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Propositions hit home

PROP 92: Foothill-De Anza backs college funding measure, though other educators dispute its merits

By Casey Weiss

When student fees go up, California community college enrollment goes down. So say proponents of state Proposition 92, which would prevent fees from escalating and stabilize community college funding.

Members of the Foothill-De Anza community, including the district and faculty association support Prop 92 because it would increase funding for community colleges and set fees at \$15 per unit with limited increases even during a deficit. The proposition, sponsored by a coalition headed by the Community College League of California, would cost the state an estimated \$900 million over three years.

"Our budgets are uncertain from year to year," said Richard Hansen, president of the faculty association. "We want to keep access possible with low fees."

California has the largest education system in the country, with 109 schools and 2.5 million students enrolled each year. California community colleges receive less funding per student than state and UC schools — and Foothill-De Anza's funding is below the statewide average allotted to community colleges, said Laura Casas Frier, a member of the Foothill-De Anza district board.

In that context, Prop 92 "will be a stable source of funding," Casas Frier said.

However, not all educators are in agreement over Prop 92. While many districts and teacher associations do say that California community colleges need additional funding, they argue over whether

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PROP 93: Change in term limits would lend a hand to sitting politicians, including Sally Lieber

By Daniel DeBolt

When voters decide on Proposition 93 during the Feb. 5 primary, they also will be deciding the political career of Sally Lieber, a Mountain View Democrat and state Assembly speaker pro tem.

Unless voters approve the extended term limits in Proposition 93, Lieber, a former Mountain View mayor, will finish up her final term at the end of 2008, capping six years in office in the Assembly. At that point, she says, she'll run for the county Board of Supervisors, pitting an experienced state politician against incumbent Liz Kniss.

But if Prop 93 passes, Lieber would be allowed to serve in the Assembly for another six years. She said her current position as speaker pro tem — the second-highest position in the Assembly — is the highest state office ever attained by a legislator from Santa Clara County.

Some analysts say they hope Prop 93 does pass, and not because of a special affinity for Lieber. By serving longer in one body, proponents of the measure say, the legislators can become more experienced with complicated issues, better hold state agencies accountable to the people, and reduce the influence that long-term lobbyists have over new legislators.

But opponents of the measure say it's a thinly disguised power grab, allowing some current state legislators to be re-elected to office an unacceptable number of times.

The proposition reduces the combined number of years a person can serve in the Senate and Assembly

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Council members clash over zoning changes

By Daniel DeBolt

A room full of developers listened closely Tuesday night as the City Council wrestled with how infill housing projects on less than one acre should be designed.

The study session discussion

focused on projects in the R3 zone, which allows 10 to 43 units per acre. City staff held up a common example; 315 Easy Street — a .63-acre project on a lot twice as deep as the street frontage. It was recently rejected by the council because the buildings looked large in

comparison with the rest of the neighborhood. In the pipeline are a dozen similar projects on small, odd-shaped lots.

The issue seemed to cut to the council members' core philosophical differences on housing

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DANIELLE VERNON

A firefighter enters the Murlagan Avenue home Friday.

Burn it down

DEMOLITION BLAZE OFFERS UP-CLOSE PERSPECTIVE ON FIREFIGHTING

By Daniel DeBolt

"Don't worry, we've only lost a few reporters since we started doing this," joked fire department spokesman Lynn Brown as I contemplated whether to actually enter the burning house.

Tom Koger, owner of the house on the corner of Annie Laurie Street and Murlagan Avenue, had arranged for the fire department to set it afire for training. This will serve two purposes: clearing the site for construction of three new homes, and giving

trainees valuable time working with a real fire. Training day was Friday morning.

After I donned a loaner fire suit, mask and 23-pound air tank, fire investigator Craig Cesarin led me into the burning house, where temperatures were expected to be up to 200 degrees. The first few moments were pure chaos, with people yelling and bumping into each other in the pitch dark smoke. After the smoke floated up to the ceiling, firefighters could be seen carefully turn-

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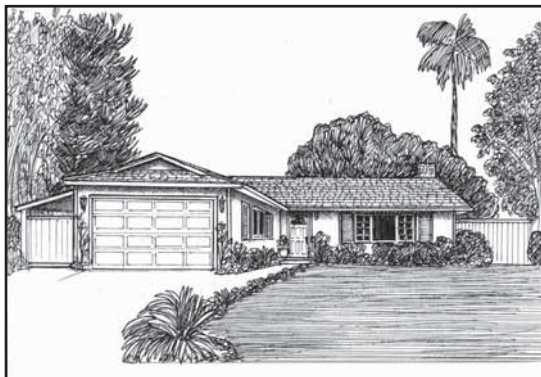
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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Nicole Baldocchi.

Who is your role model and why?



"Randy Pausch because he co-founded the academic program I am pursuing right now."

Jason Glatz, Pittsburgh, Pa.



"Probably my mom."

Megan Ferguson, Mountain View



"My dad because he told me to live my life for my passion, to pursue it 100 percent."

Dave Burleigh, Los Angeles



"I don't really have one anymore. I try to make myself the person that I would want to be and actually admire."

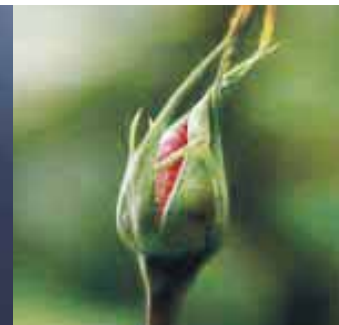
Michael Rivera, San Jose



"My wife because she's smart and she pushes things forward."

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■ CRIMEWATCH

BURGLARY, OFFICE MAX, 1030 N. RENGSTORFF AVE., 1/14

A man attempted to cash five counterfeit \$20 bills. When the clerk realized the money might be fake, the unidentified man fled. An investigation is in progress.

The suspect was described as a Middle Eastern man in his late 20s with a medium build, standing 5 feet 11 inches tall, with back hair and brown eyes. He was seen wearing a gray sweatshirt, blue jeans and white shoes.

ROBBERY, 200 BLOCK CASTRO ST., 1/19

An unidentified man walked up to a cab, tapped on the window, and demanded the driver's cell phone. There was a struggle, but the man managed to flee on foot with the cell phone.

The man was described as a black male in his 20s, weighing about 230 pounds and standing 6 feet 3 inches tall with long dreadlocks. He was wearing a white shirt.

■ POLICE LOG

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

90 Block Sierra Vista Ave., 1/16
100 Block E. El Camino Real, 1/17

AUTO BURGLARY

100 Block N. Whisman Rd., 1/14
2400 Block Old Middlefield Way, 1/14
300 Block Easy St., 1/14
100 Block E. El Camino Real, 1/14
2200 Block California St., 1/17
200 Block Easy St., 1/17
100 Block N. Whisman Rd., 1/18
YMCA, 1/19
Century 16 Cinema, 1/21

BATTERY

Graham Middle School, 1/15
700 Block Pettis Ave., 1/20

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

2400 Block Old Middlefield Way, 1/14
2500 Block California St., 1/14
1900 Block W. El Camino Real, 1/14
100 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 1/14
200 Block N. Bernardo Ave., 1/16
2600 Block California St., 1/17
300 Block Ravendale Dr., 1/18
200 Block San Antonio Rd., 1/20
1000 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 1/21

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Castro St./W. Evelyn Ave., 1/16
200 Block Central Ave., 1/19

DISTURBANCE

500 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 1/14
1900 Block Hackett Ave., 1/16
3500 Block Truman Ave., 1/17

EMBEZZLEMENT

500 Block E. Evelyn Ave., 1/21

GRAND THEFT

1900 Block W. El Camino Real, 1/14
300 Block Whisman Station Dr., 1/14
400 Block Chiquita Ave., 1/15
1800 Block Appletree Ln., 1/15
2000 Block California St., 1/17
700 Block E. Middlefield Rd., 1/18
300 Block S. Shoreline Blvd., 1/18
1300 Block Dale Ave., 1/19
2000 Block Montecito Ave., 1/19
1900 Block Latham St., 1/21

IDENTITY THEFT

100 Block Higdon Ave., 1/17

MISSING PERSON - ADULT

100 Block Fairchild Dr., 1/18

OBSCENE/ANNOYING PHONE CALLS

200 Block Easy St., 1/17

PETTY THEFT

700 Block Continental Cl., 1/14
100 Block Del Medio Ave., 1/14
900 Block Burgoyne St., 1/15
Wal-Mart, 1/16
1200 Block Grant Rd., 1/17
500 Block Showers Dr., 1/17
100 N. Rengstorff Ave., 1/17
McDonald's, Rengstorff Ave., 1/19
Century 16 Cinema, 1/20
Longs, 1/21
Wal-Mart, 1/21

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

500 Block Chiquita Ave., 1/15

ROBBERY

300 Block San Antonio Rd., 1/17
Wal-Mart, 1/19

STOLEN VEHICLE

2600 Block California St., 1/14
1700 Block W. El Camino Real, 1/15
200 Block Evandale Ave., 1/16
1400 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/16

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

Calderon Ave./W. El Camino Real, 1/17
700 Block Continental Cl., 1/18

TERRORIST THREATS

500 Block Chiquita Ave., 1/20
1800 Block Latham St., 1/21

TRESPASSING

Mervyns Dept. Store, 1/18

VANDALISM

100 Block N. Whisman Rd., 1/14

■ CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, last week's story "SOFIA comes to Moffett," about a visit to Moffett Field by the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, stated that

the observatory plane eventually would be stationed at NASA Ames. In fact, according to NASA officials, the plane will be stationed at NASA Dryden near Palmdale, Calif.

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Fair and Square

By Don Frances

TOWN SQUARE, that part of the *Voice's* Web site which allows anyone to publish their comments, has presented us with a few surprises since it came online several months ago.

One such surprise is the way certain comment-leavers have managed to affect, or at least provide input on, active police investigations.

Such was the case last month, regarding an apartment fire on Latham Street and the two arrests which resulted from it.

The story stated that two young men who lived there were picked up for possessing “an illegal sawed-off shotgun” and narcotics. (Though they were named in the story, I won't repeat their names here.) One of the arrestees, the one with the narcotics, didn't like our coverage.

He wrote, in Town Square for all to see, that it was they who had alerted officers to the shotgun: “Nobody ‘discovered’ the shotgun, the only reason it was involved was because my roommate was concerned about others' safety.”

He went on to offer confusing testimony about the drugs: “In addition, there were absolutely no ‘narcotics’ found by anyone. In fact, they never existed at all. The officer asked what I had in my pocket and I willingly and cooperatively showed him two grams of high-quality cocaine and three pills of Dexedrine ...”

He also accused officers of trying to “coerce me into admitting to cooking meth and crack in the apartment as the cause of the fire,” and concluded, “Nonetheless I love the specious journalism almost as much as the abusive law enforcement.”

His comments were not missed by police. In fact, Liz Wylie of the Mountain View Police Department said they were forwarded to the detective working the case.

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Mr. Green

STEVE ATTINGER
 PIONEERS NEW ROLE
 AS ENVIRONMENTAL
 COORDINATOR

By Daniel DeBolt

Earlier this month, Mountain View resident Steve Attinger began his new job working for the city of Mountain View. In fact, it was a new job for his employer too.

The position of environmental sustainability coordinator was created by the City Council last year when it adopted a serious program for sustainability that includes establishing a baseline for the city's emissions. Attinger's main role will be to coordinate a large citizen advisory group, which will make suggestions to the council on ways to reduce the city's carbon footprint.

“I'm very excited and looking forward to moving this process forward,” Attinger told the *Voice* in a recent interview.

Before joining the city, Attinger specialized in training companies like Sun, Symantec and Applied Materials on how to reduce their carbon footprint, providing options for reducing emissions. Attinger's reward for



DANIELLE VERNON

Steve Attinger stands under the solar panels at the Bryant Street parking garage.

the switch to municipal work — which means a somewhat reduced salary — will come from “ultimately being able to have a greater impact,” he said.

Working with a large group of passionate citizen advisors may be his biggest challenge, but when it comes

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Library to close a month for renovations

By Casey Weiss

The Mountain View Public Library will close its doors on Feb. 3 in order to update technology and renovate some of the library's equipment, service and layout. The renovations are expected to be completed within the month, and the library will reopen March 2.

Customers can still receive reference help, pick up reserved items and check out books on the Mobile Library vehicle, which will be parked in the Franklin Street lot every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Phone services will also remain open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Readers can keep books checked out for eight weeks, while DVDs, videos and other items will be due within a week.

During the closure, customers will not be able to access most adult books, magazines and newspapers or the library's computers.

Among the renovations are an automated return and conveyer system, an additional group study room and an improved catalogue system. ■

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Bird sculpture takes wing

COUNCIL APPROVES ART INSTALLATION FOR SHORELINE PARK

By Daniel DeBolt



The City Council approved a new art installation for Shoreline Park on Tuesday that had a few people, including some on the council, scratching their heads.

“I kind of get the feeling this isn't the place for it,” said council member Jac Siegel. “I also worry about vandalism.”

Nonetheless, the council approved the sculpture of 17 metal birds in flight — called “Swift Crossing” — for the back entrance to Shoreline Park near the corner

of San Antonio Road and Terminal Boulevard.

Concerns about vandalism focused on the poles holding up the bird sculptures. A rendering by city staff seemed to show the sculptures atop very thin metal poles, which could be easily bent by vandals. City staff alleviated those concerns by saying the poles would be as thick as regular sign posts.

The artist, Rachel Slick, won a design contest against several other artists and will receive \$41,000 to build, deliver and install the sculpture. ■

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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Rengstorff window



This picture of the Rengstorff House "was shot outside, capturing the reflection of the water tower in the glass, but also showing the lace curtain through the glass," explained Walt Rau of Blue Lake Square.

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

EDITOR'S DESK

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I spoke with the young man soon after all this happened, and asked why he wrote those things in Town Square.

"I was stupid. I was just very upset and emotional," he answered, adding that "I wanted a chance to speak for myself."

He also gave some details: The shotgun was a family heirloom; he had a prescription for the Dexedrine; and he was the one who called in the fire, which apparently was started by a space heater.

He didn't sound worried about any long-term legal troubles — "I'll be OK... I've never had trouble with the law before" — but lamented the loss of his property, which included a grand piano.

"I'm staying with my dad right now," he said.

Three weeks later, a member of the public again used Town Square to comment on an investigation. This time, a Mountain View man had suffered a severe blow to the head on early morning New Year's Day, eventually putting him into a coma-like state. Police and family members still want to know who, if anyone, did it.

Our account relayed the police report, which said he was out with his girlfriend, had been drinking but was not legally drunk, and wound up in a limo headed home.

A bit of confusion led to him and his girlfriend being separated, and police were called to check on him.

As the story stated, "Police found the man soon after and drove him home, dropping him off in front of his house around 1:30 a.m." However, "The man did not return home until 2:30 a.m., according to his girlfriend. He appeared to have a black eye, but there were no other visible injuries at the time. Later that week, however, it became clear that his injury required medical attention.

"There is no obvious criminal element," said police spokesperson Liz Wylie, "The question is, is this [incident] criminal or is this an accident?"

Soon after the story appeared online, a cousin of the victim wrote on Town Square:

"Our family is truly saddened by this tragedy. There are so many questions unanswered. The story told in this article is not quite the details as our family knows it. We have reason to believe that this assault on our family member was criminal."

The poster (although I corresponded with her by e-mail, I'm not including her name in this column) went on to explain that "The [limo] driver did not drop them at home. When the driver reached the intersection of Whisman & Middlefield the girlfriend exited the vehicle thinking her boyfriend was behind her, but instead the driver took off

with him on Whisman heading north. This was approximately 1:15 a.m. He did not show up at the house until 2:20 a.m. What happened in that last hour."

She signed the post, "Family member of the victim, a resident of the North Whisman neighborhood."

(In a follow-up e-mail to the Voice, Wylie emphasized that police do not suspect the limo driver of wrongdoing, and reiterated that "We strongly believe, and the evidence strongly suggests, that whatever happened to him happened during that hour he was unaccounted for." Police also ask that anyone with information on this case call Detective Kevin Solomon at 903-6356.)

If nothing else, these residents' comments show that seemingly straightforward events are often quite complicated. No matter how often we see police reports (and journalists see them every day) it's easy to assume we know what happened — to fill in the blanks. Now, with Town Square, those close to the actual events can fill in the blanks for us.

But we also welcome comments on actually straightforward events, such as sports scores (talking to you, Rose Rambo). See us at www.mountainviewonline.com. ▀

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NEWS BRIEFS

SMOKE KILLED VICTIM OF DANA ST. FIRE

The victim of a one-alarm house fire on Dana Street on Monday, Jan. 14 died of smoke inhalation, police said.

The information came from a preliminary report from the Santa Clara County medical examiner's office, said police spokeswoman Liz Wylie. A final report is still pending.

The fire at 1390 W. Dana St. was reported in a 911 call at 6:23 p.m. that day, and firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke, fire officials reported. They had the fire under control at 6:43 p.m.

The home's only occupant was found dead inside the home during search operations, fire officials reported. Officials said there were no functioning smoke detectors in the home.

The victim, an elderly woman, has been identified, but as of press time her name was not released pending notification of next of kin, according to the medical examiner's office.

1, CHP Sgt. Carl Churchfield said.

A 32-year-old Mountain View man driving a Ford Bronco reportedly told officers that his 28-year-old passenger, also of Mountain View, was lying down in the back seat of the vehicle when the accident occurred, Churchfield said.

For an unknown reason, the vehicle veered off the road and rolled about 1,000 feet down an embankment, ejecting the passenger, according to Churchfield. He was pronounced dead at the scene. His identity will not be released until family has been notified, Churchfield said.

The driver of the Bronco was airlifted to Regional Medical Center of San Jose for his injuries, Churchfield said.

Investigating officers say alcohol might have been a factor in the accident, which remains under investigation.

— Bay City News

LOCAL MAN KILLED IN MONTEREY CO. CRASH

A 28-year-old Mountain View resident was killed Saturday night when the vehicle he was riding in veered off the road and rolled 1,000 feet down an embankment in Monterey County, the California Highway Patrol reported.

Officers received reports at about 7:20 p.m. of an accident on Nacimiento-Fergusson Road on the Fort Hunter Liggett military reservation about 18 miles east of state Highway

SUNNYVALE MAN LOST, FOUND

A Sunnyvale man who disappeared near Castro Street last Wednesday afternoon was found later that day in the Wal-Mart on Showers Drive, police reported. He was returned safely to his family.

Sut Yue, an 88-year-old who suffers from dementia, was in the car when his wife went into the Post Office on Hope Street. When she returned to the car around 1:30 p.m., Yue was gone.

— Staff reports

BURN

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ing their nozzle on the "seed" of the fire in the next room, which seemed to make the whole room glow red-hot through the doorway.

"Imagine having to wake up at 3 a.m. and find yourself in this situation," Cesarin said.

Besides the *Voice*, the department invited several city officials to participate in the exercise. Mayor Tom Means explained that only one council member would be going in at a time — "for the same reason they don't all get on the same plane together," joked Brown.

"There was so much smoke I felt claustrophobic," said council member Margaret Abe-Koga, while getting the required check

of her vital signs afterwards.

"It's amazing how hot it was," said city purchasing manager Tina Yoke. "And there was absolutely no visibility."

Firefighter trainees came from as far as Newark, Novato, Menlo Park and Palo Alto. The house was set on fire numerous times during the day using hay and wood pallets.

Koger, a developer and former resident of the house, said the event felt a little like a party, as neighbors watched and free sandwiches and drinks were served to firefighters and guests.

"I think we're going to offer the fire department everything we do," he said about future demolition projects. ■

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to working with people who have various opinions, Attinger said, "I try to meet people where they are, not where I want them to be."

After about four weeks on the job, he says he's already had plenty to do. He reports to policy manager Joan Jenkins.

One of his first jobs will be to finish an estimate of the city's emissions — and not just from local vehicles and buildings. The carbon emissions estimate must account for the traffic that moves through the city on a daily basis, Attinger said.

Originally from Los Altos, Attinger attended Saint Francis High School. He says his "green blood" is partly from his environmentally conscious parents. He was one of the first people in the country to receive an MBA in sustainable management — from the

Presidio School of Management in San Francisco in the program's first run in 2005.

Attinger said he has worked in environmental sustainability since 2002, starting as a volunteer with Acterra, the Palo Alto-based environmental group.

Like many locals, Attinger lost his job after the dot-com bubble burst, leading him ultimately to a career in environmental sustainability. When he realized there was an actual financial incentive for companies and governments to become environmentally friendly, "that's when things really got exciting," he said.

When asked how the city should address its carbon emissions, Attinger said he was leaving it to the advisory group and the City Council to come up with the directions. Solutions could range from more efficient lights at City Hall to encouraging solar panels on residential homes.

But in a general sense, "What I'd

like the city to do, they've already started to step up and do," he said, mentioning the advisory group, the solar panels on the Bryant Street garage and the hybrid vehicle fleet. However, he said, "There is always room for improvement," which is why some council members may push for his position to become permanent.

On Tuesday, the council's "appointments review committee" met to discuss 67 applications from residents interested in serving on the citizen advisory group. The council has yet to decide how many people will be appointed to the group, but Attinger said he and other city staff were recommending a "top tier" of applicants that could be put on a steering committee, while the rest would be able to take part at the group's regular meetings. ▀

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growth. Staff recommendations for changes to R3 zoning included building homes so they face the street whenever possible, reducing building size by designing small third stories, increasing building setbacks and requiring “useable” open spaces. The developers present clearly objected to those changes when Mayor Tom Means asked for a show of hands.

But council members took the opportunity to send several messages to developers.

When it comes to housing design, “There is a

new message out: We want quality, not quantity,” said council member Jac Siegel.

At one point, council member Ronit Bryant turned the issue to gated communities, something which she objects to.

Council member Matt Pear disagreed, saying that “some people are perfectly happy living behind a locked gate.” Means said people should be able to make that choice in a “free market.”

“If they are perfectly happy living behind a locked gate, they should not come into my neighborhood,” said a frustrated Bryant, who had been advocating for “walkable” and accessible developments all evening. Other members chided her, but she continued, “We have a right to say, in this neighborhood, it isn’t compatible.”

Bryant, who has often opposed high density, surprised some developers when she said the Easy Street project should have been higher density, with stacked flats centrally located in the lot instead of row homes, because it would have allowed for more open space.

Means and Pear had prodded other members to be more specific in how projects should be designed rather than use terms like “walkability.” But Siegel, Bryant and council member Laura Macias, who favor slower growth, seemed to say there is no one-size-fits-all solution for most problems. “It depends” was an answer that miffed Means when he asked about whether buildings should always face the street. “How many ‘it depends’ do you have?” Means said.

Chambers to get high-tech revamp

Nick Galiotto and fellow council members have been studying the technology used by other cities in their council chambers to make meetings more accessible, and on Tuesday he made a proposal to upgrade Mountain View’s 20-year-old technology.

Some members who had not toured chambers in other cities, including Macias and Bryant, weren’t sold on such items as touch-screen monitors for each

member on the council dais — items which seemed like a luxury, they said.

Proposals include a

public speaking podium with a document camera and laptop hookup for presentations; a widescreen TV to replace the TV in the lobby; the touch-screen monitors, which would record council votes and show presentations; a large overhead screen that could show meeting minutes, presentations and a public speaker queue; and podcasting of the recorded meetings online.

The city is considering purchase of the equipment as a package, which includes software that does “everything but spit out the minutes,” said finance director Bob Locke.

Equipment costs have yet to be determined.

Housing OK’d at Satake site

Some council members were surprised, at last week’s Jan. 15 meeting, to see Satake Nursery neighbors praise SummerHill Homes and the city for the way they handled plans for development of 30 homes there.

There was one more disagreement, however, from Marilyn Drive neighbors who wanted to see rolled curbs — a small but important detail to help the project fit in with the existing neighborhood. The council ended up approving the project unanimously without the rolled curbs, but requested that SummerHill look into installing larger trees, design the homes for solar panels and include permeable concrete.

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PROP 92

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this measure would solve those problems, and worry that it may add to the state's money woes.

Opponents of the measure include the California Teachers Association, the California State University system and the University of California system.

"If Prop 92 passes, it will give the impression that California community college students are taken care of," said Theresa Wheeler, manager of the "No on Prop 92" campaign. "They will not be."

"Proposition 92 is flawed and not going to solve any problems," she said.

Currently, community colleges and K-12 education receive state funds through a complex formula that considers changes in the economy and attendance levels in K-12. While the system favors growth in the K-12 schools, population in the community colleges is growing at a faster pace, Casas Frier said.

Proposition 92 would amend the state constitution, creating two separate funds, one for K-12 and one for community colleges. It would also lower fees from \$20 to \$15 per unit and expand the community college governing board.

Proponents say this is important because California community colleges have only once received the 11 percent of public education funding allotted under Proposition 98, which California voters passed in 1988, according to Casas Frier.

"Prop 98 really wasn't written with us in mind," Hansen added.

Linda Cushing, a former community college professor and the Bay Area organizer for the "Yes on Prop 92" campaign, says she has personally felt the impact of tight budgets, and said that the system needs to be changed.

She and Hansen see this as an essential time to provide needed funding for community colleges, especially with CSUs cutting back enrollment by an estimated 10,000 students next year.

"Where do you think those students will go?" Cushing asked. "They will come to us."

But opponents like Wheeler say Prop 92 is not the way to provide change. They argue that the money may never directly reach the students, but instead go toward bureaucracy, because there is no accountability or oversight of the expanded board of governors.

As for cutting fees, this cost only makes up 10 percent of a student's expenses, Wheeler said. She added that there is already financial aid for students who can't afford tuition.

"You don't even save enough on Prop 92 to buy a textbook," Wheeler said.

Opponents also say that now is an especially bad time to be increasing funding given Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent budget cut proposal, which would take \$400 million away from schools.

"We don't even have money to face existing problems — UCs, CSUs, health care," Wheeler said. ■

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PROP 93

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from 14 to 12. However, it allows those 12 years to be spent in one house, rather than splitting it between the Senate and the Assembly.

But what is most outrageous to opponents is that Prop 93 would re-start the clock for current legislators, allowing politicians like state Senate Pro Tem President Don Perata, an Oakland Democrat, to serve another four-year term after having been in the state legislature since 1996.

"Voters are sick and tired, they're fed up, with career politicians taking over Sacramento," said Republican and state Commissioner of Insurance Steve Poizner on his Web site, stopprop93.com. Poizner, a wealthy former Silicon Valley businessman, has put more than \$1 million of his own money behind the opposition.

Lieber has a different take on the measure. "It would do a lot to stabilize the decision-making in the state legislature," she said Monday. "In the last election, 34 out of the 80 Assembly members were new. Turnover has a big impact on trying to deal with long-term challenges."

Lieber continued, "If a legislator asks tough questions of a state agency, the state agency knows they can outlast that legislator. I see so many times that legislators request a report from a state agency, but by the time that report comes out that legislator is long gone."

Mountain View's representative in the

state Senate, Democrat Elaine Alquist, said through a staff member that she would be running for a third term in 2012 if Prop 93 passes.

Neighboring District 11 Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, says he is undecided about running for a third term.

Some supporters of Prop 93 say that if voters don't like their representatives, they can vote them out rather than wait for them to be termed out — a point which often steers the debate to the issue of gerrymandered districts and district reform. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger originally said he would not support Prop 93 without a redistricting measure on the same ballot. Although there is no such measure on the Feb. 5 ballot, he now supports Prop 93.

"Proposition 93 is good public policy irrespective of redistricting," he stated in a *Los Angeles Times* op-ed piece.

Lieber says that if Prop 93 does not pass, she has decided to wait until 2012 to run for the state Senate, saying that she "would never run" against incumbent Elaine Alquist for the District 13 seat. Instead, she says, she'll run against Kniss for the District Five county supervisor seat. Kniss is a Palo Alto Democrat and is running for her third four-year-term on the Board of Supervisors.

"That's really where my primary interest is," Lieber said, "county issues ... issues of lower-income people." ■

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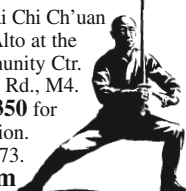
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The event, beginning this Monday, is meant to help students appreciate some of the challenges their peers face, such as autism, Asperger syndrome, dyslexia and hearing impairments as well as physical challenges.

Principal Mary Dietrich said this ability awareness week is especially important as autism becomes more common. At least one child in every grade at the elementary school is on the autism spectrum, Dietrich said.

Students will participate in activities designed to help them understand and empathize with peers who have fine motor control disabilities, learning, visual and hearing impairments, and physical and social challenges. During an exercise on motor control, for example, students will try to button up a T-shirt while wearing socks on their hands.

MVLA HOLDS LATINO FORUM

Local Latino parents discussed their hope for a better life for their children with school administrators and staff during a Spanish-language forum last week on raising Latino achievement.

While the Mountain View-Los Altos and Mountain View Whisman school districts have offered other programs to address the low test scores and achievement gaps among Latino students, this forum was the first opportunity for middle and high school parents to speak in Spanish with faculty.

Parents used the opportunity to say they wanted more such meetings, as well as workshops on helping their students and tutorials on how to use district links and e-mail.

The forum, hosted at Los Altos High School, included dinner for the 160 parents, opening speeches by MVLA Superintendent Barry Groves and Foothill president Judy Miner, and roundtable discussions led by Spanish-speaking facilitators.

— Casey Weiss

FOOTHILL PROFESSOR WINS PHYSICS AWARD

A Foothill College science professor known for reading poetry and analyzing rock songs in his physics and astronomy classes has earned a national prize in physics, the college announced.

Andrew Fraknoi earned the American Institute of Physics' Andrew Gemant Award on Jan. 9.


The prize, won in previous years by British mathematician and physicist Stephen Hawking and physics historian Gerald Holton, is often given for interdisciplinary work in the physical sciences, the college said.

Fraknoi has been noted for his unique explanations of science. He uses music, poetry, humor and science fiction in many of his courses at Foothill, particularly for his Physics for Poets class.

The Gemant Award includes \$5,000 and the opportunity to choose one or more academic institutions to share a \$3,000 grant. Fraknoi has selected Foothill College and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, where he served as executive director for 14 years.

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— Daniel DeBolt

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Voice endorsements

In addition to selecting their favorite candidate in the presidential primary Feb. 5, Mountain View residents will be asked to vote on several ballot measures, including two that are of particular interest locally.

Proposition 92 would change the funding arrangement for community colleges, including Foothill-De Anza. And Proposition 93 would change the term limit structure for state legislators, enabling Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, D-Mountain View, to serve three more terms in the lower house and Sen. Elaine Alquist to seek a third term. If the proposition does not pass, Lieber has said she would oppose Liz Kniss, who is running for reelection to her District 5 seat on the Board of Supervisors.

Here at the *Voice* we have the following positions on the two measures:

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 92, COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNDING

This well meaning but complicated ballot measure attempts to shore up funding for community colleges and lower tuition to \$15 per unit from \$20.

But to do so, it would add yet another constitutional amendment that will tie the hands of the governor and legislature at budget time. Such special interest mandates already strangle the legislative process and make it even more difficult when budget cuts are needed.

Community colleges do great work and will shoulder an increasing amount of the state's higher education needs as UC and state colleges become more expensive. But this measure is not the answer. We urge a no vote on Proposition 92.

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 93, CHANGE IN TERM LIMITS

This measure tinkers with the rules on term limits, allowing legislators to serve a slightly reduced term in Sacramento — a total of 12 years in either house, rather than a maximum of three two-year terms in the Assembly and two four-year terms in the Senate.

The measure would reduce the overall time one legislator could serve (from 14 to 12 years), but relax the requirement that the time be spent in both houses. Under Prop. 93, local Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, who is now termed out, would be able to serve three more terms, and Sen. Elaine Alquist, who plans to run for a second term this year, could add on a third term, keeping her in office until 2016. Not surprisingly, the initiative's biggest supporters, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and Senate President Don Perata, would both benefit from the measure.

Although granting legislators the ability to serve their entire 12 years in one house could eliminate the tendency of Assembly members to begin running for a Senate seat as soon as they are elected, there are no guarantees that this measure would improve legislative performance. And there is a whiff of special interest in this proposition due to its significant benefit to the current legislative leaders.

The state has much more important business on its plate than fiddling with term limits. We urge a no vote on Proposition 93.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

NOT ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE AT MOFFETT, CENTRAL

Editor:

You might know that Moffett Liquors, a shop at the corner of Central Avenue and Moffett Boulevard, recently closed. Please, please don't replace it with another liquor store. This neighborhood already has more than its share of lowbrow establishments.

I hope that the next owner takes its cue from businesses that cater more to the community. In our area, El Mercado market and Taqueria Tres Hermanos are useful, thriving places. How about something like an outpost of the Milk Pail or a mini Whole Foods?

Moffett Liquors was a blight on the community. Please let's have something new that benefits the majority of our area.

Cynthia Schuman
Horizon Avenue

NO DEMOCRACY WITHOUT A FREE PRESS

Editor:

Thanks for publishing the three-part story by Sam Chapman about the distressing situation and outlook for the newspaper industry. As newspapers are consolidated, downsized, and driven by profit-above-all motives, our democracy will be undermined and the unthinkable will become probable: The citizens will lose control and those with wealth and power will take control.

Expecting true democracy when a free press is absent is like

expecting your home to stand as you sell off the pillars of its foundation, one by one. It doesn't fall right away, but it will fall and that's where we are headed now. Newspapers are businesses, but they should not be managed in the same way as other businesses. I was appalled that the *Mercury News* was forced to sell because stockholders found its 10 to 20 percent profit margins inadequate — performance that many businesses would envy.

These newspapers are not just businesses and need to be handled by different rules. Freedom of the press is not a commodity. What's next? Privatizing the court system? We need to protect and cherish our newspapers (print and online) and find a better balance between journalism and the bottom line.

Finally, Alexa Tondreau's companion article about the decline in coverage by big dailies for local school and arts coverage ("Educators bemoan declining coverage," Jan. 11) was also important and complemented Chapman's piece very well.

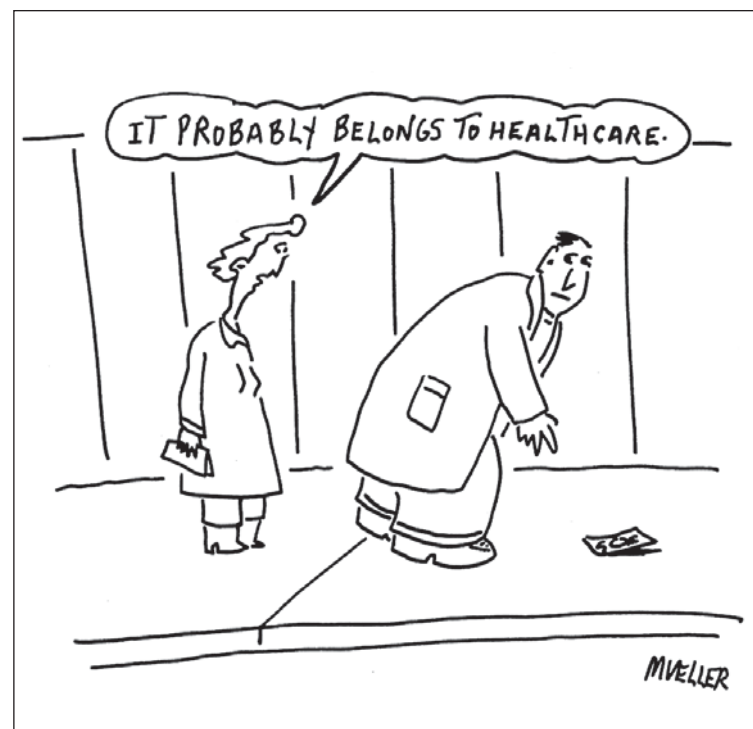
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PROPER POSTAGE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Editor:

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David Copeland
Sutter Creek Lane





BEHIND

THE IRON CURTAIN

UKRAINIAN NATIVE HENRY LANDA DRAWS ON LIFE EXPERIENCES IN 'EMIL BONTASH'

Henry Landa, a Ukrainian immigrant who wrote a novel based on his experiences in the Soviet Union, stands outside a Mountain View coffee shop.

NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

By Andrea Pyka

Henry Landa stands out from the business workers filing into Starbucks on a recent afternoon. The 77-year-old Ukrainian émigré, retired engineer and first-time novelist looks unassuming in a green jacket with a software logo, newspaper tucked under his arm. As the place fills, he decides to shift outside to one of the sidewalk tables on Castro Street.

Landa, a Mountain View resident for 16 years, retired three years ago and found himself with plenty of energy and a lifetime of stories. So he dedicated his time to reaching out to the community in a variety of ways — by volunteering, for example, at City Hall and the Computer History Museum. Also, by bringing his stories to an American audience.

To that end, Landa recently released the English version of his novel, "Emil Bontash: The Soviet Chronicle" — the quasi-

autobiographical tale of one man living in the Soviet Union in the mid 1900s.

Originally published in 2001 in Russian under the title "Bontash," Landa has since translated the text into English, and released it through Lulu, an online self-publishing company.

"I want people to read about me here and not only in Russia," he said.

The tale, told in diary form, relates Emil Bontash's innermost thoughts as he lives an everyman sort of existence. The character's musings are often philosophical — "Music intensifies comprehension and sensitivity only, and, being in unison with mood, converts the hard into the unbearable" — and the pace of the story is unhurried.

According to Landa, many books about the Soviet Union exploit Russian murders and horror stories of the time. By

"I want to show that people like Emil fail in life, but that failing in one way can be better than prospering in another."

HENRY LANDA



contrast, his novel focuses on the real-life stories and struggles of everyday people in the Soviet regime.

"I want to show that people like Emil fail in life, but that failing in one way can be better than prospering in another," Landa said. He went on to explain that his book centrally deals with questions of love, profession and ethnic relations in the Soviet Union.

"Similar to a picture, [my] book creates its own color and mood," Landa said. In fact, the author also produced the black-and-white drawings which separate the chapters in "Bontash."

Both versions of the novel are divided into two parts. The first, "The Diary of the Careless Youth," is composed of seven notebooks written by Emil Bontash. The second, "The Glance from the Height," is a series of short stories from 1954 through 1989. Throughout, Emil

Bontash tries to uncover the mystery of human relationships and to maintain his beliefs and ideals in a Soviet society.

Like Bontash, Landa began his career as a mechanical engineer after graduating from the Kiev Polytechnic Institute in Ukraine, and went on to earn a Ph.D. in machine tools in Moscow. In 1989, he moved to the U.S. and continued to work as an engineer.

Today, Landa lives a quiet, thoughtful life on Oaktree Drive in Mountain View. With more than 40 scientific papers and one novel under his belt, he says his writing is currently on hold.

"People always ask me what else I want to write," he said. "but I simply answer: I have written everything that I wanted." ▣

INFORMATION:

To order or download "Emil Bontash: The Soviet Chronicle" by Henry Landa, visit "Lulu" at www.lulu.com and search under the key word "Bontash."



COURTESY PHOTO

Ray Renati (left) and John Romano star as Lee and Austin in Sam Shepard's "True West," now showing at The Pear.

A toast to toaster thieves

SAM SHEPARD'S 'TRUE WEST' DAZZLES AT THE PEAR

By Alexa Tondreau

THEATER REVIEW

Of all the plays ever staged at the Pear Avenue Theatre, can one be more perfectly conceived for its diminutive space than "True West"?

The play, a classic in the canon of famed American playwright Sam Shepard, is set against the gaping-maw desert of Southern California that was Shepard's birthplace and frequent inspiration.

Essentially a two-man show, "True West" revolves around the sibling rivalry of two brothers, Lee and Austin, who find themselves, after many years of separation, under the same roof for several days.

Lee and Austin function as a sort of yin and yang within the play's world. Lee, played by Ray Renati, who also wears the director's cap in this well-executed production, is a rough around the edges, loud mouthed alcoholic, who scrapes together a life on the Mohave Desert where he lives an isolated and destitute existence.

Austin, played by John Romano, is soft everywhere that Lee is hard. A screenwriter and Ivy Leaguer, Austin is a well-mannered suburbanite, and his pressed khakis and pastel polos clash with Lee's sloppy appearance and ever-present beer.

For two hours on the stage, these brothers engage in a battle of wills that is at once sad and hilarious, and occasionally violent. "True West" is brought to life by the compelling perfor-

mances of the lead actors, who make their task — carrying on with two hours of continuous, believable, emotionally charged dialogue — seem effortless.

Renati's Lee is mean and vulnerable, brutish and sensitive, and he plays the part with a sort of wounded masculinity, one that struts and bangs around the stage, but can't conceal its own insecure bravado.

Romano's Austin, meanwhile, seems every bit the well-compensated screenwriter. He captures the sad duality of his character: Slumped over the typewriter, trying to complete a love story he plans to pitch to a slick Hollywood producer, he is affable and do-right but also on the edge, with hints of anger and hysteria that don't emerge until the second half of the play.

The Pear, whose theater house holds only 40 seats, facilitates a visceral and intimate viewing of the brothers' complex relationship and evolving identities. The action is, literally, in your face. When Lee takes a golf club and goes to town on a typewriter — the object of much of the brothers' frustration — the violent physicality of the act, and the sharp metallic ring of the club striking the typewriter, made many in the audience wince and even jump.

All of the action in "True West" takes place in one setting, the kitchen of the brothers' mother, which is impeccably organized, cheap looking, and straight out

of the 1980s. Designer Ron Gasparinetti takes advantage of the audience's close-up perspective by filling the kitchen's every nook and cranny with realistic detail. As a result, though the brothers' mother is glimpsed onstage only once, a sense of her presence is felt throughout.

Props are important in "True West," and sufficed to say, a pile of stolen toasters plays a big part in the action. At The Pear, it truly feels like one is watching a piece of art being staged in the moment, with all of the machinations of the production exposed, so that one can experience, truly, what it looks like to put on a play.

For all this intimacy, there is one downfall: We can also see the smallest mistakes (which in this production are almost non-existent). Look closely, for example, and you may notice that Lee, with his beer-stained wife-beaters and dirty jeans, is wearing leather boots that are bit too shiny and expensive-looking for his humble existence. At The Pear, you get to see everything. ■

INFORMATION

What: Sam Shepard's "True West," now showing at Pear Avenue Theatre
When: 8 p.m. showings (2 p.m. Sundays) now through Feb. 3; see Web site for details
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SMOOTH WASSERSTEIN'S DIFFICULT SCRIPT

By Melody Dye

"Third," the final work of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein, debuted last Saturday at TheatreWorks under the nimble direction of Kirsten Brandt. It's a daring offering, and satisfying thanks not so much to Wasserstein's script, but to the local troupe's efforts.

The story centers on a feminist professor coming into what she calls the third stage of her life—a time past childhood and the radical days of her younger self. Frustrated by the uncertain realities of modern politics, and devastated by the slow decline of her father, she finds herself at a moral crossroads when she baselessly accuses an earnest young man of a conservative stripe of plagiarizing.

It's a promising foundation, compromised slightly by uneven construction: There is the comedy that "Third" surely is, on the one hand, and that is a raucous and witty success. But there is also the political critique that it tries to be, a running indictment of the polarized condition of national politics that, while occasionally provocative, is more often insubstantial.

This political critique is a veiled (and, at times, not so veiled) criticism of the American left by the left, and it often distills down to the notion that liberals can have the same rigidity and close-mindedness that they accuse conservatives of having.

"I've never met a Republican. I've never even met anyone who's slept with a Republican," exclaims the professor's daughter

in a moment of drunken confession, drawing ripples of laughter from the audience. It's a funny moment, but what passes for dramatic insight in the subsequent scene is largely self-evident. Much of the play is like that, with comic subtleties and affecting emotional performances followed up by an obvious moral.

Meanwhile, the play's production has an absorbing cinematic quality to it, with simple, elegant staging. The actors project themselves with a charisma easily suited for celluloid.

Elizabeth Norment, as the professor, is a great talent in a taxing role. Restrained, by nature and circumstance, in a way that runs against the grain of her feminist ideals, the professor is prone to irrational outbursts; moody, uncomfortable hot flashes; and bouts of self-reproach. She is at the beck and call of her deteriorating father, at odds with her absent husband and unnerved by a precocious male student. As written, she might come off as a caricature of a woman in menopause.

But Norment, in her perfectly coiffed blond hair and heels, gives a strength and plausibility to the professor that turns one wallowing monologue on a shrink's couch into a forceful lament against impotency. Her cruelty to her student seems then less a shrinking from her weakness than an exorcism of it, a subversive exercise of power against a boy who symbolizes (but never embodies) the power she has been denied. ▀



DAVID ALLEN

Amy Resnick and **Elizabeth Norment** kick up their heels as Nancy and Laurie in Wendy Wasserstein's "Third," now showing at TheatreWorks.

■ INFORMATION

What: TheatreWorks' production of "Third," a play by Wendy Wasserstein

Where: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. (8 p.m. only Feb. 9), Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (2 p.m. only Feb. 3 and 10), through Feb. 10

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This March, at CSMA's annual gala, the nonprofit will showcase its history at a benefit at the Sharon Heights Country Club in Menlo Park. Proceeds from the event will go to financial aid and educational programs. CSMA will also hold free events each month, including a World Harmony Chorus this Monday at 7:30 p.m.

For more, visit www.arts4all.org.

MUSIC FOR MINORS FAMILY CONCERT SERIES

The Music for Minors Family Concert Series will be held Feb. 10 and March 30 in the Smithwick Theater at Foothill College. The series will benefit Music for Minors, an organization dedicated to bringing music education to local elementary schools.

Charlotte Diamond will perform Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 and 4 p.m. Tom Chapin will perform Sunday, March 10 at 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$14 per person and may be purchased at Linden Tree bookstore, 170 State St., Los Altos, or by phone at (650) 949-3390 or online at www.lindentreebooks.com.

PACKARD EXHIBIT IN LOS ALTOS

An exhibit featuring personal artifacts, photographs and interviews of the Lucile and David Packard family will be on display at the Los Altos History Museum until June 22. Admission is free. The museum is open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and is located at 51 S. San Antonio Rd. in downtown Los Altos.

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By Dale F. Bentson

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The decor is sophisticated and stylish with dark woods and deep red leather booths, artsy chandeliers and soft lighting that makes everything and everyone look good. Even the reception area is spacious and well-appointed, foretelling the opulence within.

After we were seated, an appetizer plate with Cabernet-laced tapenade and Pinot Grigio cheese spread appeared while we perused the menu. Within seconds, a waiter inquired about our beverage and water choices. Unfortunately, as we learned throughout the meal, the wait



DANIELLE VERNON

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Sugar snap peas at Fleming's Steakhouse at Stanford Shopping Center.

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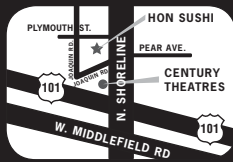
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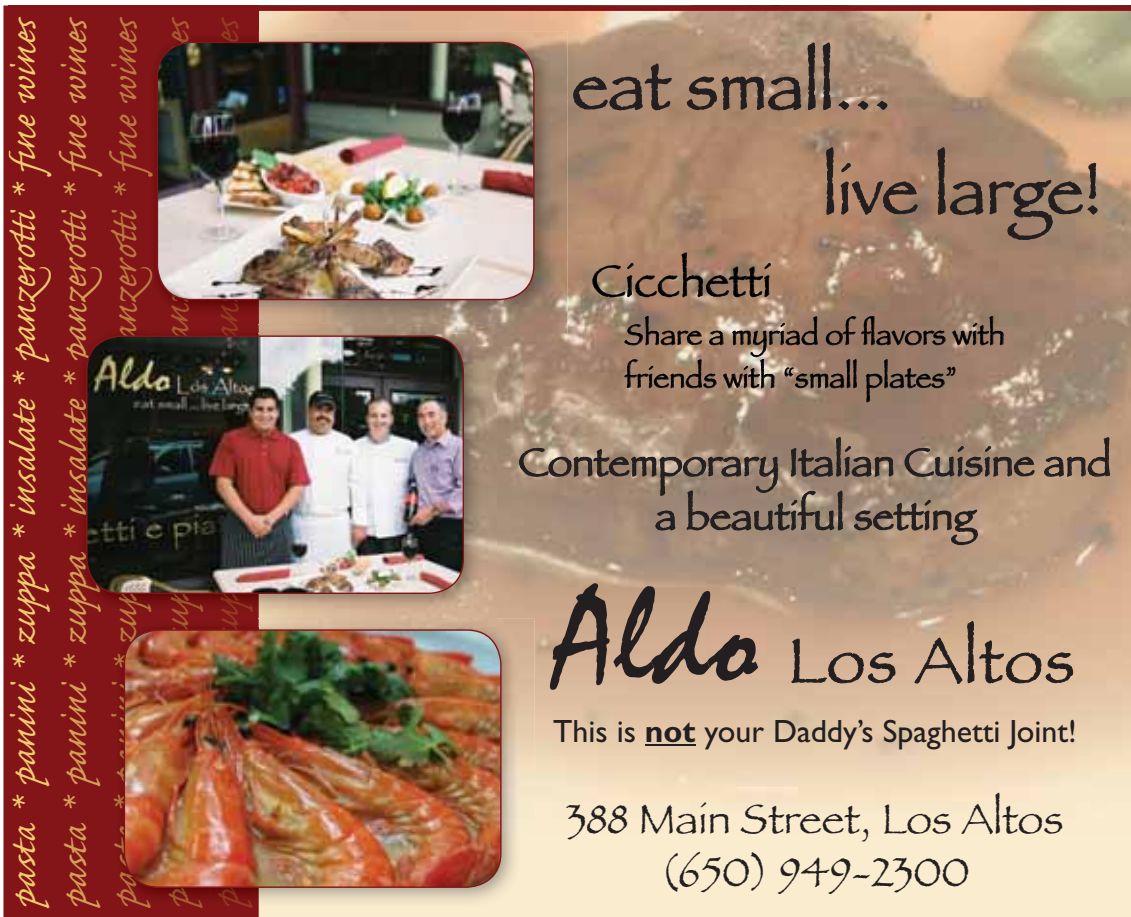
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staff had a tendency to beleaguer rather than serve.

Just about every portion — appetizers, main course, side dishes and desserts — is large enough to share. The menu is so inviting, it is easy to overindulge. By the second visit, we learned to share everything but our main courses.

For starters, the seared ahi tuna (\$14.50) was delicate, nearly melting on the tongue. The spicy mustard that accompanied left me breathless.

Crab cakes (\$16.50) were made from lump crab rather than local Dungeness. Served with roasted red pepper and lime butter sauces, the lightly breaded cakes were grilled golden and loaded with crab.

I enjoyed the Chef's Artisan Cheese & Charcuterie Platter (\$17.95). Salami, prosciutto, three pates and three cheeses graced the plate along with a mini loaf of house-made bread. Surprisingly, the server wasn't sure what the cheeses were and never bothered to find out, but it didn't diminish the enticing platter.

Steaks were buttery, succulent and memorable. Prime-cut and aged up to four weeks, the beef was broiled at 1,600 degrees to seal in

juices and sublime flavors.

Most steaks were available in two sizes. The 16-ounce rib eye was priced at \$38.95; the 22-ounce bone-in rib eye (\$42.95) was melt-in-the-mouth divine. The meat was marbled with fat but not overly so.

The 16-ounce New York strip (\$39.95) was as tender a piece of meat as I have eaten. The bone-in, 20-ounce version was \$43.95. Filet mignons and prime rib were also available, \$29.95-\$37.95.

Three double-thick Australian lamb chops (\$34.95) were perfect as ordered, medium rare, with a warm pink center. The double breast of chicken (\$25.50) was equally delightful. Baked in white wine and sauced with mushrooms, shallots and thyme, the chicken was mouthwatering.

Chef Christopher Bennett is also adept with seafood. New Zealand salmon (\$30.50) featured two large fillets, beautifully seared, and served under a light Cabernet butter sauce.

King crab and scampi (\$29.50) were oversized specimens swathed in garlic, chives and white wine butter sauce. It was a rich, satisfying dish.

Main courses come with no accompaniments, so a side dish or two is recommended. Most fun were the onion rings (\$9.95), which were served as twin tow-

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ers of breaded ringlets. Shoe-string potatoes (\$8.50) came in a very large cone. Both were oodles for two.

Sauteed spinach (\$8.50) helped me convince myself the meal wasn't total decadence. The sugar snap peas (\$8.95) were tossed with delectable chili soy glaze, carrots and red onion.

The staff was large and affable, everyone smiling at everyone else. Except for the parking valet, seemingly the entire workforce visited our table at one point or another. It grew tiresome to give cheery responses with a mouthful of garlic mashed potatoes (\$7.95), and after several visits, it became downright annoying.

A couple of the desserts were worthy; several were not. The cheesecake (\$9.50) was excel-

lent, flaky and slightly sour. Creme brulee (\$8.50) was an eggy, velvety, delicious custard.

The signature Lava Cake (\$10.95) oozed chocolate and was topped with vanilla ice cream and crushed pistachios. It was not worth the anticipation, but perhaps I was just too full to appreciate it.

The wine list is extensive, predominantly Californian, with a few entries from other corners of the wine world. Per-glass prices are one-fourth the bottle price. A reserve wine list with 80 rarer vintages is also available along with a myriad of cocktail choices.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

27 DRESSES ★★1/2
(Century 16, Century 20) Perpetual bridesmaid Jane Nichols (Katherine Heigl) eats, sleeps and breathes the elusive enchantment of weddings. Jane is such a fan that friends and acquaintances look to her for all manner of arduous nuptial planning. To make matters worse, this sincere singleton toils in the taffeta ghetto while nurturing an unhealthy crush on her clueless but hunky boss George (Edward Burns). Salvation arrives in the form of Jane's sister Tess (Malin Akerman), a flighty supermodel who's just what the doctor ordered for support and distraction. At least that was the plan. Tess and George fall head over heels on sight, leaving Jane with a clunky finish to her fantasies and yet another invitation to duty as a not-so-merry maid. Enter Kevin (James Marsden), a cynical journalist who meets Jane at a friend's wedding and considers her plight perfect fodder for his "Commitments" column. There's nothing new to this Cinderella story that telegraphs its routine complications with blithe indifference to its formulaic forerunners. Fortunately the conventional elements are cobbled together with perky panache. And then there are the dresses — 27, to be exact. They're frilly testaments to the romantic secondary and homage to the nice girls who don't always finish last. *Rated: PG-13 for language and mature themes. 1 hour, 47 minutes.* — J.A.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS ★★★
(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, 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. Dave aspires to be a songwriter while suffering through 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 Christmas prop, the chipmunks hitch a ride with Dave. Once Dave hears the trio's harmony, he sees the answer to his songwriting woes. Ian, however, sees the adolescent chipmunks as an opportunity for merchandising dollars. The producer exhausts the singers through endless performances while Dave faces his fear of commitment and growing bond with the chipmunks. A family film with enough clever dialogue to please adults is a 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

MOVIE TIMES

- 27 DRESSES (PG-13)** ★★1/2 Century 16: 1, 2:25, 3:40, 5:05, 6:50, 7:50, 9:35 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 12:20, 1:40, 3, 4:20, 5:40, 7, 8:20 & 9:40 p.m.
- ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG)** ★★1/2 Century 16: 12:40, 3, 5:20 & 7:45 p.m. Century 12: 12:50, 3:20 & 7:05 p.m.
- ATONEMENT (R)** ★★1/2 Century 16: 12:55, 4, 6:55 & 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 1:30, 4:25, 7:15 & 10:15 p.m.
- THE BUCKET LIST (PG-13)** ★ Century 16: 1:35, 4:10, 7 & 9:25 p.m. Century 20: 12:10, 2:35, 5, 7:25 & 9:50 p.m.
- CASSANDRA'S DREAM (PG-13)** ★★ Century 16: 12:30, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m. Century 12: 9:30 p.m.
- CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R)** ★★1/2 Century 16: 1:55, 4:25, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8 & 10:30 p.m.
- CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 12:30, 1:15, 2:45, 3:30, 5, 5:45, 7:15, 8:05, 9:30 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 12:35*, 1:05, 2:15, 2:45*, 3:15, 4:25, 4:55*, 5:25, 6:35, 7:05*, 7:35, 8:45, 9:15* & 9:45 p.m. *Spanish subtitles
- ENCHANTED (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 20: 12:30, 3:05, 5:40 & 8:15 p.m.
- FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 12: 1:50, 5, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.
- THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13)** ★★1/2 Century 16: 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 1:10 & 3:50 p.m.
- THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG-13)** ★★1/2 Century 20: 8:35 p.m.
- HOW SHE MOVE (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 12: 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.
- I AM LEGEND (PG-13)** ★★1/2 Century 20: 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.
- JUNO (PG-13)** ★★1/2 Century 20: Noon, 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 6:45, 8:10 & 10:35 p.m. Aquarius: 1:45, 4, 6:15, 8:20 & 10:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 11:30 a.m.
- THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13)** ★★1/2 Century 20: 7:20 & 10:20 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10:30 p.m.
- MAD MONEY (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 1:45, 4:30, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m. Century 12: 1:20, 4, 7:25 & 10 p.m.
- MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55 & 10:15 p.m. Century 12: 12:45, 1:40, 3, 4:10, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:20 & 10:20 p.m.
- MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)** ★★1/2 Century 16: 1:25, 4:15, 7 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 1:20, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m.
- NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 12:50, 3:50, 7:05 & 10:10 p.m. Century 12: 1:10, 4:20, 7:35 & 10:35 p.m.
- NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R)** ★★1/2 Century 16: 3:30, 7:10 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 1:40, 4:40, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.
- ONE MISSED CALL (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 12: 7:50 & 10:05 p.m.
- THE ORPHANAGE (R)** ★★1/2 Century 20: 2, 4:55, 7:30 & 10:05 p.m.
- P.S. I LOVE YOU (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 12: 12:35 & 3:40 p.m.
- PERSEPOLIS (PG-13)** ★★1/2 Aquarius: 12:15, 2:45, 5, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.
- THE PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING (NOT RATED) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 12:45, 2:55 & 5:10 p.m. Century 12: 12:25, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10 & 9:25 p.m.
- RAMBO (R) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8 & 10:30 p.m. Century 12: 1, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 6, 7:15, 8:30 & 9:45 p.m.
- THE SAVAGES (R)** ★★1/2 Palo Alto Square: 1:40, 4:20 & 7:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10:10 p.m.
- SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R)** ★★ Century 12: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m.
- THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R)** ★★1/2 Century 20: Noon, 2:20, 3:20, 6:45, 9:15 & 10:05 p.m. Guild: 1, 4:30 & 8 p.m.
- UNTRACEABLE (R) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 1:40, 4:55, 7:30 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 12:10, 1:25, 2:40, 3:55, 5:15, 6:35, 7:55, 9:10 & 10:25 p.m.
- THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 20: 12:35, 3:15 & 5:55 p.m.

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- ★ Skip it
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- ★★★ A good bet
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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.

THE BUCKET LIST ★

(Century 16, Century 20) Even A-list heavyweights Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman can't save this terminal tearjerker from itself. Edward Cole (Nicholson) is a cantankerous health-care mogul who owns the hospital where he's being treated for inoperable cancer. Cole is forced to share a room with dying auto mechanic Carter Chambers (Freeman). Chemo treatments and close quarters offer the pair of grumpy old men plenty of opportunity to share their disappointments and their dreams, which flow like lifeblood once both are handed fatal prognoses of a year. What would you do with unlimited resources and 12 months to live? Cole and Chambers buddy up on a kicking-the-bucket wish list that includes skydiving, race-car driving and such wonders of the world as the Taj Mahal. Under the leaden direction of Rob Reiner "Bucket" plays like molasses on meds: slow, superficial and sapped of any spark that might be generated by lifestyles of the rich and famous, or decades of dramatic experience in front of the camera. *Rated: PG-13 for language and mature themes. A mercifully brief 1 hour, 37 minutes.* — J.A.

THERE WILL BE BLOOD

★★★★★ (Guild) Paul Thomas Anderson plays true to form in this raw, original work loosely based on Upton Sinclair's sprawling 1927 novel "Oil!" Daniel Day-Lewis, and only Day-Lewis, possesses the essential gravitas to pull off what is sure to be an award-winning turn as Daniel Plainview, a wily wildcatter in the turn-of-the-century west. As a crude oil hustler, Plainview travels from town to town plundering the land for the rich black pitch that will ultimately make him a millionaire. Plainview pins big hopes on Sunday Ranch, a parcel of parched land that can be had for \$6 an acre by virtue of a cunning snow job on the Sundays themselves, not to mention an entire community of skeptics and the Sundays' sermonizing son, Eli (Paul Dano). The townsfolk ultimately rally round the plan, hoping for a giant strike that will see them rolling in dough. But raping the land reaps its own kind of hell. Visceral, volatile and epic. *Rating: R for extreme violence and language. 2 hours, 38 minutes.* — J.A.

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AUDITIONS

"Yeomen of the Guard" Auditions

Directed by David Euresi and Kenzi Shelby ('10), and featuring Greg Anderson as conductor, the Savoyards' production of "The Yeomen of the Guard" takes place in the Tower of London during the reign of King Henry VIII. Sat., Jan. 26, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Braun Rehearsal Hall, Stanford. http://www.stanford.edu/group/savoyards/

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Health Disease in Women Join Dr. Sutherland will explain the differences between men and women, how to modify risks and what strategies to use for prevention of heart disease. Light refreshments will be served. Wed., Jan. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Women Physicians Ob-Gyn, 2485 Hospital Dr., Suite 221, Mountain View. Call 650-988-7550. Lisa Reid

Negotiating with Kids (3-8 years) This parenting workshop with Sue Dinwiddie, MA, aims to help parents solve adult-child conflicts. Pre-registration required. Tue., Jan. 29, 7-9 p.m. \$30. Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-688-3040. www.parentspplaceonline.org

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Winter Backcountry Travel: Safety and Survival Tips Class will cover how to best prepare for the potential hazards of winter. Wed., Jan. 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. REI Mountain View, 2450 Charleston Road, Mountain View. Call 650-969-1938. www.rei.com/mountainview

Writing Workshop for Activists Louise Dunlap, author of "Undoing the Silence: Six Tools for Social Change Writing," will be giving a workshop for activists. It will include blogging, letters to the editor/public officials, op-eds, etc. Jan. 25-26, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$45 for Sierra Club members; \$65 for nonmembers. Peninsula Conservation Center, 3921 E Bayshore, Palo Alto. Call 650-969-0658.

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Mtn. View Historical Association The guest speaker is Leah McGarrigle, who will talk about the art of interview for oral history. Sun., Feb. 3, 2-3 p.m. Free. Adobe Building, Moffett Blvd. and Central Expy., Mountain View. Call 650-969-1454.

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Redefining the Occupation in Palestine Please join us for a conversation with Mark Turner, founder and director of the Research Journalism Initiative and human rights activist in Nablus, Palestine and Nora Barrows-Friedman, the executive producer and co-host of Flashpoints, KPFA, concerning the role of U.S. corporate media in the Middle East. Tue., Feb. 5, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-8837.

The Many Roles of Educational Assessment Join Carnegie President Lee S. Shulman, Senior Scholar Lloyd Bond and WASC Associate Director Barbara Wright for a community conversation on "Getting in and Getting out of College: The Many Roles of Assessment." Tue., Jan 29, 5:30-8 p.m. Free, RSVP required. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 51 Vista Lane, Stanford. Call 650/566-5104. www.carnegiefoundation.org

Think Clearly and Be Happier Speaker: Author/Research Scientist Mr. Michael Wisner. "The effects of past drugs and toxic substances



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CHRIS COSTANZA AND KUMARAN Arul Chris Costanza and Kumaran Arul present a Rachmaninoff cello sonata. Wed., Jan. 30, 8 p.m. \$10 general, \$5 students. Campbell Recital Hall, Braun Music Center, Stanford. Call 650-723-0038. music.stanford.edu

can dim your life. Get rid of them. Find out how! Free lecture. Discover L. Ron Hubbard's Purification Rundown." Fri., Jan. 25, 7-9 p.m. Free. Life Improvement Center, 331 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-605-9000.

CONCERTS

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Festive Music of Venezuela Topaz presents folkloric music of Venezuela, including callypsos and original compositions. Wine and cheese reception and art exhibit to follow. Tickets 70 percent tax deductible. Benefits the Outreach Ministries of All Saints' Church. Sat., Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m. \$25 general; \$12.50 senior/student. All Saints' Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-380-0961. www.topazmusic.org

Stanford Philharmonia Orchestra The Angst of Shostakovich: Jindong Cai conducts "Prelude for Strings," "Sinfonia for String Orchestra," and "Cello Concerto No. 1" with cello soloist Christopher Costanza. Fri., Jan. 25, 8 p.m. \$10 general, \$5 students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University, Stanford. Call 650-723-0038. music.stanford.edu

DANCE

English Country Dancing Traditional and modern set dances to live music in a contemporary social atmosphere. Beginners welcome. All dances taught, no partner required. First, third and fifth Wednesdays through June. 8-10 p.m. \$9 (students \$5). Flex-It Studio, 425 Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-493-6012.

4th Sat / Live Music Contra Dance Hambo practice before the dance 6-7 p.m. Free Contra dance beginners class 7:30 p.m. Caller: Eric Black. Band: Tim Cape (GA) and Daniel Steinberg. A traditional form of American social folk dance. Open to all. Sat., Jan. 26, 8-11 p.m. \$10, members \$8 students \$5. 1st Church Palo Alto 2Fl, 625 Hamilton and Byron, Palo Alto. Call 650-965-9169. www.BACDS.ORG/NEWCOMERS

Bob Shultz Frisco Jazz Band - Concert/Dance Bob Shultz' Frisco Jazz Band will be performing on at SBTJS's monthly Dixieland concert and dance. Do the Balboa and Lindy on the large dance floor, or just listen and socialize. Full no-host bar and snacks available. Separate

jam sessions-musicians welcome. Sun., Jan. 27, 1-5 p.m. \$10 (\$8 members) Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-368-2462. http://southbayjazz.org

Bulgarian Dance Lesson Tanya Kostova Teaches. Live music with Verna Druzina. Fri., Feb. 1, 8-10 p.m. \$8 regular, \$4 students, under 12 free. Flex-It Aerobics Studio, 425 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-733-5529. http://dance.blochg.com

Scottish Country Dancing Classes Beginning and experienced classes in Scotland's traditional ballroom dance style. Good exercise, no partner necessary, casual attire. Parties with live music. Wednesday evenings in Mountain View. Through May 21, 7:45-10 p.m. \$5 per night. Mt. View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-962-1939. www.mtview-rscds.org

ENVIRONMENT

Global Warming in California and Beyond Dr. Andrew Gunther, Union of Concerned Scientists, discusses the latest data on global warming, its effects on California and recommendations for improvement. Wed., Jan. 30, 7-9 p.m. \$10 voluntary donation. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. www.uucpa.org

Greening Your Home Energy Use: An Acterra Environmental Workshop Learn practical tips and techniques to reduce home energy use from local experts Tom Warner and Suzanne Emerson. Includes a house tour and hands-on demos on using heat, hot water, appliances, electronics in most rooms more efficiently. Held in an award-winning passive solar home. Sat., Jan. 26, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$10 general, \$5 Acterra Members, or become a member on this night and admission is free. Private location, please RSVP for details., Palo Alto. Call 650-962-9876 ext. 306. www.acterra.org

Tree Planting Meet in parking lot. Instructions on how to plant a tree and tools will be provided. Wear clothes that can get dirty and sturdy shoes. Snacks and water will be provided. This will mark the second year anniversary for Mountain View Trees, a nonprofit group of volunteers. Sat., Jan. 26, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Whisman Sports Pavilion, 500 Middlefield Road, Mountain View.

EXHIBITS

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum Museum displays memorabilia,

artifacts, photos and aircraft models; tours of museum and view of the exterior of Hangar One. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed.-Sat. Free. Moffett Field Historical Society Museum, Building 126, Moffett Federal Airfield, off Highway 101, Mountain View.

Stanford Art Spaces "A Blast of Color." Paintings by Annie Armstrong and by Jill Jeannides and paintings and mixed media by Robert Schimke on exhibit Dec. 7 to Feb. 7. Reception at CIS Dec. 14 from 5-7 p.m. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Free. Center for Integrated Systems Gallery, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 650-725-3622. http://cis.stanford/~marigros

Toys from the Attic MOAH presents an eclectic collection of the toys from the past. Through Feb. 24. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Annual Storytelling Festival Storytellers from all around the Bay Area will be sharing their favorite tales in the new Tree Top Room for all to hear. Sun., Jan. 27, 1-4:45 p.m. Free. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

Babies and Books A workshop for pre-walking infants and their parents featuring books, music, lap bounces, nursery rhymes and parenting resources. There's time for discussion, practice, play and socializing for parents and babies. Thu., Jan. 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7054. http://library.mountainview.gov

Outer Space Story Time Outer-space themed story and craft time. Sun., Jan. 27, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

FILM

"Our Daily Bread" Part of "The Ethics of Food and the Environment" series. Post-film discussion led by Scotty McLennan (Dean for Religious Life). Thu., Jan. 31, 7-10 p.m. Free. Annenberg Auditorium (Cummings Art Building), Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-0997. http://ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

HEALTH

Forum on Health Care Crisis A coalition of community groups will present a forum titled "Caring for the Common Good: Healthcare Crisis in our Own Backyard." Panelists will address steps one can take to tackle the problem. Sun., Jan. 27, 2-5 p.m. Free. Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-856-7985. www.betham.org

Lick the Sugar Habit "How to break free from sugar dependency." Sat., Jan. 26, 10-11 a.m. Free. Integrative Nutrition and Wellness Center, 277 Castro St., Mountain View.

Relief for Arthritis Tips on arthritis treatment. 6-7 p.m. Free. Integrative Nutrition and Wellness Center, 277 Castro St., Mountain View.

LIVE MUSIC

Mike Bastian's Pentimento Jazz American jazz classics. Sun., Jan. 27, 6-9 p.m. Free. Lavanda Wine Bar and Restaurant, 185 University Ave., Palo Alto. www.lavandarestaurant.com

ON STAGE

"The Giver" at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre Based on the award-winning children's book "The Giver" tells of a world where everyone is happy. Jonas becomes the community's Receiver of Memories and discovers the truth about his "perfect" world. Plays Fri., Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 2, at 2:30 p.m.;

Thu. Feb. 7, at 4:30 p.m.; Fri., Feb. 8, at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. \$8 adult, \$4 child. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930. http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/csd/activities_and_recreation/attractions/childrens_theatre.asp

"The Real Thing" Tom Stoppard's "The Real Thing" examines the pain and passion love brings into ordinary lives. Performs Jan. 31-Feb. 23. 8 p.m. \$22-\$32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.busbarn.org

"Third" TheatreWorks honors Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein by producing her final play, the comic drama "Third." Wed., January 16 through Sun., February 10, Tue.-Wed., 7:30 p.m., Thu. n Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 and 7 p.m. \$20-56. TheatreWorks at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

RELIGION/ SPIRITUALITY

Challenge of Climate Change Feb. 3: Peter Dreikmeier on Climate and Local Govt; Feb. 10: Nan Swanson on Spiritual Implications of Climate Change; Feb. 17: M. Rosenbloom on Greening 1st Pres; Feb. 24: K. Durham and M. Okuzumi on Environment and transit; March 2: Don Hildenbrand on Alt. Energy Tech; March 9: Laura Stec on Buying and Preparing locally grown food. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call 650-325-5659. www.fprensa.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Murder Mystery Dinner Eat a gourmet, three-course dinner designed by an executive European chef while deciphering clues to a murder mystery. Prizes for those who solve the mystery and reveal the identity of the killer. Open to ages 13 and older. Sat., Feb. 2, 6-9 p.m. \$60. Zucca Restaurant, 541 Bryant Ave., Palo Alto. Call 408-396-8262. www.JennsWeddingsAndEvents.com

SPORTS

MVLA U8 Boys Soccer Tryout Boys born Aug. 1, 1999-July 31, 2000 are invited to tryout for this MVLA U8 Boys Soccer Program. Tryouts will take place on Sun. Jan. 27, 3:30-5 p.m. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-799-2962.

SUPPORT GROUPS

DBSA Bipolar/Unipolar Support Group DBSA Bipolar and Depression Support Group for consumers only. First, second and third Wednesdays of month, ongoing. Katherine Lerer, Facilitator. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. DBSA Bipolar/Unipolar Support Group, 4153A El Camino Way, Palo

Alto. Call 650-326-6313. www.DBSAPaloAlto.org

TALKS/AUTHORS

Michael Shermer at Books Inc. Meet author and psychologist Michael Shermer, whose new book "The Mind of the Market: Compassionate Apes, Competitive Humans, and Other Tales from Evolutionary Economics," explains how evolution shaped the modern economy. Fri., Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net

Political Violence and the Work of Robert Conquest Paul Hollander, prof. emeritus of sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Center Assoc., The Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University. This lecture will reassess contributions Robert Conquest has made to understanding the Soviet system and its political violence. Mon., Jan. 28, 12-1:15 p.m. Free. Stanford University, Building 240, Room 101, Stanford. Call 650-725-2563. <http://crees.stanford.edu/events/index.html>

Stanford Center on Ethics "Beyond Band-Aids: Curing the Sick American Health Care System." A talk on health care reform by Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, PhD, chair of the Department of Bioethics at The Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health. Tue., Jan. 29, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Stanford Law School, 559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford. Call 650-736-1313. ethics.stanford.edu

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Sandbag Saturday Volunteers are being sought to assist the City of Palo Alto with sandbags. Assist making or delivering to those unable to lift. Sat., Jan. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 3201 East Bayshore, Palo Alto. Call 650-617-3197.

Volunteer guide opportunity Volunteer to introduce children to nature, an organic garden and farm animals. No experience needed. Training is provided. Opportunities ongoing. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos. Call 650-949-8655. www.hiddenvilla.org

Volunteer Rangers Shoreline at Mountain View seeks volunteer rangers to educate the public and assist visitors at the 750-acre wildlife/recreation area and nearby Stevens Creek Trail. Flexible scheduling for gatehouse, bicycle and/or foot patrol positions. City of Mountain View, 3070 N. Shoreline, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6073. <http://www.ci.mountainview.ca.us/>

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

THE GROWTH GROUP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 503532
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, The Growth Group, 652 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040:

ELLIOTT DAHAN
KATHLEEN DAHAN
652 Cuesta Dr.
Mountain View, CA 94040

This business is being conducted by husband & wife.

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on January 1, 2000.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk/Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 24, 2007.

(Voice Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008)

WILLIAM PUBLISHING COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 503152

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, William Publishing Company, 657 Alberta Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087:

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Sunnyvale, CA 94087

This business is being conducted by an individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk/Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 4, 2008.

(Voice Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 2008)

NOR CAL FIBERGLASS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 503866

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Nor Cal Fiberglass, 2515 Nedson Ct., Mountain View, CA 94043, County of Santa Clara:

Corby Pools, Inc.
2515 Nedson Ct.
Mountain View, CA 94043

This business is being conducted by a corporation.

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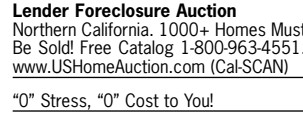
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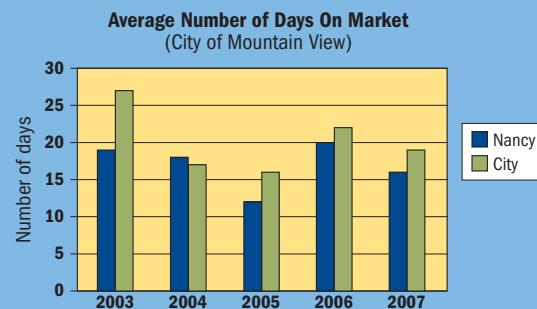
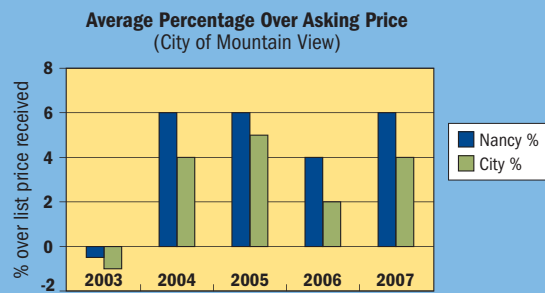
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Santa Clara: CORBY GOULD POOLS, INC. 2515 Nedson Ct. Mountain View, CA 94043. This business is being conducted by a corporation.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 4, 2008. (Voice Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 2008)

RONALD G. SEGER, O.D. and JENIFER E. L. WEBB, O.D., FAMILY VISION CARE. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 504214.

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Ronald G. Seger, O.D. and Jenifer E. L. Webb, O.D., Family Vision Care, 1150 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:

RONALD G. SEGER 715 Glenborough Dr. Mountain View, CA 94041. JENIFER E. L. WEBB 1309 Bronwen Way Campbell, CA 95008.

This business is being conducted by a general partnership. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 01/01/2008.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 14, 2008. (Voice Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2008)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGARET HUNTER YOUNG, aka MARGARET H. YOUNG. FILE No. 1-08-PR-162604. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARGARET HUNTER YOUNG, aka MARGARET H. YOUNG. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: JACQUELINE ANN LIEBMANN in the

Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JACQUELINE ANN LIEBMANN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and any codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the

granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ David W. Knapp, Jr., Bar 45447 1093 Lincoln Ave. San Jose, CA 95125 (408)298-3838 (Voice Jan. 11, 18, 25, 2008)

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Updated end unit with vaulted ceilings. Updated kitchen & bathrooms. Indoor laundry. Large private yard with garage. Outdoor spa. Close to downtown.
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1519 TODD ST \$1,269,000
Mtn View Charmer! Los Altos schools, remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, skylights, large dual-paned windows, tons of light, large master suite w/vaulted ceilings, professionally landscaped!
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444 LASSEN STREET #11 \$795,000
Remodeled upstairs end unit with chef's kitchen, separate dining, balcony, fireplace, air conditioning, laundry hook-ups inside, 1349 sf, downtown!
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1945 LAVER CT \$1,695,000
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3 BR 2.5 BA Home on tranquil court in desirable Highlands 2,034 sq ft living space on 11,500 square ft lot. New paint, carpet, tile, refinished hrdwd flrs.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW
SPARKLING TOWNHOME \$699,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Move in ready townhome offers two master bedrooms. Two balconies. Back deck off dining room. Front yard patio. Vaulted ceilings & designer carpet.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW
CHARMING TOP FLOOR CONDO \$349,000
1 BR 1 BA Spacious liv rm w/bt-in. Din area w/ sliding dr opens to balcony. Updated kit & bath. Good sized bdrm w/ full wall closet. Pool and clubhouse.
Ric Parker 650.948.0456

SAN JOSE
MIDTOWN CHARMER \$499,950
2 BR 1 BA Charming home offers 820+ sq. ft. with new carpet, paint & electrical. Remodeled kitchen has new appliances. New heater. Large basement. Garage.
John Bialy 650.941.7040

EAST PALO ALTO
1546 BAY RD \$499,950
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA On level lot! Remod in 2000! Look no further! Spacious kit. Skylight. New interior paint. Living rm w/tp. Sep din rm off kitchen. Sep fam room.
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COUNTRY CLUB LOCATION \$1,598,000
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448 MOUNTAIN LAUREL CT \$688,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2.5 BA Granite kitchen counters. New carpet, paint & vinyl. Living room with fireplace. Eat in kitchen. Inside w/d hook-ups. Attached garage + parking space.
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505 CYPRESS POINT DR #118 \$349,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
1 BR 1 BA Overlooks grnbelt. hrdwd flrs. Remod kit w/granite counters & maple cabinets. Tile kit & bath floors. Beaut. Cypress Point Lakes. Close to Downtown.
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BEAUTIFUL DOWNSTAIRS UNIT \$399,000
3 BR 2 BA Downstairs unit w/central A/C. Upgraded kit & baths. Open flr plan, bright & cozy. Inside laundry. 2 covrd parking. Close to shops & freeway.
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GILROY
1174 SPRIG WAY \$879,900
SAT/SUN 1:00 - 4:00
5 BR 3 BA Steel frame! New Construction! One of 3 hms. Granite kit, 2 sided bdrm fp in mstr & retreat, 2 mstr closets. Hdwd, carpet, tile, alarm, front rear yd.
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A PLACETO CALL HOME \$909,000
3 BR 2 BA Brand new condos with Los Altos schools. Maple cabinetry with granite countertops & stainless steel appliances. Anderson windows & doors. Large patio.
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1921 ROCK ST, UNIT 4 \$579,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 1.5 BA Stunning new kitchen and master bath. New pergo and carpet throughout, paint, crown molding, private patio, easy access to 101. For sale or lease.
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2625 MARSHALL DR \$2,495,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
5 BR 4.5 BA Gourmet kit, S/S appl, granite, hwd flrs, marble, custom tile, fireplaces in LR & FR, ctrl vac, bkft nook, sep. Indry, French country influence.
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BRIGHT CHEERFUL CONDO \$373,000
1 BR 1 BA Outstanding top floor location. 1-car garage & balcony. New paint thruout. Mirrored closets, ceiling fans, close proximity to freeways, parks & shops.
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1194 SPRIG WAY \$869,900
SAT/SUN 1:00 - 4:00
5 BR 3 BA New construction! One of three hms. Granite kit, 2 fp, 2 mstr closets. Hardwd, tile, alarm. Carpet, light fixrs. Lndscpd front & rear yds w/sprinklr.
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201 FLYNN AVE #2 \$569,999
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA 1200+ sq ft! Remodeled kitchen, granite counters & Viking Stove. Open floor plan, Wood laminate floors & fireplace. Spacious patio. Bedrooms & Laundry upstairs.
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808 PARK BOULVARD #W102 \$699,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2BR/2.5BA UPDATED PA CENTRAL TOWNHOM. Laminate Flrs, Granite Kit, New Carpet & Paint. Lrg Liv Rm w/FP/Vaulted ceilings. Private Patio
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HAMPTON PLACE CONDO \$438,000
2 BR 2 BA In the center of a gated park-like community. Complex pool, spa & clubhouse. Kitchen with granite counters. New paint & carpet. Approx. 1,060+ sq. ft.
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1184 SPRIG WAY \$849,900
SAT/SUN 1:00 - 4:00
5 BR 3 BA New construction. Granite kit, refrig incl. 2 fp, 2 mstr closets. Hardwd, tile, alarm. Carpet, light fixrs. Lndscpd front & rear yards w/sprinklr.
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3 BR 2 BA Brand new condos with Los Altos schools. Maple cabinetry with granite countertops & stainless steel appliances. Anderson windows & doors. Large patio.
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REMODELED OLD MILL CONDO \$536,000
2 BR 2 BA New kitchen & bath. Inside laundry hook-ups. Secure building with underground parking. Living room with fireplace. Private balcony. Los Altos schools!
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2583 PARK BOULVARD #W102 \$699,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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STUNNING EICHLER \$899,000
4 BR 2 BA Expansive Eichler offers approx. 2,150 sq. ft. Gorgeous master bath, six operational skylights & enclosed airplan. Cherry Chase School, Homestead High.
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5 BR 4 BA Julia Morgan-style home on gated acre near Village. Built by RJ Dailey. Walls of glass, 60' entry, wine cave, billiard room, theatre, terraces & pool.
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12125 OAK PARK CT \$4,380,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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365 S FAIROAKS AV \$695,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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946 MERCEDES AV \$2,980,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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MOUNTAIN VIEW
1447 BONITA AVE \$1,099,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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765 N RENGSTORFF AV #1 \$439,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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1217 BLACKBERRY TERRACE \$599,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Remodeled kitchen & baths. Granite countrs & tiled floors. Spacious & bright open floor plan. Top schools. Living room w/tp. 2 large patios.
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989 STANLEY AV \$2,599,000
SAT/SUN 1 - 4
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CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN \$959,000
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