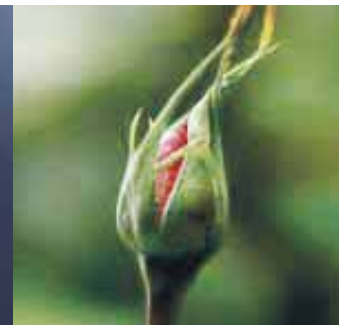


"Jingle Bell Rock." That one or 'Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer.' It just brings out the best in me, I love it.
Josh Tindall, Sunnyvale



"Joy to the World."
Albert Mique, Fremont

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During the night someone smashed two windows of the Fiesta Del Mar restaurant. The only item taken was a laptop computer.

BURGLARY, 500 BLOCK SHOWERS DR., 12/11

An unidentified boy or young man entered a T-Mobile store around 3 p.m. and cut the security cord on a \$400 phone. The alarm was activated, and he fled the store with the phone.

He was described as Hispanic, with unaccented speech. He appeared to be between 16 and 21 years old.

ROBBERY, 1700 BLOCK MIRAMONTE AVE., 12/11

Three men entered a Safeway and stole various items, including liquor. Store employees stopped the men outside the store. One man had a golf club and threatened to hit two employees with it.

The men drove away in a gold-colored Honda Accord. According to police, all three were described as Hispanic males in their 20s.

POLICE LOG

ASSAULT

2500 Block Grant Rd., 12/13

AUTO BURGLARY

1200 Block Dale Ave., 12/12
2500 Block Casey Ave., 12/12
800 Block Heatherstone Way, 12/13
1000 Block Crestview Dr., 12/14
2200 Block Reinert Rd., 12/16
700 Block Independence Ave., 12/16
2900 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 12/16
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BATTERY

900 Block Wright Ave., 12/14
100 Block Dalma Dr., 12/16
1400 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 12/16
500 Block Showers Dr., 12/17

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

2000 Block Leghorn St., 12/16

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Crisanto Ave./S. Rengstorff Ave., 12/13
600 Block San Antonio Rd., 12/13

DISTURBANCE

1900 Block Crisanto Ave., 12/12
100 Block Calderon Ave., 12/13

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Castro St./W. El Camino Real, 12/12
W. Dana St./Hope St., 12/16
Leong Dr./Moffett Blvd., 12/16

EMBEZZLEMENT

Wal-Mart, 12/17

GRAND THEFT

400 Block Showers Dr., 12/12

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300 Block Showers Dr., 12/12
700 Block Sylvan Ave., 12/13
2500 Block Charleston Rd., 12/13
100 Block Castro St., 12/14
900 Block Sierra Vista Ave., 12/17
100 Block Sierra Vista Ave., 12/17
Longs, W. El Camino Real, 12/17
1800 Block California St., 12/17

PETTY THEFT

Caltrain, 12/14
YMCA, 12/14
Bryant St./Villa St., 12/16
300 Block Escuela Ave., 12/17
2000 Block San Ramon Ave., 12/17
300 Block Escuela Ave., 12/17
2000 Block San Ramon Ave., 12/17
Library, 12/17

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

Marilyn Dr./Miramonte Dr., 12/16

STOLEN VEHICLE

1500 Block Salado Dr., 12/11
300 Block Sierra Vista Ave., 12/13
Sizzler Restaurant, 12/14

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

1600 Block W. El Camino Real, 12/11
100 Block N. Whisman Rd., 12/12
2500 Block Mardell Way, 12/13
300 Block Escuela Ave., 12/13
1000 Block Bonita Ave., 12/14

TRESPASSING

800 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 12/14

VANDALISM

200 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 12/17
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By Don Frances

ARTURO NORIEGA is an “at-risk intervention specialist” at Crittenden Middle School, which means he takes on a counselor-type role with those students at greater risk of falling into the drugs-and-gangs trap. Basically, he teaches them how to steer clear of trouble.

As if this weren't enough, Noriega has taken on a second role as disaster preparedness trainer at the school, teaching students how to deal with a catastrophic emergency such as an earthquake. Earlier this month, on Dec. 8, he held the school's second-ever disaster training exercise — and it appears to be taking off.

“This year, because of our recent earthquake, and our preaching about disaster preparedness, we ended up with 76 [students], so it was just absolutely huge,” he told me.

That's up from 17 students last year. Not bad for a second showing.

Noriega said he's accredited through CERT, the city's Community Emergency Response Team. And he sees a certain amount of overlap between his secondary role as disaster preparedness trainer and his primary one as at-risk intervention specialist: Besides helping the students in obvious ways should an emergency arise, “I think it will help their self esteem and morale,” he said.

Anyone with questions about Noriega's disaster preparedness class, which is unique to Crittenden, can reach him at anoriega@mvvswd.org.

Don Frances can be reached at dfrances@mv-voice.com.



NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

Veronico Quero of Mountain View picks up groceries at Community Services Agency on Tuesday.

Back on their feet

COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE REGION'S POOR FOR HALF A CENTURY

By Theresa Condon

Untold thousands of people have walked through the doors of Mountain View's Community Services Agency during its 50 years of operation, and come out with renewed hope.

For people like Patricia, who came to CSA several years ago after losing her job, the organization has made every effort to help. Although medical

problems prevented her from returning to the workforce and she had no way to support herself and her son, through CSA's emergency assistance program she was able to provide food, school supplies and even holi-



day presents for her son. The agency also helped pay her rent until other assistance was approved.

Stories like Patricia's are common, which is why CSA is so essential for the poorer residents of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

“Here in this community, we are the safety net to make sure people don't fall through the

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ABAG again angers officials

By Daniel DeBolt

Regional housing targets from the Association of Bay Area Governments may be a thorn in Mountain View's side for yet another six years, as ABAG is asking the city to build 280 housing units to compensate for job growth on a piece of federal land it does not control — Moffett Field.

City officials say the imposed goal makes no sense because NASA is already planning 1,900

units to compensate for job growth at Moffett. What's even more irritating, they say, is that Palo Alto faced a similar situation with Stanford (which that city does not control), but after protesting it was no longer asked to build homes to compensate for growth there.

In Mountain View's case, despite protesting about the 280 homes, ABAG has already approved its Regional Housing Needs Allocation. Last week, the Mountain View City Council

approved a letter from Mayor Laura Macias to appeal the decision, which will “likely not” go through, Macias said.

“I think it's good for us to do this, but I'm sorry we didn't start sooner,” she said.

Meanwhile, Palo Alto, another jobs-rich city with half the density of Mountain View, is continuing to argue that its allocation is 1,000 units too high, Macias said.

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Del Medio apartment destroyed by grease fire

Staff Reports

A three-alarm fire that destroyed one apartment unit last Sunday and damaged three others was started after a cooking fire got away from a resident, according to Mountain View fire spokesman Lynn Brown.

Firefighters responded at about 2:36 p.m. to the fire at 250 Del Medio Ave. and found heavy smoke emanating from a second story apartment. Units from Palo Alto, Santa Clara County and Moffett Field fire departments were called in to provide assistance. The fire was controlled within minutes, with no reports of injuries.

“One apartment was totaled,” Brown said. “Another unit below suffered water damage and two others suffered smoke damage.”

The resident made a classic mistake in dealing with a grease fire by putting water on it instead of covering the fire, Brown said.

The Red Cross was on the scene to provide assistance for the displaced residents, arranging for them to stay in motels. A mother and her two children were given money for groceries and warm clothes, as well as help filling a medication prescription.

Red Cross officials noted that fire safety is essential during the holiday season. Most fires begin in the kitchen, but during the holidays space heaters and unattended candles increase the likelihood of an accident. Red Cross tips include:

- Keep all combustibles at least three feet away from heat sources such as stoves, fireplaces, space heaters and candles.

- Never leave lit stoves, candles or other fires unattended.

- Keep a fire extinguisher no more than 10 feet away from your stove, on the exit side of the room. Learn how to use it.

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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Shoreline afternoon



This is the second photo recently sent in by Martin Donald of Hamilton Avenue. It was taken last month at Shoreline Lake, he wrote, "in the late afternoon."

Note to readers: After nearly a year of steady submissions, this is the last "Seen Around Town" photo we have! If any local residents still would like to see their photos published in the Voice, please send them in (as jpg attachments) to editor@mv-voice.com.

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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as New Year's Eve and Day.

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—Alexa Tondreau

ROTARIANS PAY FOR CHILDREN'S HEART SURGERIES

Thirty children in rural China will receive life-saving surgical treatment thanks to a grant from The Rotary Club of Mountain View. This holiday season, local Rotarians have arranged for a grant of \$57,850 to be sent to China. For more information, contact Monique Kane at (650) 575-0920.

—Theresa Condon

GREEN PASTURES HONORED BY COUNTY SUPES

Liz Kniss and her fellow county supervisors recently honored a Mountain View home for disabled children that is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Green Pastures' four-bedroom house on Cornelia Court houses six disabled children from 6 to 18 years old on a long-term basis. Short-term care of disabled children is also provided off site.

The Christian nonprofit was also honored by Mountain View and the state of California in September. More info is available at www.greenpastureshome.org.

—Daniel DeBolt

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BULLIS

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Mountain View residents — out of Santa Rita School and force them to attend Bullis-Purissima when it reopens in the fall of 2009.

On Nov. 27, the Santa Clara County Board of Education seemed to pour salt on those wounds when it voted 5-2 to allow Bullis Charter School to set aside enrollment for students living in the Bullis-Purissima attendance area in Los Altos Hills. LASD board members said they were floored by the ruling.

"Frankly, I was shocked. Everyone's jaws dropped," said Pefley.

Pefley said the board immediately heard from parents in the district who were similarly upset by the ruling.

"We have received numerous phone calls and e-mails from parents who are confused as to why the county school board would approve an attendance preference for the wealthiest part of the school district, when everyone equally shoulders the financial burden," Pefley said. "They can't understand that rationale, and neither can I."

Bullis Charter School, a kindergarten through sixth grade elementary school with 288 students, gives first priority to returning students, and then to siblings of current students, said Bullis board president Ken Moore.

Under the new policy, 50 percent of the remaining spots will be filled with students from the Bullis-Purissima attendance area, and the other 50 percent will be open to students from anywhere

in the Los Altos School District, which covers Los Altos and portions of Mountain View and Palo Alto.

Moore said Bullis Charter wanted to allocate that space to Hills students because the school has historically served families from that area.

"As a board, we felt it was important to have a core community; we view that as a useful thing," he said.

Bullis Charter offers smaller class sizes, individualized teaching plans and an emphasis on electives, including art, music, drama, foreign languages and environmental sciences.

Moore said Bullis Charter has been very successful and "enormously oversubscribed," with only one in six students who apply allowed in.

In light of the school's popularity, the recently approved policy should allow it to "maintain our status quo," said Moore. He added, "I view this as such an innocuous change. I'm totally amazed they feel that some huge change has happened."

T.N. Ho, who represents Los Altos on the county Board of Education and voted in favor of the amendment, said the board checked with its lawyers and was told "this is allowable."

Ho said he agreed with Bullis Charter School officials that the amendment was beneficial for the school's tight-knit community. He said they told the county board during their presentation Nov. 27 that the school's minority population would be increased, not decreased, by the new enrollment

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policy, a detail which appealed to him.

Additionally, "They told us because many parent volunteers are from that area, they felt that there is a core group that really helps with school spirit and also with school funding," Ho said.

Bullis Charter School requests that all families donate a minimum of \$3,500 per child to the school every year.

Ho also said he has been surprised by the community's response.

"Nobody came to the community hearing. I question why these people are speaking up now. No one came to say they thought it was unfair," he said.

But county board member Gary Rummelhoff, who along with Grace Mah vote against the amendment, said he was troubled by the enrollment change, which seems to secure placement for wealthier families.

"I was told they provide substan-

tial financial support to the school. But I think that flies in the face of what a charter school is about," he said. "Charter schools have to do with innovative programs and underserved populations. I'm concerned about the precedent this sets."

Rummelhoff said there is no other charter school in the county with a similar enrollment policy. He added that the county's legal team did advise that the amendment was within the law.

Bullis Charter's new enrollment policy will go into effect for the 2008-09 school year. In the meantime, LASD board member Pefley said his district will seek legal clarification on behalf of the parents who have contacted his office.

"Many parents just can't understand why this happened, and I count myself as one of those," Pefley said. ▀

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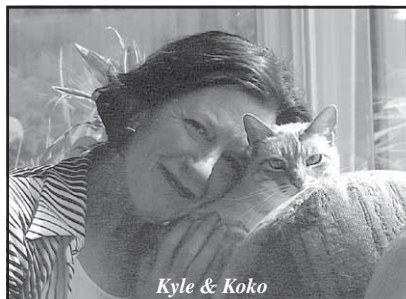
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overflow basin, this site was unanimously recommended by the youth ad hoc committee in 2002.

Both sites are split by PG&E easements running through the middle. PG&E could have concerns about the proximity of the course to its lines and towers, Bettencourt said.

The city studied other sites that would have been more centrally located in the city, but none of them seemed to work.

"Literally, there is no [other] place," said former council member Mary Lou Zoglin in 2003.

Both Shoreline sites happen to be next to Google's Crittenden Lane campus.

"I have a friend at Google and he says, yes, he would go there on his lunch break," said Josh Moore, president of Responsible Organized Mountain Peddlers, or ROMP.

Concerns over Creektrails

Moore says the problem with places like Creektrails is that

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they open cities to lawsuits over negligence in the event of an injury. Calabazas Park in San Jose once featured a legendary set of jumps that BMX riders had worked on for decades, but the city fenced it off after settling a lawsuit brought by the father of a seriously injured rider, Moore said.

Eventually a city-approved course was built at the bulldozed Calabazas site, at a cost of over \$800,000. It was the first project of its kind in the Bay Area, and as long as the design doesn't change significantly, San Jose cannot be found negligent, Moore said.

There is an increasing demand from the mountain bike community to build "pump tracks," Moore said, which are similar to

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BMX courses but tailored more to mountain bikes and novice riders. His advocacy may be why the project was called the "mountain bike park" by staff and committee members at a recent pedestrian and bicycle advisory committee meeting. Moore believes that the 1.25-acre space along North Road is large enough to include a space for both BMX bikes and mountain bikes.

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga said she has received e-mail messages from parents who want the park, and that the original cost of \$33,000 seemed minimal (the city ended up funding it with \$60,000 last fiscal year). Moore said that if the city has \$60,000, he would be happy to bid on the project himself.

The project began in December 2001, when the council approved a recommendation from the city's youth ad hoc committee for the bike park. Participants at the Mayor's Youth Conference also expressed interest.

Early, the Creektrails regular, said he had not heard of the proposed bike park at Shoreline. He said he would go all the way out to Shoreline to support the

new park, but would probably continue to ride Creektrails more because of its proximity to his house. He also makes a regular trip to Calabazas Park in San Jose, which continues to

be a mecca for the BMX crowd after the rebuild.

The ultimate fate of Creektrails is uncertain. Moore believes the environmental and legal issues it poses could mean its demise. In

the meantime, BMX riders like Early will continue to go there.

"We've packed a lot of stuff into the small area at Creektrails," he said. "There's one more big jump we'd like to

build, but that would be a two-year project." ■

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Home solar installations tripled in '07



MOUNTAIN VIEW TOPS LARGE BAY AREA CITIES IN WATTS PER CAPITA

By Daniel DeBolt

It's been a blazing year for solar power in Mountain View, with residential solar installations tripling, from 84 at the start of the year to 247 as of Dec. 12, according to the California Solar Initiative.

That makes this year's number of residential solar installations in Mountain View larger than any other city in the state except San Jose and San Diego.

The boom is in large part due to the efforts of a local solar buyers group, which earlier this year organized the

bulk purchase of solar arrays for 118 homes.

"There's been a lot of enthusiasm" among homeowners for solar, said Mayor Laura Macias. She said Mountain View's success has been "astounding" because its total solar-generated power is comparable only to other California cities many times its size.

The spike in residential installations could bolster Mountain View's already high rankings for solar wattage per capita. In July, the NorCal Solar Energy Association reported that Mountain View topped all other large Bay Area cities in this category, bringing in 34 solar watts per resident — a total of 2,354,096 watts.

Statewide, Mountain View ranks third in the over-50,000 population category, with Napa topping the list at 43 and Pleasanton at 36. By comparison, Palo Alto had 11 watts per capita, Menlo Park had 18 and San Francisco had six.

Google and Microsoft contributed significantly to the city's watts-per-capita for 2006, with 1,600,000 watts coming from Google's panels and

Mike Smith from SolarCity works on solar panels installed at a Mountain View home earlier this year.

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The 'aging in place' place

A FEW MODIFICATIONS TO A HOME CAN MAKE IT PERFECT FOR SENIORS

By Elna R. Tymes

Today's seniors prefer to grow old at home, where they know the community and their neighbors, are comfortable with their surroundings, and feel that only small touches will make their current homes better suited for the bodies they now have.

As it turns out, remodeling a home to make it senior-friendly doesn't always require expensive alterations. Not all seniors are going to wind up in wheelchairs that require wider doorways and wheel-in kitchens and bathrooms. In fact, more and more seniors with mobility problems are being encouraged to graduate from wheelchairs to walkers and other walking devices such as canes, and from there to device-free walking where possible.

There are hundreds of items available that can help make a senior's home safer and more comfortable, and they don't necessarily cost much. For example:

- White tape or a stripe of white paint can mark a change in grade, such as a step or a piece of broken concrete, making it more visible to a person with degraded eyesight.

- Lever-type faucets and door handles make it easier for a person with arthritis to control water and open doors.

- One-inch-wide light switches make it easier for arthritic hands to turn lights on and off.

- Bath or shower benches make it easier for people with mobility problems to get in and out of tubs and showers, and to sit while bathing.

- Wire, plastic or wood baskets on rails mounted in under-counter cupboards slide out to bring stored items to the user, rather than requiring that they get down and hands and knees in order to find things.

- Grab bars, particularly in the bathroom, help steady those who have balance problems and can help prevent dangerous falls.

- More and better lighting, both inside and outside the home, helps those with deteriorating eyesight.

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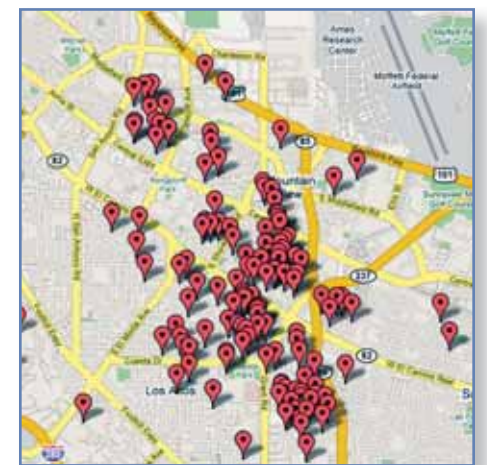
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Elna Tymes is an advocate for seniors and an active member of the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association. She obtained a master's degree in gerontology at the age of 65, and is owner of SafeAtHomeStores.com, an online store providing "products that let seniors live safely and more comfortably at home while they age in place." She lives on Adele Avenue.



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This map shows the Mountain View homes with solar arrays installed this year by SolarCity.

480,000 from Microsoft's. (Even though Google's panels were installed this year, Bruce Karney of SolarCity believes they were counted for 2006.)

In terms of total watts produced by a California city, Mountain View ranked eighth. Oakland took the lead with 6,000,000 watts. ▣

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Where the grizzly bears roam

By Forrest Lineberger

I love ideas that seem outrageous at first blush but make more sense the deeper you delve. For example: We should repopulate the wilds of California with the big magnificent animals that used to live here.

Humans long ago eradicated most of the large California megafauna in two great waves of activity, one beginning when the first humans, the Clovis people, arrived over a land bridge from Siberia about 13,000 years ago. The second wave of extermination occurred with the arrival of guns around 300 years ago. Let's bring the animals back.

Repopulating, or "rewilding," is not a new idea. Tule elk, which once roamed the state in thick droves, were hunted to within a hair's breadth of extinction. A perspicacious cattle rancher in the 1850s saved the last 20 or so animals. Today, after reintroduction, they are thriving by the thousands in locations throughout the state, most conspicuously at Point Reyes north of San Francisco.

In 1827, grizzly bears could be "seen in herds" just 20 miles outside San Francisco. The grizzly so epitomized California that it was put on the state flag, where it remains today. Unfortunately, that's the only place it remains.

Yet top predators are very important to an ecosystem, as we've learned from the reintroduction of the gray wolf to Yellowstone Park. After being eliminated from Yellowstone in the 1926, the wolf's reintroduction has had a surprisingly positive impact: bringing back the aspen.

The aspen tree was being wiped out in Yellowstone. No new aspen trees had grown in the park for 70 years. With the reintroduction of the gray wolf, aspens began to sprout up in large stands, especially in river valleys. It turns out the elk no longer forage in areas where they can be easily ambushed by wolves.

A domino effect begins: Trees

along riverbanks reduce topsoil erosion, providing both cleaner riparian habitats and richer upland soils. The wolf, by indirectly allowing trees to grow, also led to the resurgence of the historic beaver population in Yellowstone. The impact of beavers, with their incredible dams, is now being studied. A mere 12 years after reintroduction, the positive trickle-down impact of the wolf has amazed scientists.

Just a hundred years ago, tule elk, pronghorn, big horn sheep and grizzly bears were endemic to California. If we go back to before the arrival of humans, California's biodiversity was much richer still: lions, camels, mammoths, wild horses, rhinoceros, cheetahs and many more magnificent beasts.

All this leads to a couple important questions. For one, who would support reintroducing predators that might want to eat humans? Also, wouldn't rewilding cost too much money and take too much land? We need that land for humans.

Let's chew on the issue of human predation. Alaska is a good example to consider. Alaska has a vast expanse of wilderness supporting every fearsome type of bear imaginable. But in 102 years of record-keeping, only 56 deaths can be attributed to bears. Meanwhile, in 2004 alone, 102 deaths in Alaska were due to motor vehicles. In terms of risk, a hundred years of bear attacks equals six months of driving around.

Rewilding wouldn't be such a bad thing for the economy, either. Can you imagine the increase in tourism if we reintroduced big, exciting megafauna? Good jobs would surely follow. Scientist will be needed to study the successes and failures of our efforts, as will park rangers and jobs catering to the inevitable tourists.

If not California, who will pick up the mantle of restoring Earth's biodiversity? Unlike most conservation ideas, rewilding is singularly proactive and optimistic. It aspires to more than mere preservation of the biodiversity left on the planet — it would bring back some of the rich fabric humans inadvertently destroyed. ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

A new vision for San Antonio Center

It's no secret that the aging San Antonio shopping center is in dire need of an anchor tenant to replace the Sears store, which plans to close in February 2009.

And until recently, everyone thought that tenant probably would be Home Depot, the big box retailer that five years ago tried and failed to take over the old Emporium site at Highway 85 and El Camino Real.

Having failed there, the company set its sites on San Antonio, and at first the prospects looked good. But some months ago, cracks in the latest deal began to appear after three council members seemed ready to take the shopping center in an entirely new direction — one that did not include Home Depot.

Last May, Home Depot apparently made a tactical error, informing council by letter that it had changed its plans: No longer would it put in a high-end, homeowner-friendly "Expo," but only a regular Home Depot outlet. This meant

Clearly this mall is feeling its age and needs new life.

the shopping center's anchor store would be catering to contractors instead of local residents.

Based on the new information, two council members changed their minds, and at a recent study session supported the idea of changing the shopping center's precise plan to rule out big box "industrial" stores — a term which seems to be aimed specifically at Home Depot. Nick Galiotto and Jac Siegel joined Mayor Laura Macias, Ronit Bryant and Margaret Abe-Koga in the decision. Only Tom Means voted against the motion, because he felt the council wasn't being up-front about its actions.

Mayor Macias put it this way: "We're not going to put it [Home Depot] in the middle of our city, with access only to Highway 101 on one of the busiest streets between Sunnyvale and Palo Alto, which is San Antonio Road."

As council member Margaret Abe-Koga noted, San Antonio's many owners have never agreed on how to redevelop the center. "I know there was a time when the owners were getting together to remodel it," she said. "Unfortunately they stopped that talk in the 1990s."

This is unfortunate, and we encourage the council and the center's owners to work together on developing a new model for the center. Clearly this mall is feeling its age and needs new life. But that rejuvenation will never come unless the owners and the city make a commitment to get the job done.

The council should be applauded for finally beginning to develop a new vision for the center. With the right support, this landmark can once again be developed into a vibrant shopping center that is an asset to the entire community.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

NEW MAIL RATES HINDER CHARITIES

Editor:

Until May 14, 2007, our organization and others supporting educational and humanitarian projects in developing and impoverished nations could send books to support educational projects at reasonable rates under the International Surface Mail rates.

Under new rates, however, we must now ship by airmail at a rate of \$3.95 per pound. This has destroyed our ability to provide books to impoverished students, schools and libraries. Our charity is currently building a school building in Manyesa, Malawi, which includes a room for a library. This policy change has eliminated our ability to provide books.

When I asked the Mountain View post office the reason for this, I was told that it was no longer profitable to maintain the old rates and that the postal service was losing money.

I would like to remind our government that in 2002, 192 United Nations countries signed the Millennium Development Goals, which stated every nation would provide .7% of GDP to eliminate extreme poverty in underdeveloped nations. The U.S. has provided less than .4% of GDP for this purpose. Here is a chance to close that gap.

We urge the USPS to reinstate the International Surface mail rates for educational and humanitarian purposes.

**Robert B. Burns,
Kasimu Education Fund
Springer Road**

MENORAH VANDALISM AN UGLY HATE CRIME

Editor:

It is absolutely appalling about

what happened to the menorah at City Hall Plaza. There's no place, here or anywhere, for these hate crimes.

We have a great city, and let us all make sure that this doesn't happen again. Even if it's youthful indiscretion, this is a hate crime. This is sheer cowardice on the part of the vandals.

Let's educate each other about respecting the religions and beliefs of all. Let's build a bigger menorah next year. Count me in to help install it.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and happy holidays to one and all.

**Kalwant Sandhu
Human Relations Commission**

CAREFUL WHEN CROSSING CASTRO

Editor:

I am very concerned about the way some people cross Castro Street at the designated locations.

These ignorant people don't even look when they cross. They think they own the street. There was one guy who had his two young children with him. A car just barely missed him and the children. He gave the driver the finger.

I was so tempted to get out of my car and share my feelings, but, out of respect to the children, I held back. He actually got into a shouting match with someone that saw the incident.

If he wants to kill himself, fine. But he should not put his children's lives at risk. If these people tried this in my old neighborhood, they'd be six feet under.

Something has to be done about this arrogance. I'm sure I'm not the only one bringing this to your attention.

**Glenn White
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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

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The stars are aligned for Chez TJ

AFTER 25 YEARS, MOUNTAIN VIEW'S CONTEMPORARY FRENCH RESTAURANT BECOMES INTERNATIONAL FOODIE DESTINATION

By Sheila Himmel

When Americans think of Michelin, usually what comes to mind is the French company that makes tires under the roly-poly Michelin Man logo. Now, Michelin makes U.S. restaurants famous, and Mountain View has one.

Christopher Kostow, 31, has been the chef at Chez TJ less than two years. His first star came in this year's guide, Michelin's grand entrance into California. In late October, the 2008 guide to San Francisco, Bay Area, and Wine Country restaurants bestowed the remarkable two stars.

Suddenly, says Chez TJ owner George Aviet, the phone starting ringing from faraway states and Europe, and there were a lot more reservations from the 415 area code. In a reversal of the usual tide, San Franciscans are traveling to Mountain View for dinner.

"One star tells people this is a valuable restau-

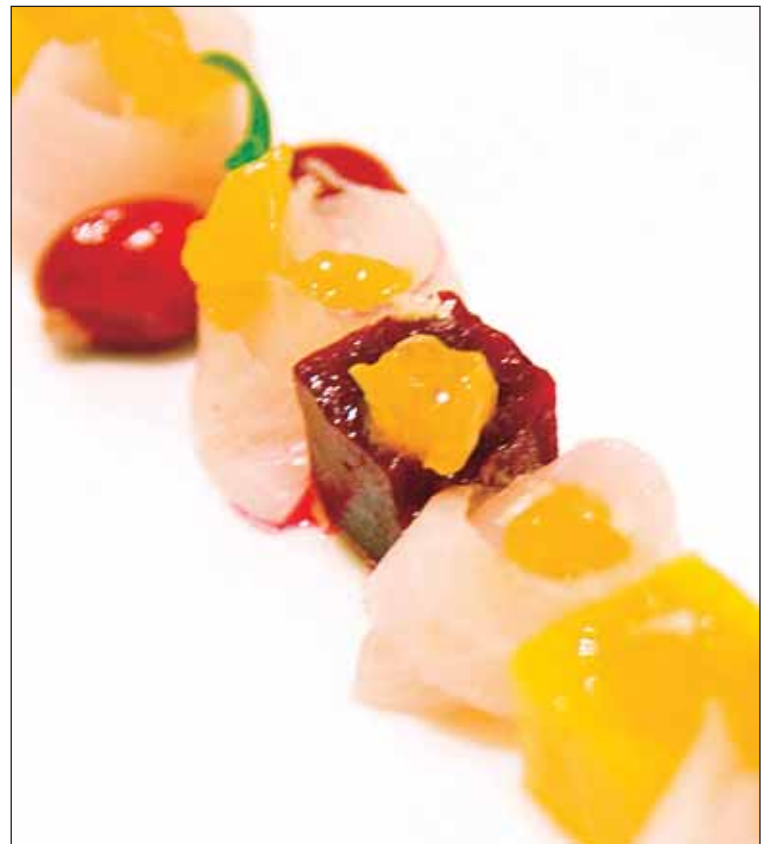
rant," says Aviet. "Two mean it's definitely worth the travel."

Chez TJ also made Food & Wine magazine in December. Kostow's maitake mushroom consommé made the top ten of the magazine's Best Restaurant Dishes of 2007.

"It has satisfied our egos," Aviet says. "But what am I going to do? Put the stars on my shoulders and march around like a general?"

Not quite. Aviet is still the carpenter, gardener and all-around fixit guy at Chez TJ, located in a century-old house that needs a lot of tending. "I'll still be crawling around the basement."

Still, Michelin placed little Chez TJ in a select group of six Bay Area restaurants, all with bigger names and marketing budgets. (Chez TJ has no marketing budget.) Only the French Laundry, in Yountville, got three stars.



HARDY WILSON

Chez TJ's cold smoked kampachi with cranberry, beet and satsumas.

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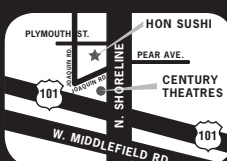
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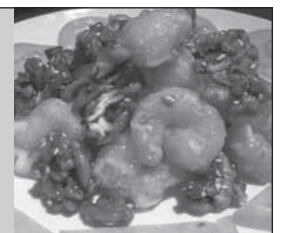
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CHEZ TJ

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Aviet is aware of what stars do to diners' expectations. He is upgrading Chez TJ's carpets, flatware and china.

"Our goal is to keep the two stars," Aviet says. "But a lot of well-deserved restaurants haven't received any stars. I'm not going to commit suicide if we lose one."

In France, these ratings have serious consequences. Three-star chef Bernard Loiseau killed himself in 2003 when the Gault-Millau guide downgraded his restaurants and he heard rumors that Michelin was dropping one of his restaurant's stars. It turned out not to be true. What was true was that Loiseau had resisted change, especially as other chefs adapted Asian touches to French cuisine.

Kostow embraces change. As printed at the bottom of the 12-item chef's tasting menu: "Spontaneous changes in the tasting menu are to be expected and, we hope, welcomed." A recent tasting menu included Butter Poached Lobster Sweetbread Ravioli, Chanterelles, White Alba Truffle as one course, followed by the palate-cleansing Young Coconut Sorbet with Grilled Pineapple and Toasted Coconut Tuile and then, Confit of Suckling Pig. Who's hungry now?

These are beautiful, kaiseki-size portions. Much of the diner's satisfaction is in the play of tastes and textures. You won't leave Chez TJ and roll directly to the nearest Jenny Craig.

For Kostow, the Michelin stars

are bigger than any other food honor, including the James Beard Awards, the Oscars of the food world. Michelin began printing restaurant and hotel guides a century ago to encourage driving, thus to sell more tires, but the guides have long been an international sensation in themselves.

Having earned the second star, Kostow says, "I don't plan on losing it." He lives in the cottage behind the restaurant. He begins work by 8 a.m. and finishes around 10 p.m., a schedule he learned at the sharp elbow of a Michelin-starred chef on France's Cote d'Azur. "The thought of him still scares me," Kostow says.

Keeping his mentors in mind keeps Kostow sharp, thinking about what would please them. He also loves to circle the intimate dining rooms at Chez TJ and chat with customers.

Kostow's other mentors include Daniel Humm, who was the chef at San Francisco's Campton Place when Kostow was sous chef, just before coming to Chez TJ. First to take Kostow under his wing was Trey Foshee, chef of Georges at the Cove in San Diego.

Chez TJ's four-course dinner is \$80, before wine, service and tax. The tasting menu is \$115. Service aims to be professional but not stuck-up.

"It's not like, 'Chef recommends you hold your knife at a 90-degree angle,'" Kostow says.

Growing up in Highland Park, near Chicago, Kostow worked for restaurants located around the iconic Ravinia summer

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Chef Christopher Kostow, left, shares a laugh with line cook **Vicky Gusman** before dinner service on a recent Thursday.

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music festival. He was a cashier, and noticed that the kitchen staff was having more fun. After studying philosophy at Hamilton College, he moved to San Diego and met Foshee.

Aviet grew up in Tehran. While a student at Foothill College, he worked as a busboy at a restaurant in Menlo Park where T.J. McCombie was the chef. Aviet and McCombie traveled around France, dining at Michelin-starred restaurants, and decided they could compete in America. They bought a little bed-and-breakfast in 1981 and opened it as Chez TJ the following year. McCombie died in 1994, and Chez TJ has had a bumpy ride with chefs.

Aviet knows that somebody always is going to be unhappy, that the portions are too small or the paint is too thick, but loyalty to Chez TJ runs deep. Regular customers include Donald Kennedy, former president

of Stanford University, and John Chambers, CEO of Cisco.

Joan Baez was dining the night before Halloween when the little

building rocked to the tune of a 5.4 earthquake. Aviet was pouring wine at the time, to which Baez said, "Bring more wine!" ▣

■ STARS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Junnoon in Palo Alto is one of 50 restaurants noted by Michelin with the "Bib Gourmand" icon, notable for menus with two dishes and dessert or a glass of wine for \$40 or less. Café Gibraltar, near Half Moon Bay, also made this good-deal category.

The Michelin Guide to San Francisco, Bay Area and Wine Country 2008 includes a total of 384 restaurants. Only the French Laundry gets three stars, meaning "exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey." Six get two stars ("excellent cooking,

worth a detour"), including Chez TJ and Manresa, David Kinch's contemporary restaurant in Los Gatos. Among 27 one-stars ("a very good restaurant in its category"), none are south of San Francisco.

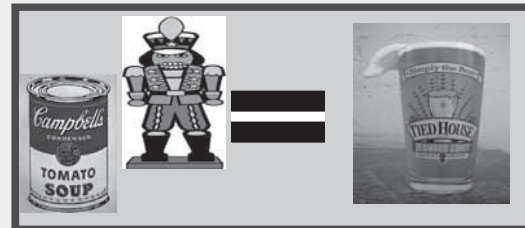
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ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) ★★★ Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:35, 1:40, 2:55, 4:10, 5:15, & 7:45 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:15 p.m. Century 12: 3:40, 4:30, 5:30*, 6 & 7:50 p.m.* Fri.-Sun. & Mon. also at 11:40, 12:20*, 1, 2, 2:50* & 6:55 p.m. Fri.-Sun. & Tue. also at 10:20 p.m.* Fri.-Sun. also at 9:30 p.m. *Spanish subtitles

ATONEMENT (R) ★★★1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1, 1:55, 4, 4:55, 6:55 & 7:55 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 12:40, 2, 3:30, 4:50, 6:20, 7:40, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m.

CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:25 & 7:20 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 4:25 & 7 p.m. Fri.-Sun. & Mon. also at 11:25, 12:25, 2:55, 7 & 8 p.m. Fri.-Sun. & Tue. also at 9:30 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:30 p.m.

DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 11:35 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:40 p.m.

ENCHANTED (PG) Century 16: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30 & 7:05 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:40 p.m. Century 20: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 11:20 a.m.; 12:10*, 1:55, 2:50*, 4:35, 5:25*, 7:10 & 8 p.m.* Fri.-Sun. also at 9:45 & 10:40 p.m.* *Spanish subtitles

FRED CLAU (PG) Century 20: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 11:35 a.m.; 2:25, 5:05 & 7:50 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:35 p.m.

THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 11:45 a.m.; 1, 2:25, 3:45, 5:10, 6:30 & 7:50 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:15 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 11:20 a.m.; 12:20*, 12:50, 2, 3:05*, 3:30, 5, 5:45*. 6:15, 7:45 & 8:30 p.m.* Fri.-Sun. also at 9 & 10:25 p.m. *Spanish subtitles

THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG-13) Century 20: Tue. at 4:50, 7:45 & 10:35 p.m.

HITMAN (R) Century 12: Fri.-Sun. at 9:50 p.m.

I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 11:15 a.m.; 12:40, 1:15*, 2, 2:30, 3:25, 4:05*, 5, 6:15, 6:45, 6:50* & 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:05, 9:30, 9:35*, 10 & 10:40 p.m. *Spanish subtitles Century 20: 4:45 & 7:20 p.m. Fri.-Sun. & Mon. also at 11:15 & 11:45 a.m.; 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 5:20, 5:50, 6:20, 6:50, 7:55 & 8:25 p.m. Fri.-Sun. & Tue. also at 9:55 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:25 p.m.

JUNO (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 11:55 a.m.; 12:55, 2:20, 3:20, 4:45, 5:45, 7:10 & 8:10 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:35 & 10:35 p.m. Aquarius: 11:30 a.m.; 12:45, 2, 3:20, 4:45, 6, 7 & 8:15 p.m. Fri.-Sun. & Tue. also at 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.

THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: Fri.-Sun. & Mon. at 1, 4:10 & 7:25 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:20 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Mon. also at 1:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10:30 p.m.

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NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) ★★★ Century 20: 1:05, 4 & 6:55 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:50 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:20 & 7:20 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:10 p.m.

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THE SAVAGES (R) Palo Alto Square: Tue. at 4:20, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m.

SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R) ★★ Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 2:20, 5:05 & 7:50 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:35 p.m. Century 12: 4 p.m. Fri.-Sun. & also at 11:30 a.m.; 12:30, 2:30, 4, 5:50 & 7 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9 & 10 p.m. Tue. also at 7:15 & 10:15 p.m.

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THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP (PG) Century 20: Tue. at 4:55, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS

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(Century 12, Century 16) The phrase "pleasant surprise" fits perfectly for this charming film about three harmonic chipmunks and their reluctant caretaker. "Alvin and the Chipmunks" have been musical anomalies since the 1950s, energizing fans with their helium-infused tunes. Here they get the modern big-screen treatment — impressive computer graphics, a likeable leading man (Jason Lee as Dave Seville) and even a smart script — in hopes of winning over the young generation. Dave is a perfectly ordinary man. He desperately aspires to be a successful songwriter while suffering through the tedium of a dull job. His producer pal Ian (David Cross) is looking for something fresh while Dave keeps bringing cheesy ballads. Enter the chipmunks. When their forest-tree home gets chopped down and turned into a building lobby's Christmas prop, the Chipmunks hitch a ride with unsuspecting Dave and hide out in his kitchen. Once Dave hears the trio's uncommon harmony, he sees the answer to his songwriting woes. Ian, however, sees the adolescent chipmunks as an opportunity for a windfall of marketing and merchandising dollars. The callous producer exhausts the pint-sized singers through endless performances and promo spots while Dave faces his fear of commitment and growing bond with the chipmunks. A holiday family film with enough clever dialogue to please adults is a delightful gift indeed. *Rated: PG for some mild rude humor. 1 hour, 32 minutes.* — T.H.

ATONEMENT ★★★1/2

(Century 16) Pre-war England has never looked as lush as in Joe Wright's intensely crafted romantic drama. Based on Ian McEwan's exceptional novel of the same name, "Atonement" reflects a simpler, easier time. Glamorous Cecilia Tallis (Keira Knightley) lives in the lap of luxury on her family's country estate, feigning casual indifference to the attentions of the housekeeper's handsome son, Robbie Turner (James McAvoy). The vivid imagination of Cecilia's younger sister, Briony (Saoirse Ronan), sets narrative elements in motion. Briony, a willful sprite who spends hours at her typewriter churning out histrionic theater, discovers Robbie and Cecilia in a compromising position and, feeling slighted by a discovery far beyond her ken, tells a shocking lie with devastating consequences for all. In the grand tradition of such epic historical romances as "The English Patient," "Atonement" is one of the year's finest films. *Rated: R for war violence, language and mature themes. 2 hours, 2 minutes.* — J.A.

I AM LEGEND ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) The film is based on Richard Matheson's novel of the same name, which was previously brought to the big screen with 1964's "The Last Man on Earth" starring Vincent Price, and 1971's "The Omega Man" starring Charlton Heston. In the current movie, Will Smith plays Robert Neville, a New York-based military scientist who appears to be the sole survivor of a massive viral outbreak. Neville strolls

Weekend

the abandoned and decrepit streets of New York alongside his German shepherd, Sam, hunting wild deer and initiating one-sided dialogue with mannequins at the local video store. But Neville is not alone. The few people who weren't killed by the virus mutated into pale, gangly, hairless creatures that thirst on blood and come out only at night in order to avoid the scorching sun. They are The Infected. While Neville sends out endless radio messages to lure other possible survivors, he uses his own immune blood on infected lab rats in hopes of developing a cure for the devastating illness. Smith brings a sympathetic human quality to the picture, but don't expect to skip around afterward whistling show tunes. In fact, if you see the film on your own or go to an empty home afterward, you may feel exactly like Robert Neville does. *Alone*. **Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence.** 1 hour, 40 minutes. — T.H.

THE KITE RUNNER ★★★

(CineArts) Marc Forester ("Finding Neverland") adapts Khaled Hosseini's wildly successful first novel to the big screen with empirical grace. Kabul circa 1978 is a cultural haven ripe with progress and promise. Twelve-year-old Amir (Zekeria Ebrahimi) lives a life of luxury as the son of well-to-do businessman Baba (Homayoun Ershadi). He pals around with best friend Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmudzada), the son of the family's beloved servant. The boys join forces to run a kite in the annual Kabul kite-flying ceremony, culminating in a startling and rousing triumph. But the thrill of victory is short-lived, tainted by a shady act of cowardice that will haunt Amir for years to come. The decay of Afghanistan's proud political scene makes it necessary for Amir and his father to abandon home and country and relocate to Fremont, California (home to the Bay Area's largest Afghan community), where Dad toils at odd jobs and encourages his son's higher education and dreams of becoming a writer. Years later an urgent phone call from an old family friend is all it takes to send the adult Amir (Khalid Abdalla) back to his shattered homeland and a thorny date with destiny. "Kite" is pleasingly faithful to its source material, weaving an enriching tapestry of dramatic ethnicity and tradition. But a formulaic blueprint screams crowd-pleasing rather than risk-taking. Genuine if not exactly inspiring. **Rated: PG-13 for some violence and mature themes.** 2 hours, 2 minutes. In Dari and English with English subtitles. — J.A.

THE GOLDEN COMPASS ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) In this ambitious franchise, based on Philip Pullman's fanciful novels, the action centers on precocious Lyra Belacqua (Dakota Blue Richards), the 12-year-old niece of handsome adventurer Lord Asriel (Daniel Craig), who has been secretly gifted with the sixth golden compass. Craig, Nicole Kidman (as Mrs. Coulter) and Richards deliver affecting performances that lend heft and humanity to the overriding whimsy. But "Compass" has that slick, packaged feeling, a calculating aura that screams bottom line. **Rated: PG-13 for fantasy violence and intensity.** 1 hour, 58 minutes. — J.A.

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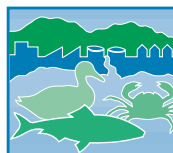
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This year, all funds donated by Voice readers will be held and dispersed to the agencies by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in February or early March. No fees are assessed by the Foundation, so that 100 percent of every contribution will go to the nonprofit agencies.

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CSA

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cracks," said executive director Tom Myers.

This safety net includes a broad range of services, from food and nutrition counseling to financial assistance. The three core programs of CSA — emergency assistance, senior services and "Alpha Omega" homeless services — address the specific needs of down-on-their-luck individuals in the community.

The emergency program provides immediate relief for clients who suddenly find themselves in need of food, supplies and financial assistance. Clients who qualify are allowed to "shop" at CSA's well-stocked "Food and Nutrition Center," which has baskets and shelves full of fresh produce, bread, noodles and canned goods for clients to take free of charge.

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In CSA's senior services program, the elderly get a good meal — and an opportunity to socialize — through the daily hot lunches provided at

the Senior Center on Escuela Avenue. Last year, more than 28,000 lunches were served. Case managers in the program work with seniors to find affordable housing and community resources that address their needs.

When it comes to homelessness, CSA takes a "housing first" approach through its Alpha Omega homeless services program.

"The housing-first model is to get them in a house; then everything else will build on it," explained associate director Maureen Wadiak.

In this program, case managers work with individuals to find housing and to connect them to other resources, including mental health counseling, transportation, legal advice and employment services.

CSA hopes to expand its homeless services program in the next few years in order to keep pace with Santa Clara County's 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness.

Myers said Mountain View residents have given generously to CSA over the years because they recognize the plight of their neighbors.

After all, as director of fund development Jim Boin said, "The face of poverty, the face of homelessness, the face of a lonely aged senior — there but for the grace of God go I." ■

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Peninsula Christmas Services

Los Altos Lutheran Church

12/16 9:00 AM Worship with Sunday School Christmas Program
12/21, 22, 23 6:00PM Live Nativity Scene
12/23 4:00 PM From Advent into Christmas: *A service of hope and healing*
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM: *Children's Message, Choir and Handbells*
Christmas Day service 10:00 AM: *A friendly Christmas morning service with story and song*
We invite you to celebrate with us the wonder of the birth of Christ

460 South El Monte at Cuesta
650-948-3012 - www.losaltoslutheran.org

Los Altos Union Presbyterian Church

Celebrate Christ's Birth!

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 23rd
8:00 am. Worship 1 Breakfast@Union
9:30 am. Worship 2 Breakfast@Union
11:00 am. Worship 3 in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve, Monday Dec. 24th

7:00 pm. Young Family & 9:00 pm. All Ages Sanctuary Worship
Carol & Candle Worship Services

858 University Ave, Los Altos
650-948-436:

(Off El Monte near the intersection of Foothill Expwy.)
see unionpc.org for details!

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Eve
6:00 PM Spanish Service
7:00 PM Choir Cantata
7:30 PM English Service
Christmas Day - 10:00 AM
New Year's Eve - 7:30 PM

1075 El Monte Ave., Mountain View
650-967-0666 www.st-paul.org



Foothill Covenant Church

1555 Oak Ave. • Los Altos • 650.967.7447

(corner of Oak and Truman)

Christmas Eve Family Service

10:30 A.M.

Child care provided

Christmas Day Communion

10:00 A.M.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

- ❖ 4:00 pm *Children's Christmas Pageant & Eucharist*
- ❖ 10:00 pm *Festive Choral Christmas Eve Eucharist beginning with carols*

CHRISTMAS DAY

- ❖ 10:00 am *Holy Eucharist with Carols*

600 Colorado Ave, P.A.
(650) 326-3800

CHRISTMAS EVE @ THE HIGHWAY COMMUNITY

a candlelit, acoustic celebration of the birth of Christ
services @ 5:00pm & 11:00pm
(childcare provided @ 5pm)

join us at our Mountain View campus:
2050 Miramonte Avenue

www.highway.org

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2007 at 6:00 pm
Cubberley Community Center Auditorium
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Vineyard Christian Fellowship
www.vineyardpeninsula.org
650.327.5727

For unto us a child is born.
Isaiah 9:6

Join with us to celebrate this season!

Christmas Eve: 5-6pm
New Year's Eve: 7-9pm
(visit our website for details)

Peninsula Bible Church
3505 Middlefield Road Palo Alto 94306
www.pbc.org

Grace Lutheran Church - ELCA

Christmas Eve | Monday, Dec. 24
4:00pm | Family Eucharist
6:00pm | Festival Choral Eucharist
11:00pm | Candlelight Eucharist

Christmas Day | Tuesday, Dec. 25
10:00am | Carols, Lessons, Communion

3149 Waverley St. | Palo Alto, CA 94306 | 650.494.1212
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Celebrating Birth & Rebirth

WINTER SOLSTICE
Wednesday, December 19
7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday, December 24
6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto
505 E. Charleston Rd. Palo Alto
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Celebrate Christmas with First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View

Friday, December 14, 6:30 pm
Christmas Caroling

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Sunday, December 23, 10:30 am
Worship Service

*
Monday, December 24, 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service

First Presbyterian Church is located at
1667 Miramonte Avenue at the corner of Cuesta in Mountain View.
Please call (650) 968-4473 for more information
www.fpcmv.org

SAINT TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2094 Grant Road
Mountain View, CA (650) 967-4724
www.sttims.org

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Service
10:15 p.m. Carols & Traditional Service

Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. Carols & Traditional Service

Come rejoice with us at the birth of our Savior!