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Lieber ditches county race

By Daniel DeBolt

Sally Lieber has announced she is withdrawing from the county Board of Supervisor's race and throwing her support behind fellow Democrat and District 5 incumbent Liz Kniss.

The move leaves Lieber, a former Mountain View mayor who is termed out of the state Assembly this year, with no plans for holding office until 2012. However, she said Tuesday that she will remain active in politics.

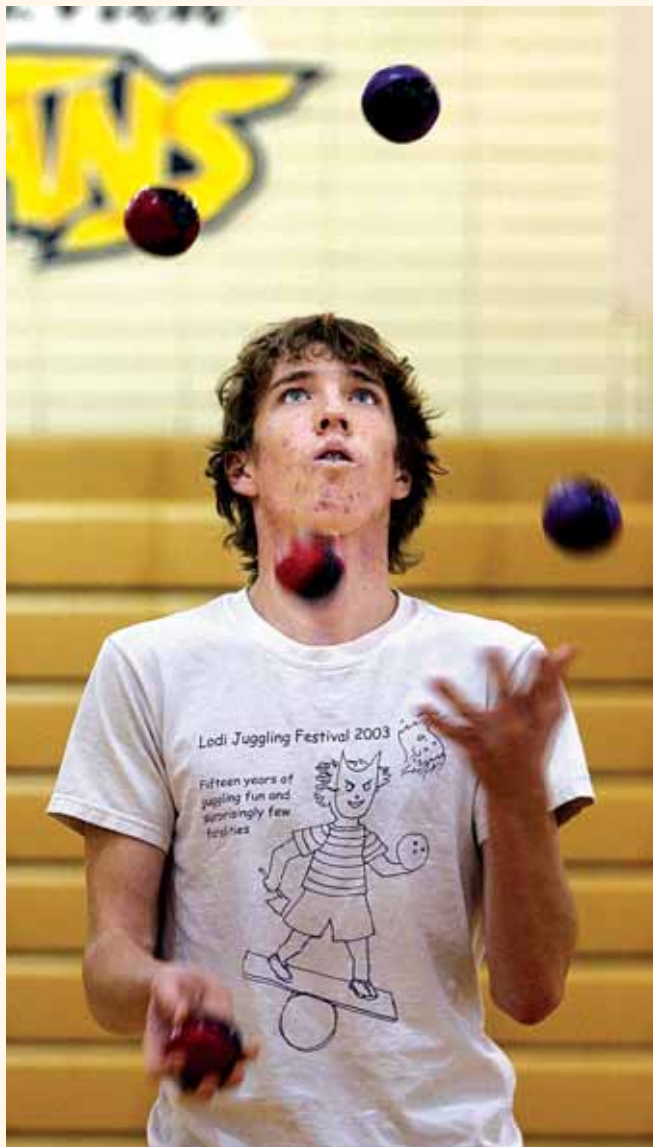
"Clearly I'm interested in staying in public service and will ultimately be working on a campaign," Lieber told the *Voice*. The state Senate race is "the race I'm focused on. That's obviously a major undertaking."

Lieber would have run for reelection in the Assembly had voters passed Proposition 93, a measure extending term limits for current office-holders. On Feb. 6, the day after the measure was defeated, she renewed vows to take on Kniss for the District 5 seat, but recanted Saturday.

Although Assembly members often run for state Senate after terming out, Lieber had decided not to run against her friend, Sen. Elaine Alquist. Lieber currently plans not to run for office again until 2012, when Alquist terms out.

As the Assembly's speaker pro-tempore, Lieber claims to have reached the highest state office of anyone from Santa Clara County. Her six years in Sacramento include efforts to raise the state's minimum wage, improve women's

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NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

THE TALENT: *Garth Van De Vanter, above, and Jessica Yang, Kenzie Tankersley and Lauren Kato, below, perform during the annual MVHS Talent Show on Friday.*



City frees up its BMR funds

MONEY TALK AT CITY HALL ALSO INCLUDES POLICE AUDIT, OMINOUS BUDGET FORECAST

By Daniel DeBolt

After getting input from a housing consultant, two focus groups, the environmental planning commission and four council study sessions, the City Council on Tuesday decided to spend much of its \$7 million BMR fund on affordable housing strategies, including a loan program for first-time homebuyers and public employees.

The council voted 4-3 to spend \$1 million annually for the loan program, with Mayor Tom Means and members Matt Pear and Nick Galiotto opposed. The loan amounts have yet to be decided, but in other cities they average \$25,000 to \$75,000 and help lower income residents and public employees make down payments.

Foothill College Professor Sam Connell, who waited patiently to speak for several hours with his young daughter in tow, said he was an example of who the city would be helping if the council were to approve the loan program.

"I make a good living, but I would never be able to afford a home in your community," he said.

Council member Margaret Abekoga enthusiastically supported the loan program, especially for public safety employees. She noted that in the event of a citywide emergency, it's best to have first responders living in the city proper.

Pear argued that the city was driving up the cost of housing with its affordable housing programs, and said the city should give its

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Slain youth remembered

POLICE TIGHT-LIPPED ON MURDER OF JEFFREY JOHNSON

By Nicole Baldocchi

More than 100 grieving friends and family members gathered at St. Simon Church last Friday to attend the funeral service of Jeffrey Johnson, the 20-year-old Mountain View man fatally shot in Old Mountain View.

Former Mountain View High School classmates, friends, parents of friends and others had nothing but cheerful stories and memories to share about Johnson, who was known as an easygoing, fun-loving friend to many.

Danielle Rokitta, a staff member at Mountain View High, where Johnson graduated in 2005,



Jeffrey Johnson

remembered him as a "witty, joyful, silly, kind, hilarious and charming young man."

His brother, Brett Johnson, described Jeff as always being able to turn a negative into a positive. He wasn't just a brother, he was his best friend, Brett said.

Johnson died after being shot Feb. 7 under mysterious circumstances. According to police, the incident started on the 700 block of Ehrhorn Avenue near Calderon Avenue and El Camino Real, where officers

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

What's the best way to support our troops?



"Giving them more support in making sure they know we appreciate what they're doing is the best way."
Taylor Johnson, Palo Alto



"Getting them out of there with adequate after-care."
Annie Capitant, Menlo Park



"I just don't think there is a reason for them to be there."
Bruma Medeiros, Mountain View
 with **Adriana Monteros, San Jose**



"We should first support our troops by taking care of all the injured and also make sure they get adequate leave."
Don Holevoet, New Haven, Conn.



"The best thing would be to make a good plan to get them out in a good fashion without undoing anything we've managed to do that was good."
Elaine Piraino-Holevoet, New Haven, Conn.

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LocalNews

CRIMEWATCH

GRAND THEFT, 800 BLOCK W. EL CAMINO REAL, 2/15

A computer was stolen from an office before closing time. Police say detectives are still investigating this.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT, 200 BLOCK ESCUELA AVE., 2/13

A report of disturbance and loud noise was made. Officers arrived at a complex where three people were seen drinking. Juan Gabriel Cornelio, 29, was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public.

VANDALISM, 1800 BLOCK VILLA ST., 2/15

Someone smashed the windshield of a truck. Nothing was taken.

POLICELOG

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California St./S. Rengstorff Ave., 2/12
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San Antonio Road/Terminal Boulevard, 2/16

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2200 Block Rock St., 2/14
200 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 2/16
Monte Carlo Club, 2/17

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DISORDERLY CONDUCT

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100 Block Pacchetti Way, 2/12
1000 N. Rengstorff Ave., 2/13
120 Block E. El Camino Real, 2/15
100 Block Cottonwood Ct., 2/18

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1300 Block Shorebird Way, 2/14
3500 Block Truman Ave., 2/14
100 E. Middlefield Rd., 2/14
800 Block W. El Camino Real, 2/15
Spectra Physics, 2/17

VANDALISM

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By Don Frances

AS THE LATEST winter storm dumps on Mountain View, editorial intern Nicole Baldocchi files this report on how a local coffee klatch is helping the homeless stay warm:

Every Wednesday night, a knitting and crocheting group meets at the Red Rock Cafe to make scarves and other warm things to give to EHC Lifebuilders, a nonprofit which runs the Sunnyvale cold-weather shelter.

The group, “Stitching up Spirits,” meets at 7 p.m. until closing time. They share knitting and crocheting tips, techniques and patterns. All ages and skill levels are welcome; just bring yarn and needles.

For more information, see the Yahoo group page at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Stitching_up_Spirits. Red Rock Cafe is located at 201 Castro Street.

I FEEL OBLIGED to disclose a little more about the nice action shots on today’s front page.

The photos were taken Friday, Feb. 15 at the Mountain View High School Talent Show 2008.

Besides jugglers and dancers, the acts included plenty of music and high jinks. Members of Mountain View High’s Associated Student Body organized the show, entertained the audience during the 30 second breaks between acts, and chose a winner to receive the \$50 first place prize. Unlike past MVHS talent shows, this was not a fundraiser, and students attended for free. ■

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



MARJAN SADOUGH

The Raging Grannies sing protest songs at a local military recruiting center during last Friday’s demonstration.

Protesters clash at Army recruitment center

By Daniel DeBolt and Don Kazak

Dozens of people flocked to Mountain View’s U.S. Army Career Center on Friday to stage a protest

— some to protest the presence of military recruiters in Mountain View, others to protest the protesters.

Taking their cue from last week’s controversy in Berkeley over military recruiters there

— a story which drew national attention, right-wing ire and a debate in Congress — local anti-war groups Mountain View Voices for Peace and the Raging Grannies, along with the Peninsula Peace and Justice

Center in Palo Alto, organized the event.

The decision to protest was made in part because recruiters are “invading our schools” and

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Foothill-De Anza finds new HR chief

DORENE NOVOTNY HAS STRONG BACKGROUND IN MEDIATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

By Casey Weiss

Foothill-De Anza community college administrators appointed a new chancellor of human resources and equal opportunity this month, ending a search of more than six months.

Dorene Novotny, former associate vice president for human resources at Tacoma Community College, started her new position at the district on Feb. 11. Novotny has training in diversity and equity



Dorene Novotny

hiring and has experienced software system upgrades — two important issues now facing administrators, according to the district, which

is transitioning to a new human resources software system.

“We wanted a top-notch human

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Google manager joins school board

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN PICKS ‘MATH GURU’ EDWARD BAILEY TO FILL VACANCY

By Casey Weiss

With the local elementary school district facing steep budget cuts, last week its board of trustees appointed a local parent with a background in math and business to fill its vacancy.

Edward Bailey will be sworn in at the end of the month to replace Mountain View Whisman trustee RoseMary Sias Roquero, who is stepping down for personal



Edward Bailey

reasons. Bailey will finish out the term, which ends this December.

“I have been passionate about education all my life,”

he said. “I believe the reason I am in the position I am today is my public education. I want to give

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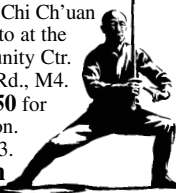


A recent Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph Church "was filled with veils, ties, and parents making sure their children were looking their very best for their first Eucharist," wrote James T. "Relatives and family friends came to video tape this beautiful event, parents were happy and cheerful watching their children as they walked down the aisle."

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COUNCIL

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money to the county's loan program, because creating another task for city employees was expensive and passed the cost onto other homeowners.

"The reality is that city government has made housing expensive," Pear said.

In response to that sentiment, member Jac Siegel said, "Who is really subsidizing it? We could debate that forever."

Also, as part of the city's affordable housing strategy, the council allocated \$4.5 million for the yet-to-be-approved Habitat for Humanity project on Whisman and Middlefield Roads. The family affordable housing project on Evelyn Avenue was also allocated minor funding, even though "slightly above threshold levels" of TCE were recently found on the site, according to the staff report. Means and Pear opposed both measures.

Budget shortfall predicted

Although the city of Mountain View is \$5 million under budget this year, a budget shortfall is predicted in 2008-09 that could result in up to \$1 million in cuts if measures aren't taken to raise revenues, according to a mid-year budget report revealed Tuesday.

City officials said sales tax revenue growth continues to stagnate, state funding may be cut soon, city employee costs are rising with new union contracts, and the general state of the economy looks uncertain.

Finance director Bob Locke said that due to these factors, the \$1 million coming from Google this year for its Charleston East property lease is "very important" for the city's general fund.

Also presented Tuesday night were possibilities for a bond measure to raise funds for several city projects that are lacking funds, including a new community and teen center and the Stevens Creek Trail extension to Mountain View High School.

The city hasn't considered borrowing money to this degree in decades.

"It's quite surprising what we have done with no debt issued or taxes raised over the last 15 years," said city manager Kevin Duggan.

Regarding the city's revenue growth over the last few years, Duggan said, "Our period of good times has only appeared to have lasted a couple of years."

Police comparison

Also Tuesday, the effectiveness and cost of the city's police department was compared to neighboring city's departments in what

was billed as the first of a series of department cost reviews.

Police Chief Scott Vermeer said the "high-level snapshot" of data gives a sense that "we're not out of whack in any way, but that's probably all it tells you."

Mountain View was compared to Milpitas, Redwood City and Palo Alto and found to have the lowest per-capita cost for police services at \$291. Among other things, the data showed that Mountain View police were second only to Redwood City in terms of "clearing" violent crimes in 2005 (the only year data was available), with 58 percent of violent crimes being resolved in some way, such as an arrest. Redwood City cleared 63 percent, Palo Alto 48 percent, and Milpitas 46 percent.

Of those cities, Mountain View also had the second highest number of violent crimes in 2005 — 302 versus Redwood City's 388.

Two of the city's administrative analysts said they spent about 200 hours gathering the data from the other cities, causing several council members to question whether the reviews should continue for every city department. Abe-Koga said that would take nine years to audit every department as planned. Member Ronit Bryant said that despite the difficulties, it was part of the city's "due diligence" to do such analysis. ■

LIEBER

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health, reduce greenhouse gases and improve prison conditions.

While Kniss has already collected a long list of endorsements and raised more than \$200,000 for the upcoming campaign, Lieber said she had not done any active campaigning or asked anyone for an endorsement. Kniss is currently running unopposed for her third four-year term.

Lieber said she wants to work from the sidelines to help the county through its continuing budget problems, an idea which Kniss supports.

"I'm delighted to have Sally's support and endorsement," Kniss said. "I do look forward to working with her. We will need to work together, as this is going to be a hard year."

Lieber said her to-do list is very long, and includes issues larger than Santa Clara County — for example, working with the new U.S. president to support women's rights around the world.

"We're going to have a new administration coming into Washington," Lieber said. "We've seen our international policies at that level not doing their part to work on empowering women in developing countries."

Back at the county level, Lieber is advocating a measure on the November ballot that will raise

taxes for county services. "That's why I've endorsed Liz Kniss' candidacy and look forward to working with her," she said.

Kniss said the focus of her campaign is "Budget cuts, budget cuts, budget cuts." However, she was skeptical that a ballot measure to raise taxes would gain enough support to pass this year.

"It's not hard to read the tea leaves," she said. "The housing market has stalled. I think when you know everybody's pocketbook is getting thin, that's not the time you ask for a tax hike."

The two don't always see eye-to-eye. Lieber says that while the county is enduring severe budget problems, "Expenditures in terms of administrative salaries have gone up very dramatically," with a growing number of county administrators pulling down salaries of more than \$100,000. A new focus needs to be made on the "frontline" services, she said.

Kniss had a different take.

"We've literally cut every year I've been there," she said. "Cutting is not anything new for us." She later added that the county has already "cut substantially from our management team."

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responded to reports of gunshots and several vehicles fleeing the scene at about 7 p.m.

Seconds later, a white sport utility vehicle traveling southbound on El Camino Real drifted across all lanes and the center divider, striking two vehicles before coming to rest. Johnson, the driver of the SUV, was transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead from a gunshot wound to the torso, police said. A passenger in the SUV, described as a man in his 20s, left the vehicle but is not considered a suspect.

At about 7:30 p.m., a local hospital notified the Mountain View Police Department that a second shooting victim was there. That victim sustained non-life threatening injuries and is not considered a suspect, police said.

Last week, police described the suspects of both shootings as Hispanic men in their 20s, and said they may have fled the scene in a dark-colored sedan. Anyone with information is asked to call (650) 903-6344.

Police said Tuesday that until arrests are made they cannot divulge details about the double shooting.

"We can't discuss what we believe would be the motive," said police spokesperson Liz Wylie. "We definitely have ideas and leads, but we can't go into detail about any of it."

In an e-mail, she added that "We have not arrested anybody for the homicide." Wylie said police would not release the names of witnesses, because "At this point the case is so sensitive and dynamic ... we are concerned for the safety of our three witnesses."

Those who went up to speak at the funeral seemed to be in shock over his death.

"He always preferred the social to the academic; he was a bright kid who learned quickly," said Skip Johnson, Jeffrey's father, who ended his comments by asking everyone for a favor: that everyone present let others know how much they care about them.

Jeffrey Karl Johnson was born Oct. 10, 1987. He attended Oak Elementary, Blach Intermediate and Mountain View High School. He leaves his parents, Skip and Ann; his brother Brett; and hundreds of friends and loved ones.

"It's always going to be a little different now. We'll miss you, Jeff," said his uncle, John Mercer. ■

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Family seeks help after horrific ski accident

By Nicole Baldocchi

Mountain View resident Mary Cummings, a massage therapist who loves the outdoors, was on vacation with family on Christmas Day, skiing a steep run at Northstar ski resort in Truckee.

Cummings, 56, was an expert skier, but on that day something went wrong. She slammed into a tree, suffering devastating injuries which left her nearly paralyzed.

"She's always been the healer, not the one in need of healing," said her daughter Andrea Cummings, 22. "It's bizarre to see her in such a vulnerable state. She's the type of person who never slows down, so this experience has taught her to be patient."

After 32 days at a hospital in Reno, where she underwent multiple surgeries, Cummings was brought home to Mountain View to recover.

Besides her recuperation, the family has another problem to worry about: Cummings does not have health insurance. Although she has just applied for MediCal benefits and is awaiting a decision, a fund has been established at Washington Mutual in downtown Los Altos for those willing to help in this time of need.

According to her daughter, Cummings has little feeling in her face and cannot move without tiring. It is not known how much time she will need to recover.

"There was so much nerve damage on the left side of her face that it appears paralyzed," Andrea said. "Her left eye does not open completely. She has trouble eating and speaking as she cannot feel her mouth."


"I'm really glad she's alive," she added. "She's come such a long way in my eyes; she looks amazing. She's such a strong individual." ■

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Novelist tells the inside story

ANN PACKER SHARES HER TECHNIQUES DURING ANNUAL WRITERS WEEK AT LAHS

By Casey Weiss

Nearly 15 years ago, Peninsula author Ann Packer imagined a vague scene with a father and boy waiting in a hospital corridor. For years she occasionally returned to the image to develop a character.

At a reading last week at Los Altos High School, Packer told students, parents and teachers that her love of words, and interest in depicting how people react to unbearable situations, kept her writing — until she turned that scene into her latest novel, “Songs Without Words.”

Packer, acting as keynote speaker in the high school’s annual Writers Week, read selections and discussed the writing processes for this novel and her two other books, “A Dive from Clausen’s Pier” and “Mendocino.”

“I knew they were angry with each other, but that is all I knew,” she said about the characters in her hospital scene. “I wanted to invent a story.”

Los Altos resident Lee Cul-

linan Wooldridge started Writers Week — when writers of all kinds come to campus to read from their work and discuss the art of writing with English students — in 1986 as a memorial to her son. Since then, hundreds of writers, including national best-sellers such as Packer, Amy Tan, Andrew Sean Greer and Daniel Handler, have visited the school.

Every English class has several writers come to read and discuss their lives during the week, which is now sponsored by the PTA. Packer was the featured writer this time, with her community reading and discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 13 in Eagle Theater.

This time, more than 30 writers participated in Writers Week, held from Feb. 11 to 15. These included Stanford fellows, *San Jose Mercury News* reporters, local poets and television broadcasters. Many of the speakers had attended the high school.

Packer, a Palo Alto native, Gunn High School alumna and San Carlos resident, discussed

her use of many local images in “Songs Without Words,” which she officially started working on in 2002 and published five years later. The novel explores the strength of a life-long friendship of two girls as they grow older and one faces a family crisis. The characters, Sarabeth and Liz, attend high school in Palo Alto, and stay in the Bay Area after college.

“Trying to invent a setting is hard,” Packer said. “You want it to feel like a place, as opposed to a fragment of places.”

The way people react to challenges is a common theme in Packer’s writing. During her collection of short stories, “Mendocino,” Packer writes about how a main character copes with her miscarriage. Her award winning national bestseller, “A Dive from Clausen’s Pier,” follows the struggles of a woman after her fiance is left a paraplegic from a diving accident. ▀

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resources leader, someone who had demonstrated commitment to diversity and equal opportunity,” Foothill-De Anza Chancellor Martha Kantor said in an e-mail. “That is important to hiring and retaining faculty and staff who reflect our region and our student body.”

Novotny studied industrial and organizational psychology and

has certifications in negotiation, mediation and conflict resolution, as well as employee relations law. She has 25 years of experience in human resources administration, working mostly with academic institutions. She received an award for excellence in human resource management for the Northwest Region in 2005.

“We’re about customer service. We need to build on what we’ve accomplished to serve people effectively and efficiently,” Novotny said in a district press release.

“And we must continue to seek creative solutions to challenges. If we can remember to do those three things, that can go a long way to being a well-respected resource for the district.”

Novotny’s predecessor, Jane Enright, retired last summer after holding the position for 13 years, but has remained with the district while administrators searched for her replacement. ▀

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BAILEY

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back to the community.”

Bailey’s position as manager of business analytics at Google, and his background in math and education, are especially important now as the board faces almost \$3 million in cuts under next year’s proposed state budget, board president Fiona Walter said.

Bailey, who has a third grader at Bubb Elementary School, received his BS in mathematics from Michigan State and his MBA and MA in education from Stanford University. He had previously been involved in the school district, assisting with lessons and test administration in the second grade.

“We will need his analytical skills. He is a great math guru,” Walter

said. “Even with the complexity of a public school budget, I expect him to dive in.”

The trustees held a public meeting last week to interview eight candidates about their involvement with the schools and their experience working in a collaborative environment. After ranking their top four candidates, each of the four trustees discussed their choices during the open session. Walter, who is the board’s spokesperson, said she was impressed with Bailey’s energy and educational background.

“Although we didn’t agree on our number one, Ed was on three of our four lists,” Walter said. “It seemed he had a good understanding of what being on the board meant.”

Trustees made their final decision between Bailey, an African American, and another candidate who

speaks fluent Spanish and could represent the more than 40 percent of Spanish-speaking students in the district. Sias Roquero was the only Spanish speaker on the board.

“We would like our board to reflect our community,” Walter said. “At the same time, we need the highest qualified board member.”

Bailey begins his term Feb. 28 and will spend the rest of the year addressing the budget and other important issues, including a local parcel tax which will be on the June ballot.

District board members, who receive a monthly stipend of just over \$200, meet twice a month, serve on additional committees and participate in school events. ▀

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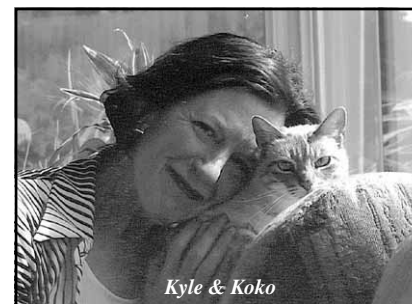
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“not telling the truth” to young recruits, explained raging granny Gail Sredanovic, who wore a sign reading “Career counselor.” The Army Career Center, located in a strip mall at El Camino Real and Grant Road, opened in January.

Earlier Friday morning, the center’s station commander, Sgt. 1st Class John C. Hunn, said the center previously was located in Sunnyvale, but that the new location provided better visibility. The fact that a protest was held there proved the point, he said.

“They absolutely do not impede us,” he said about the protesters. “It’s free publicity for us.

“It actually causes more business for us,” he added, because the “hardcore” war supporters learn about the place and drop in.

During the protest, Army recruiters stood guard behind the locked door, watching as protesters waved

signs with messages like “Recruiters out of Mountain View.” The Grannies sang protest songs, and occasionally an argument would erupt between the anti-war protesters and those who said they were there to support the troops.

There were no arrests, but two minor incidents. In the first incident, a member of the Raging Grannies poked a man with her finger and then quickly left, witnesses said, when the man called the police.

In the second incident, a man walking by on the sidewalk reportedly brushed against Sredanovic, pushing her and yelling, “Clear the sidewalk!” The man left, and Sredanovic later filed a report with police.

The protesters and counter-protesters engaged in mostly polite, but sometimes heated, discussions about the war in Iraq. Janessa Rhodes of San Jose, the mother of an Army sergeant working inside the recruiting office, said that one

protester was verbally abusive, calling her a crude name.

“Hate Bush, hate the war, but don’t hate my son,” Rhodes said, adding that “I don’t like Bush and I don’t like the war in Iraq.”

Her son, Sgt. Sean Plunkett, served in Iraq and was now working in the recruiting office.

“They don’t have a choice,” Rhodes said of her son and other recruiters, noting that they were assigned to work there.

While Robbie Hansen, whose son is in the Army, was talking about her son to the press, an anti-war protester challenged her on the contention that they don’t care about the troops.

“You don’t think I care about your son?” he said.

“You don’t know my son, you can’t speak for my son,” Hansen said.

Another counter-demonstrator, Jean Browne of Santa Clara, carried a large photograph of her daughter, an Air Force staff sergeant serving her third tour of duty in Iraq.

“We’re very proud of her,” Browne said.

Sredanovic accused recruiters of being deceptive with recruits, often targeting young Latinos and having them sign contracts without fully disclosing what the recruits are getting into.



MARJAN SADOUGHI

Karim Mansouri, left, from Students for Justice, talks with Alec Rawls of Dialogue Across The Divide during Friday's protest.

“They’re told they’ll get money for college but very few get the maximum amount, and they have to serve extra time to qualify,” she said.

“We don’t hate the military for the awful things they do, because they’re under tremendous pressure,” she added. “We have deep, deep, deep concerns.”

There were also several people from Los Altos Voices for Peace at the demonstration, holding a banner and placards.

“We objected to the war before it started,” said Ray Schuster.

“Recruitment is needed to keep troop levels up. Starve the beast in Iraq and maybe that will hasten the end of the war.”

“The question is how to get out,” said Jim Nystrom. A former Palo Alto resident who lives in Sunnyvale, Nystrom carried a large American flag and a placard calling for an increase in the defense budget. His dog, Maggie, a black Labrador mix, was friendly to people on both sides of the debate. ▀

Don Kazak is a staff writer for the Palo Alto Weekly.

Lieber bill would tighten recruiters' access to students

By Casey Weiss

Activists protesting outside the new Army Career Center in Mountain View last week called for more honesty and tighter policies for military recruiting among high school students.

Their wishes could be partially granted if the state Legislature passes a bill reintroduced by local Democratic Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, who said it would help to better inform parent and students about military recruiting policies on high school campuses. Recruiters currently have access to high school students’ contact information — unless parents sign a denial of consent form.

Although all families are required to receive this opt-out form with other registration and back-to-school information, Lieber said they often miss the form, which is on page 78 of a packet for Mountain View and Los Altos high school students.

“The bill would put it front and center where families can see it,” Lieber said.

Under the proposed bill, the option to opt out of the recruitment process would be on the emergency contact form. The bill would also push to inform students that the armed services receive their contact

information if they take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, an online test that helps students explore career opportunities through math and verbal testing. The site’s home page only refers to the test as the ASVAB career exploration program.

Lieber said she often hears complaints from families who are receiving constant calls and e-mails from recruiters.

“We see this as an important privacy issue. California, unlike other states, has the right to privacy in our Constitution,” Lieber said. “We have a responsibility.”

Lieber is not directly working with last Friday’s protestors. Paul George, director of the Peninsula Peace and Justice Center in Palo Alto, which helped organize the event, said he favors even tighter recruiting policies.

Calls to the local recruiting center were referred to the Army’s local public affairs spokesman, who did not return several phone calls seeking comment. The Army’s national media relations office in Kentucky also did not return calls seeking comment.

Under the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act, all schools that receive federal funding must provide military recruiters with students’ names, addresses and telephone numbers,

unless parents have signed the consent forms. Public schools also must give military recruiters the same information colleges and potential employers receive, MVLA associate Superintendent Brigitte Sarraf said. The government will withhold funding from schools that do not comply with NCLB.

“If you allow college recruiters to come on campus, you have to make that option available to military recruiters,” said Sarraf, referring to the law.

She said a fair number of parents opt out, and that only a few students from the high schools enlist each year.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a similar bill co-sponsored by Lieber in 2006, but the assemblywoman said this time, with more people critical of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, she is hopeful it will pass.

While Lieber’s bill, which she will present to the Assembly on Friday, would cover only California students, Congressman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, is pushing for a national opt-in policy, which would prevent release of information to recruiters unless a guardian signs a consent form. ▀

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

The fight over new recruits

Should Army recruiters be left alone by antiwar protesters, who fervently believe the effort to sign up young men and women for military service is the worst kind of bait-and-switch there is?

Or do picketers have every right to focus their opposition to U.S. policies in Iraq by waving signs and protesting the war outside a recruiting office, actions designed to manufacture free anti-war publicity?

Head-butting over this issue took place here last Friday, with anti-war protests led by the Raging Grannies, a group that obviously enjoys stealing the limelight through gags like singing, playing instruments and wearing funny costumes.

The Grannies have been busy lately. We saw them only the week before outside Google headquarters, demonstrating in support of workers who want assurances from the company, which plans to build a new hotel there, that it will consider a contract with hotel workers.

The Grannies' posturing, and that of similar groups, often works — after all, what media outlet can resist such a spectacle? (See page 5.) What is not clear is whether the demonstrations change anyone's feelings about the U.S. government and how it is conducting itself around the world.

But whatever you think of the publicity stunts that accompany these events, local anti-war protesters made one good point on Friday: Recruiters should not have carte blanche access to high school students, who can be naive about what it means to join the military today.

At the heart of that issue is a little-discussed "opt-out" form, which is included in the orientation packets of all incoming students at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools.

Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, who represents Mountain View, says the opt-out notice — which guardians can sign to deny recruiters access to their children's personal information — is often buried in orientation packets handed out at the beginning of the school year. Lieber is reintroducing a bill, vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger in 2006, to change that, placing the forms at the top of the packet.

This is a fair bill that legislators and the governor should pass this session. Recruiters are right to focus on anyone they think might benefit from a career in the military. But at that age, parents are still in charge, and the opt-out form is a legitimate way for them to keep the military out of their household if they so desire.

We can understand the pressure on recruiters, who are tasked with bringing in troops to fight an increasingly unpopular war. But when it comes to high school students, recruiters should tread lightly, making sure that families of potential recruits agree that their son or daughter can be tapped for a military career that will possibly — or even likely — put them in harm's way.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

STILL TIME TO WORK TOGETHER ON BULLIS

Editor:

On June 18, the Bullis-Purissima Elementary School Foundation publicly offered to donate "several million dollars" towards site renovation costs if the Los Altos School District and Bullis Charter School agree to place the charter school on the Bullis-Purissima campus. We reiterate this offer, which would benefit our whole community.

More district students could walk to school. The Egan site could be used for neighborhood students. Crossings families need not drive to Covington. Overcrowding at Santa Rita and Almond could be addressed locally. Program cuts could be avoided.

The Los Altos district's expensive lawsuit against the county would be unnecessary. Bullis Charter could accommodate more children from the Bullis-Purissima neighborhood as well as the entire district. This would resolve the issue, assuring more funding for education and less for legal fees.

The Los Altos district must provide "reasonably equivalent" facilities to Bullis Charter under Proposition 39. District renovations combined with Bullis' growth makes clear the temporary portables at Egan fail this standard. Moving Bullis would relieve the Los Altos district of a multi-million dollar obligation to renovate that campus for Bullis Charter.

In an earlier decision, the

state's Fifth District Court of Appeals "explained" to another district, "We begin by addressing what appears to us to be a faulty premise underlying the district's position: the notion that charter school students are not 'district' students, with the implication their needs therefore must yield to those of the students in the district-run schools. We interpret the act differently."

If the Los Altos district takes this language to heart, we can work together for all our children.

David Spector,
Los Altos Hills Chair,
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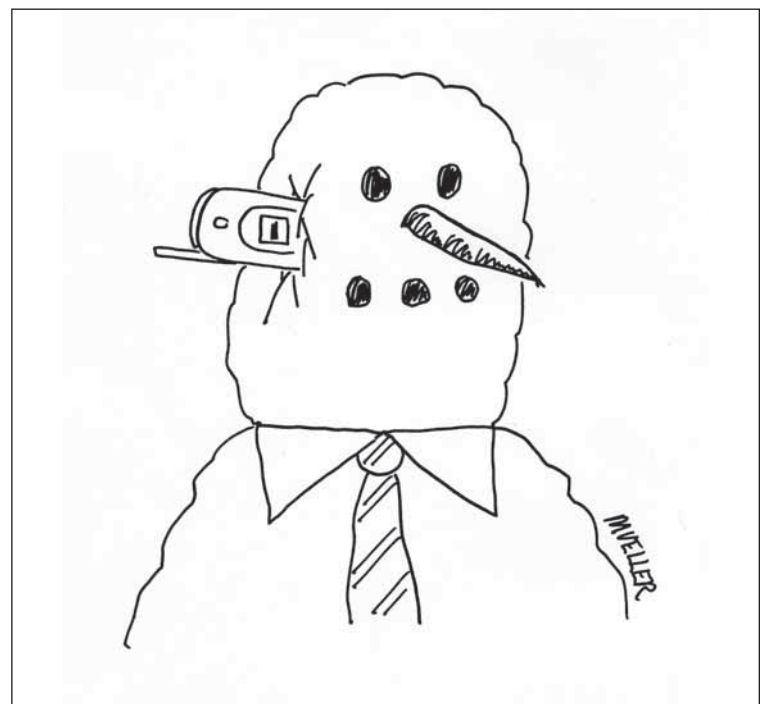
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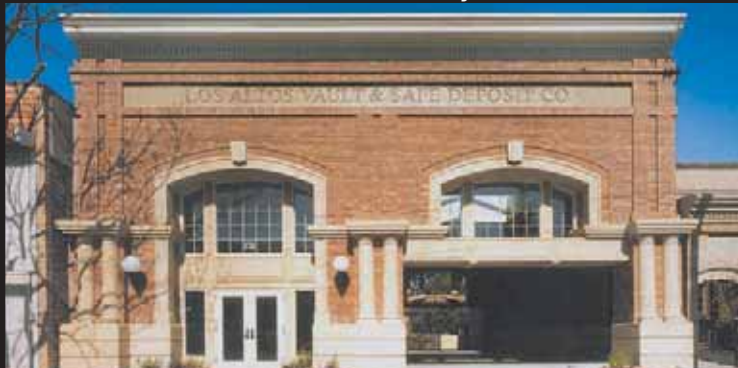
For me, traffic circles have always been a reminder of wonderful vacations in Europe, and romantic places like the Champs D'Elysee in Paris. Of late, they have taken a more mundane form: obstacles in the middle of narrow intersections in Mountain View, with nervous drivers tentatively edging their way around their circumference. However, when planted nicely and suitably sized, they do their job.

The latest local manifestation of a traffic circle, at Fordham and Rose, is a new animal: a bloated, dangerous menace to drivers and

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pedestrians alike. It's so large that it forces cars into the crosswalks. I (and my dog) have come close to being sideswiped multiple times. I'm sure it was put in place to protect children on their way to Springer School, but it's just as likely to subject them to being hit by hurried drivers trying to avoid the oversized circle.

As a driver, the new circle forces me off the pavement into the mud puddles in the section of Rose that doesn't have sidewalks, while I hope there are no pedestrians nearby to get splashed.

This ill-conceived monstrosity is an illustration of the principle that too much control gets you exactly what you were trying to avoid. It has to go!

Eric Novikoff
 Limetree Lane

**BMR HOUSING A
 GODSEND**

Editor:

I am one of the three Mountain View teachers fortunate enough to be sold a below-market-rate house on Evandale Avenue. I would like to express my gratitude to the City Council for being generous and forward-looking in this decision.

Giving eligible public employees priority says that the work we do is valued by the community. Thank you as well to the builders of Classic Communities for offering these three units.

Often, builders make alternate arrangements to fulfill their obligations and, as a result, only a few BMR units have become available in Mountain View over the years. I am thrilled to be in my new house and grateful to all who helped make this happen.

Bonnie Malouf
 Evandale Avenue

come back into the left side, then drive out on El Camino Real. Then on toward San Jose to the A&W on the left.

You could park at Johnny Mac's with a car full of guys. Some would order one cup of coffee and get free refills and sit there for a long time and check out the cars that were cruising.

Dave King (Motor Car Tune Up) had a black '57 Chevy with factory fuel injection that made a very distinctive whistle. When you heard that noise you knew Dave was nearby. My brother's orange '34 Ford, with a Chevy V8, had a quick change rear end and it made its own special whine that was unique.

Brooke Clarke
 Ukiah

**SECURE VOTING
 MACHINES A NECESSITY**

Editor:

I strongly support Secretary of State Debra Bowen's decision that local election officials must either use voting machines that have been certified as secure, or else rely on paper ballots until they acquire approved machines. Accuracy is more important than speed in counting the election results. If an accurate count takes more time, then it's worth the wait.

Absentee ballots — used by many voters — have the same basic design as the paper ballot I used earlier this month at my City Hall polling place. It was simple to use, and results can quickly be tallied using an optical scanner. If a recount should be required, the paper ballot is available for review.

I've seen too many contested elections in the past few years to doubt the importance of a secure and verifiable vote.

Laurel McClure
 View Street

**BEST WISHES FOR
 JASON POOLE**

Editor:

Many thanks to Sue Dremann for her article on veteran Jason Poole, who is moving to a townhouse at Moffett Field with his new partner and soul mate ("A soldier's romance," Feb 8).

I was especially touched by the story because I remember Jason very well from an article I wrote about injured vets and the challenges they faced as they returned to society after sustaining severe head injuries ("Reentry tough for injured vets," *Mountain View Voice*, July 15, 2005).

Among those I interviewed at the Veterans Hospital, Jason stood out for his frankness, warmth and impressive courage. Although he had lost an eye and his hair was still shaved off after the recent surgical reconstruction of his skull, his presence remained that of a good-looking, outgoing young man who was determined to claim his life back.

I'm very glad to know that he is doing just that, and wish him and his partner Angela Eastman the very best of health and happiness.

Diana Roome
 Miramonte Avenue

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS AT
 JOHNNY MAC'S**

Editor:

A fellow Mountain View High graduate sent me a link to the Johnny Mac's article in the Feb. 1 edition ("What a difference a half-century makes").

In the late 1960s we would cruise Johnny Mac's. You could drive to the right of the building, around the back, out to the street,

**'VOICES' DIDN'T OFFER
 MANY VOICES**

Editor:

While I'm a supporter of Barack Obama, I was a bit surprised by the responses you printed for the "Voices Around Town" question asking people if they supported Clinton or Obama (Feb. 15).

All five people asked this question preferred Obama, yet Clinton carried the state with about 52 percent of the vote to Obama's 43 percent. What really surprised me was that you only printed responses from men.

It's generally accepted that Obama does better among men and Clinton with women. While I understand it is not a scientific poll, wouldn't it

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Violent pit bulls were conditioned by humans

By Beverly Weberg

In response to “Soggy pit bull not so cute” (Letters to the Editor, Feb. 8): Barbara Bernie, I am saddened by the lack of knowledge shown in your letter.

First of all, what’s the matter with the photo of a pit bull having a blast at the park? If it were a photo of a golden retriever or a Labrador, would you have taken the time to write your letter? Did you ever consider that this pit bull may be socialized and may actually play well with other dogs?

These days, by stating that they “are bred to be killers,” you are really referring to the type of people who want to own them

and torture them to the point of turning them into vicious animals. If I tortured any dog, whether it be a lab, poodle or shepherd, I’m sure it would have a drastic personality change too.

Let me ask you this: If you were a child and I beat you senseless, tortured you with electricity (and God knows what else) for years, how would you turn out in your teens? You’d want to fight back, correct? Either that or die. It is the basic primal response for any human or animal, to fight or flee. And in cases like the Michael Vick case, they couldn’t flee. Their only option was to fight. These dogs were bred to kill by humans.

I strongly urge you and others to visit www.badrap.org/rescue. Bad Rap, along with other rescue organizations, teamed up with federal authorities to evaluate the psychological conditions of these dogs and to provide them with a loving home.

I rescued a lab/beagle mix. I cannot imagine what kind of torture he went through before he came to us. It took us almost a year to get him to trust us to touch his feet. And he would flinch every time I reached down to pet his head, if my movement wasn’t slow. And as loving as he was with us, we could not trust him with other dogs. He became ferocious at the sight of another dog.

We also rescued a pit mix. I was apprehensive because of my knowledge of pit bulls, but he was such a cute puppy! And now he is the complete opposite of our lab/beagle mix. He is a canine good citizen, goes to doggy day-care and has the personality of a happy child.

And here is more proof that conditioning is important: We rescued the lab/beagle mix when he was 9 years old (and probably went through hell to become who he was); and we rescued the pit mix when he was a puppy, so he had never known a mean thing in his life. Our dog plays well with others and has no problem sharing his toys and treats

with other dogs.

My vet also rescued a pit bull, and his dog comes to the clinic, loves to play with other dogs and children, and is a great ambassador of what the breed is really like. Give these poor dogs a chance.

Lions, tigers and polar bears are also considered cute and are “cutified” by the National Geographic and Discovery channels, yet they too are naturally (not humanly) bred to kill. I’m sure moms and schools will continue to take kids to the zoos to visit them, even after the San Francisco Zoo event. Are you planning on writing a letter stating that they, too, should not be “cutified”?

Beverly Weberg lives on Rock Street.

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have made sense to also ask the question of some women? That would have been more representative of the voting population and, in all likelihood, the division of votes in the primary election.

Tom Miller
Vincent Drive

QUESTION SKEWED AT MOFFETT

Editor:

What a textbook example of push-polling in last week’s “Voices”! You go to a military reservation, Moffett Field, and ask five federal employees “Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama?”

The five persons pictured are all employees of the golf course at Moffett Field. One I know is a retired military man.

When may I anticipate your going to the local DNC headquarters and ask, “McCain or Huckabee?”

Jim Klock
Alison Avenue

NARROW ESCAPE FROM FIGHTING IN CENTRAL AFRICA

Editor:

My husband Dr. Fred Mihm arrived in N’djamena, Chad, several weeks ago to visit our daughter and son-in-law, Tom and Megan Langsdorf, who are missionaries in Dourbali, and to be involved with a medical team in another area of Chad. (Fred, a Mountain View resident of over 30 years, is a professor of anesthesia at Stanford and goes all over the world on medical trips with

Interplast, Rotary and others.)

They picked him up at the airport, not knowing that this was the last commercial flight to land in the country before fighting broke out. Rebel forces were just outside the capitol and were threatening to attack.

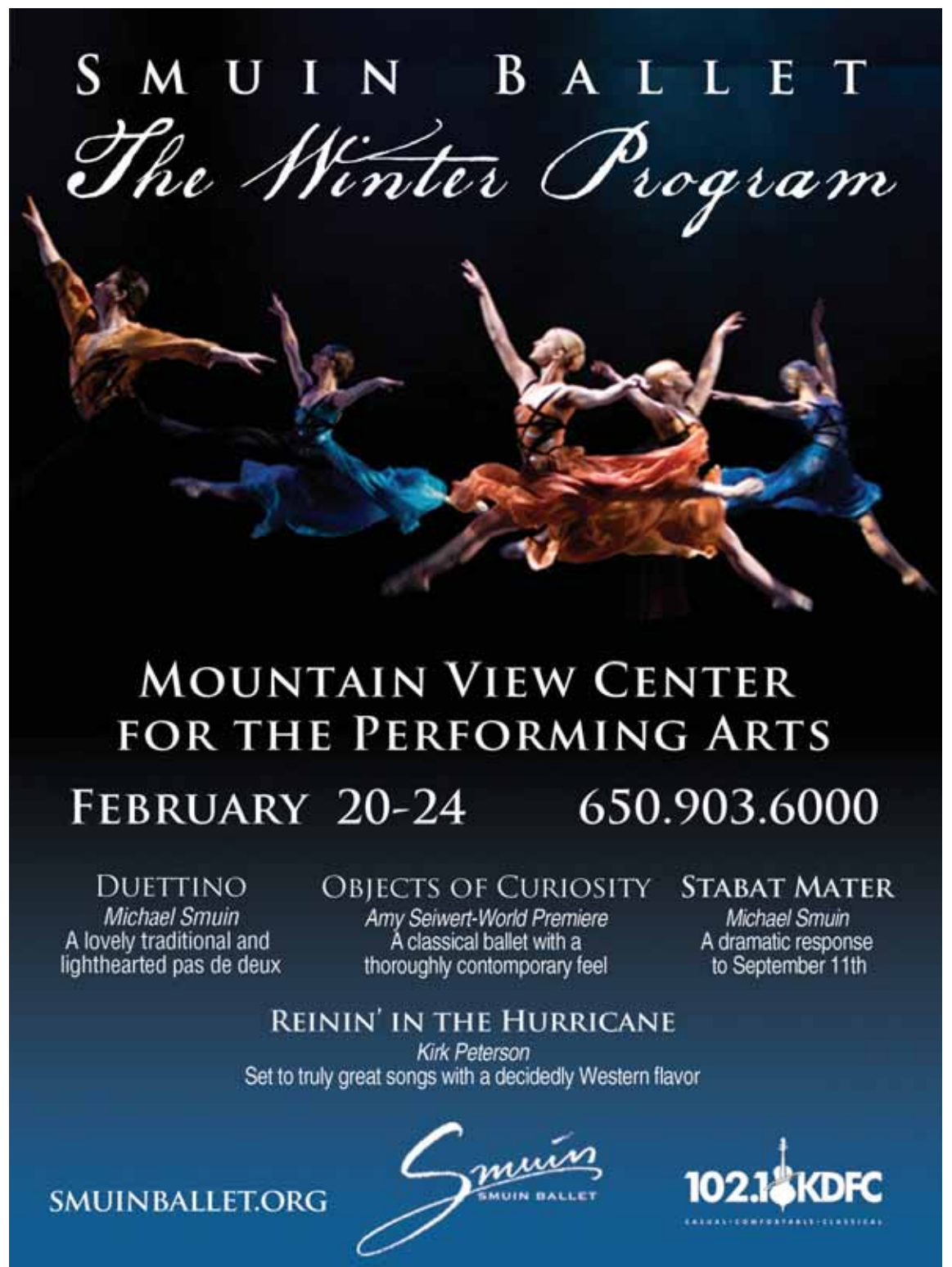
They were taken by the French military (Chad is a former French colony) to a French school with 295 others, mostly French citizens in Chad, to be kept safe. The school was just yards from the Presidential Palace. The rebels streamed into the city early the next morning and the heaviest fighting was by the palace. Fred, Tom, Meg and the others huddled on the floor and under tables as they listened to the guns, and felt the concussions from the bombing.

In the middle of the night they were taken to tents at the airfield. The French were evacuating people to Gabon on military planes. Fred and the kids made it on the fourth and fifth planes out. With just the clothes they had with them, they were the first Americans to be airlifted out of Gabon to Paris on a Sunday evening, and arrived back in Mountain View a few days later.

Although all communications were down, Fred was able to get a faint signal from Cameroon on his iPhone, and using text messages sent blow-by-blow descriptions back to his son in Los Angeles.

Conference calls to our daughter in Washington, D.C. and me in Mountain View kept us informed. The State Department and French government were very helpful. We are thankful to all the friends and family for their prayers and support.

Debbie Mihm
Sun-More Avenue



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Mark Tramiel and Simon Brafman of Green Java, which delivers organic coffee to Silicon Valley companies, stand in front of Green Java's delivery Priuses.

FOOD FEATURE

How green is my coffee

LOS ALTOS COMPANY BRINGS ORGANIC, FREE-TRADE, ECO-FRIENDLY COFFEE SERVICE TO WORK

By Sheila Himmel

From Atari to Zilog, Silicon Valley companies have changed the face of technology. Duh. But what are the enduring innovations that affect just about all of us, every day? I vote for casual business attire, first, and free coffee at work, second. And now, the coffee is going green.

With traditional Silicon Valley speed, two tennis buddies started talking on the court about office coffee in August, formed a company in October and got their first customer in December. Now the company, Green Java, delivers certifiably organic, free trade, eco-friendly coffee to Acterra, Stanford, Cooley Godward Kronish LLP,

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Tramiel holds a bag of the organic coffee, which he grinds himself.

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Roche Corp. and two other nearby offices.

The two delivery vehicles are — what else? — Priuses.

Naturally, founders Sam Tramiel and Simon Brafman have big plans for Green Java. The fledgling company is based in Los Altos, with a roaster in Mountain View and a grinder in Palo Alto. Most of the roasting is done by a master roaster in Austin, Texas, which is where Tramiel and Brafman plan to start selling coffee next.

Silicon Valley companies traditionally provide free coffee and tea at coffee stations, and subsidize the hot drinks in their cafeterias, so that employees don't have to leave work to get a buzz. The coffee used to be industrial dreck, but recently some micro-roasters as well as Peet's and Starbucks have made their way to the office. As of this writing, Green Java is the only 100 percent organic and fair trade

Green Java is the only 100 percent organic and fair trade coffee service in the Bay Area.

coffee service in the Bay Area. It is certified as a Green Business by Santa Clara County.

The idea, says Brafman, percolated out of a running argument with his teenage daughter. As he says, "She's 16, and always harping on my generation's ruining the Earth, leaving a mess for her generation to clean up. She's very vocal."

Eco-friendly coffee was a small effort to right the balance, and restore peace in the house. Brafman, Tramiel, and Tramiel's son, Mark, who does the grinding, are coffee fanatics.

For freshness' sake, Green

Java (www.greenjava.biz) guarantees delivery within 24 hours of grinding. Rather than having a large quantity delivered, say, every Monday, customers call Green Java when they're running low. For morning delivery, Mark Tramiel grinds the night before. For afternoon delivery, that morning. There is no warehouse for coffee to sit around and get stale.

Brafman worked in Electronic Design and Automation, marketing hardware and software tools for designing and testing chips. Sam Tramiel, former CEO of Atari, is a principal of Tramiel Capital. They apply the Silicon Valley concept of just-in-time production to coffee service.

Customers get glass jars with sealable lids to store the coffee, biodegradable filters and a recipe sheet (14 grams of coffee per eight ounces of water) to keep at their Green Java coffee stations. The coffee is delivered in biodegradable bags. Green Java helps at the waste end, too, encouraging customers to set up buckets for used filters and coffee that can go to mulch for the companies' landscape.

"It's not how we recycle paper but how we help other companies become green," says Brafman of Green Java's greenness.

Other eco-friendly aspects include buying beans from countries relatively close to the United States — to minimize fuel use — and only from growers' co-ops that invest in health care and education, and that ensure children don't work in the fields.

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Mark Tramiel with Green Java delivers coffee to a law firm in Palo Alto on Tuesday.

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as "fair trade," which forbids the practice of charging workers exorbitant fees that put them in debt to the company — like the "company towns" in U.S. mining history.

Specialty coffee drinkers in the past have been derided as "latte liberals," talking a good game but actually perpetuating poverty in the Third World by purchasing coffee from countries that exploited children or were ruled by dictators.

Green Java currently delivers coffee to two buildings at Roche, at the old Syntex site in Palo Alto's Stanford Industrial Park, and is trying to contract with the lab as well. The resistance there, says Brafman: "Scientists don't want to be responsible for making coffee."

The coffee also is for sale to individuals in small amounts, and for special events. Specialty grade is the highest grade of coffee, above premium, with bigger beans and fewer rejects. Beans come from co-ops in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Bolivia and Peru. Also Kona, Hawaii.

Brafman's bottom line: "We're trying to capture a coffeehouse experience rather than a coffee shop, in a work environment." ▀

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JUNO (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: 12:05, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:30 p.m. Aquarius: 1, 3:30, 6, 8:20 & 10:30 p.m.
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) Century 12: 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG)
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NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) ★★★★★ Century 16: 1:15, 4:10, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 1:35, 4:25, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.
PERSEPOLIS (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 20: 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15 & 9:35 p.m. Aquarius: 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.
THE PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING: A VEGGIE-TALES MOVIE (G) Century 12: 12:45, 3:05 & 5:25 p.m.
RAMBO (R) Century 12: 12:35 & 7:25 p.m.
THE SIGNAL (R) Century 12: 1, 3:30, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m.
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) ★★★ Century 16: 12:50, 2, 3:30, 4:40, 6:15, 7:10, 8:40 & 9:35 p.m. Century 12: 12:40*, 1:40, 2:40, 3:20*, 4:20, 5:20, 6*, 7, 8, 8:40*, 9:40 & 10:30 p.m. *Spanish subtitles
STEP UP 2: THE STREETS (PG-13) Century 16: 12:30, 1:55, 2:55, 4:30, 5:30, 7:05, 7:55, 9:40 & 10:25 p.m. Century 12: 12:25*, 2, 3:10*, 4:40, 5:40*, 7:30, 9:20* & 10:05 p.m. *Spanish subtitles
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) ★★★★★ Century 20: 12:05, 3:25, 6:45 & 10:05 p.m. Guild: 1, 4:30 & 8 p.m.
U2:3D (G) Century 16: 8 & 10:20 p.m.
UNTRACEABLE (R) ★★ Century 20: 2:35 & 7:45 p.m.
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13) Century 16: 12:40, 1:40, 3:05, 4:15, 5:25, 6:45, 7:45, 9:05 & 10 p.m. Century 20: Noon, 1:10, 2:15, 3:25, 4:30, 5:40, 7, 8, 9:20 & 10:20 p.m.
THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP (PG)
 Century 20: 12:10, 2:45 & 5:20 p.m.
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENNINGS (PG-13)
 Century 12: 7:10 & 10:15 p.m.
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG-13)
 Century 12: 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8 & 10:30 p.m.

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 GUILD: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (266-9260)

- ★ Skip it
- ★★ Some redeeming qualities
- ★★★ A good bet
- ★★★★ Outstanding

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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 fore-runners. 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.

THE BUCKET LIST ★
 (Century 16, Century 20) Even A-listers 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.

DEFINITELY, MAYBE ★★1/2
 (Century 16, Century 20) Abigail Breslin stars as Maya, a too-precocious fifth grader filled with more sadness than sunshine. She knows love isn't a fairytale. But she implores her father to explain why he and her mother are

getting a stupid, boring divorce. Manhattan dad Will Hayes (Ryan Reynolds) agrees to tell Maya about how he met and fell in love with her mom — and about the other two women in his life before marriage. The catch? He won't use their real names, so Maya will have to guess which one turns out to be her mother. Told as a bedtime story, the once-upon-a-time flashback to 1992 immediately establishes that life and

love don't always work out according to plan. Modern romance may be more realistic in "Definitely, Maybe," but it's also less satisfying than the illusions that classic romantic movies create about amore. *Rated: PG-13 for sexual content, including some frank dialogue, language and smoking. 1 hour 45 minutes.* — S.T.

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THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY ★★★★★

(CineArts) The thrilling adaptation of Jean-Dominique Bauby's memoir is a high-flying butterfly of creativity about a man imprisoned in the diving bell of his body after suffering a paralyzing stroke. The editor of French fashion magazine Elle awakens from a three-week coma to discover that no one can hear him. He can't speak. He can't move — except to blink his left eye.

Bauby (Mathieu Amalric of "Munich"), called Jean-Do by his loved ones and a devoted nursing team, has a rare condition known as "locked-in syndrome." His shock over his physical state gives way to amusement, musings, memory and flights of fancy. Letter by letter, Bauby's angelic therapists (Marie-Josée Croze, Anne Consigny and Olatz Lopez Garmendia) recite the alphabet and teach him to communicate by moving that eyelid to indicate "yes" or "no." He writes his best-selling memoir through this tedious procedure. He struggles to make his thoughts known to the mother of his children (Emmanuelle Seigner) and the lover (Marina Hands) who can't bear to visit. Painter-turned-

filmmaker Julian Schnabel has transformed a seemingly unfilmable subject into a daringly original ode to imagination and life. *Rated: PG-13 for nudity, sexual content and some language. In English and French with English subtitles. 1 hour. 52 minutes.* — S.T.

PERSEPOLIS ★★★★★1/2

(Aquarius) The Iranian-born Marjane Satrapi partners with underground comic artist Vincent Paronnaud to illustrate her eventful life in cinematic form. The film offers the unique perspective of growing up female in Iran during the Islamic revolution and suffering through the war with Iraq. Daily life

is a study of contradictions. Marjane (voiced by Gabrielle Lopes), the only child of loving Marxist parents (voiced by Catherine Deneuve and Simon Abkarian), quickly learns that one can speak and behave differently at home than in public. A saucy grandmother (voiced by Danielle Darrieux) reinforces many of the life-must-go-on themes. To ensure her safety, Marjane's family sends her to boarding school in Vienna, one of many rites of passage that position her as an outsider. Edifying and entertaining, "Persepolis" paints the personal within a political framework. The one-of-a-kind animated feature shouldn't be missed. *Rated: PG-13 for mature the-*

matic material including violent images, sexual references, language and brief drug content. In French with English subtitles. 1 hour. 35 minutes. — S.T.

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES ★★★★★

(Century 12, Century 16) The story revolves around Jared Grace (Freddie Highmore of "Finding Neverland"), a troubled and troublesome young boy forced to move from New York when his parents split. Jared, his identical twin brother Simon (also Highmore), his sister Mallory (Irish actress Sarah Bolger) and his mother Helen (Mary-Louise Parker) settle in the secluded countryside mansion left to Helen by her great uncle Arthur Spiderwick (David Strathairn). The restless Jared is quickly scouring the house and discovers a path to Spiderwick's dust-filled office, where he finds a book littered with magical recipes and sketches of strange creatures. Turns out Spiderwick spent his life investigating bizarre phenomena in the environment around him, eventually uncovering a hidden world populated by elves, ogres and hobgoblins. Once Jared opens the book — the "field guide" — he finds himself immersed in the otherwise invisible world. This fantasy-infused adventure is rich with eye-popping visual effects, colorful characters and tear-jerking family dynamics. But adults should be warned that the depth stops there — compared to other myth-and-magic flicks such as "The Lord of the Rings" or "Pan's Labyrinth," "Spiderwick" feels like "Sesame Street." *Rated: PG for scary creature action and violence, peril and some thematic elements. 1 hour, 37 minutes.* — T.H.

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UNTRACEABLE ★★★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Diane Lane pays her dues as FBI cyber crimes agent Jennifer Marsh, a struggling single mom who routinely busts hackers specializing in high-end tech and low-end porn. Things take a nasty turn when Marsh and dogged co-worker Griffin Dowd (Colin Hanks) uncover KillWithMe.com, complete with live streaming video of a kitten tortured to death by starvation. And it doesn't stop there: the sicko's next victim is seen bound and shackled with the Web site's name carved on his chest. Each hit on the site ups a super dose of anti-coagulant, virtually assuring a fatal bleed-out as online gawkers clamor for their gory fix. Marsh and Dowd rush to dismantle the sophisticated and seemingly untraceable site while the perpetrator invites the whole world to help him execute more unwitting prey in unspeakable fashion. "Untraceable" unsettles on so many levels, most notably the aura of reality that pervades the killer's ability to manipulate the Internet and hack into confidential files to suit his deadly needs. "Untraceable" hits its mark with unforgettable visuals laden with potential for undesirable nightmares. Life is too short for long-term exposure to relentless agony and distress, even in the guise of entertainment. *Rated: R for language, violence and disturbing images. 1 hour, 45 minutes.* — J.A.

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■ HIGHLIGHT

"My Fair Lady"

Foothill Music Theatre unveils the new Lohman Theatre with an interpretation of Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady," featuring a two-piano accompaniment. Feb. 22-Mar.16, Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m.; Sun. at 2 p.m.; special matinees March 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. \$10-24. Lohman Theatre at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothillmusical.com

ART GALLERIES

Avian Odes An exhibit of visual poems built around studies of Bay Area birds by watercolor artist Floy Zittin. Floy combines scientific illustration with impressionistic, Asian brushwork. Through Feb. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (closes at 3 p.m. on Sundays). Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Beyond Sibling Rivalry This parenting workshop with Erica Pelavin, LCSW, PhD, will address conflict, fairness, and sharing in children Kages 3-8 years. Pre-registration is required. Feb. 25 and March 3, 7-8:30 p.m. \$50 for 2 sessions. Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-688-3040. www.parentsplaceonline.org

Disaster Preparedness The Women's Club will host the Palo Alto Area Red Cross's preparedness training for earthquake, pandemic, flood and fire. Handouts will be provided. Age 12 and older. Wed., Feb. 27, 7-8 p.m. Free. Woman's Club, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-688-0434. www.paarc.org

Toxic Mortgages & Healthy Home Loans "Why are so many homes going into foreclosure? Learn what is causing this mortgage crisis, and how to protect yourself." Thu., Feb. 28, 7-9:30 p.m. \$39 plus \$2 for parking. Foothill College Room 5921, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 408-864-8817. http://shortcourses.fhda.edu/winter_08/realstate.html

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KnowHow2Go Parents, guardians and students are invited to learn about: the A-G requirements for California universities, free money for college and opportunities for special scholarships. There will be refreshments and giveaways. Thu., Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m. Free. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View.

CONCERTS

Benefit Piano Recital Dr. Emiliya Serebrennikova for Music In the Schools Program. With guest performer Lana Gruen-Chello. Works by: Chopin, Schumann, Brahms, Debussy and Piazzolla. Sat., Feb. 23, 7:30-9:15 p.m. Suggested donations: general-\$15, seniors/students -\$12, children under 12 -\$8. Palo Alto Arts Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

Olivia Puerta, soprano A senior recital of songs ranging from Handel to Rodgers and Hammerstein. Sun., Feb. 24, 2:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, Stanford University, Stanford. Call 650-723-0038. www.stanford.edu/group/Music/Events/index.html

DANCE

4th Sat / Live Music Contra Dance Caller: Susan Petrick. Band: Au Drochad (Debra Tayleur, Jonathan Goodwin, Elizabeth Douglas). Free beginners class 7:30 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m. A traditional form of American social folk dance. Open to all. Sat., Feb. 23, 8-11 p.m. Admission \$10, members \$8, students \$5. 1st Church Palo Alto 2Fl, 625 Hamilton & Byron, Palo Alto. Call 650-965-9169. www.BACDS.ORG/NEWCOMERS

EXHIBITS

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum Museum displays memorabilia, artifacts,



"ANDERSON VALLEY" BY KATHY SHARPE

Kathy Sharpe Paintings: A one-woman exhibition featuring Northern California artist Kathy Sharpe. Recent watercolor and oil paintings are on display. Through March 1, Tue.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

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.

FAMILY AND KIDS

Hugs and Kisses Story Time "Hug Time," "The Kissing Hand," and "I Love You the Purplest" will be presented. Sun, Feb. 24, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

FILM

Werner Herzog at Stanford Stanford University's Department of Art and Art History will be showing two Werner Herzog's films, "Grizzly Man" on Feb. 25 and "Rescue Dawn" on Feb. 26. Q&A with Werner Herzog will follow both screenings. 7-10 p.m. Free. Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-3404. <http://art.stanford.edu>

LIVE MUSIC

Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band concert Band with bluegrass musicians Jody Stecher and Keith Little. Sat., Feb. 23, 8-11 p.m. \$18/advance, \$20/door. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 510-530-0839. www.rba.org

ON STAGE

Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" Stanford Drama presents Nobel laureate Harold Pinter's "Betrayal." Feb. 28 (8 p.m.), Feb. 29 (3 p.m. and 8 p.m.) and Mar. 1 (3 p.m. and 7 p.m.), \$5-10. Prosser Studio Theater, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-208-0952. drama.stanford.edu

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Creativity, Spirituality, and Aging Judith Pruess-Mellow, executive director of Senior New Ways, will lead a discussion on fostering creativity and spirituality. Tue., Feb. 26, 2-3 p.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5438. avenidas.org

The Parables of Jesus The Jesus Seminar

presents workshops and lectures exploring Jesus' parables. Rev. Hal Taussig and Dr. Brandon Scott. Three sessions: Fri. Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Mar. 1, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. \$15-\$60. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. <http://www.westarinstitute.org/Events/JSORs/PaloAlto2008.html>

SENIORS

Reduce Stroke Damage New treatments are available that can significantly reduce the effects of a stroke if administered soon after symptoms appear. Join Terese Tricamo from El Camino Hospital on Thu., Feb. 28, to learn more. 1-2 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6441.

SINGLES

Lock & Key Dance Party Fri., Feb. 22, 8-12 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Illusions, 260 S California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 925-945-8340. <http://lockandkeymatch.com>

SPECIAL EVENTS

Where to Live: Older Adults This first annual housing conference tackles three sessions of housing-related topics: a keynote speech by Dr. Jim McCabe, senior housing authority, as well as access to local experts and sponsors. Breakfast, lunch and a free copy of the new "Where to Live" housing guide included. Sat., Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. \$35 members/\$40 nonmembers. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 659-289-5445. avenidas.org

TALKS/AUTHORS

"ADHD & Me" Blake Taylor's memoir, written

when he was 17, offers a young person's account of what it's like to live and grow up with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Mon., Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Africa's AIDS Epidemic "Sizwe's Test: A Young Man's Journey Through Africa's AIDS Epidemic." Jonny Steinberg, author, former Rhodes Scholar. Wed., Feb. 27, noon-1 p.m. Free. 202, Encina Hall West, 616 Serra St., Stanford.

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NEIGHBORS SAY PREFAB 'DWELL HOME' CLASHES WITH OLD MOUNTAIN VIEW STRUCTURES



NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

The Dwell Home on Mountain View Avenue in Mountain View. Neighbors say they are not happy about having the modern, eco-friendly modular house in the middle of their historic neighborhood.

By Daniel DeBolt

Construction of a new house in the downtown area has caused a dust-up in the neighborhood, and not just literally.

While the majority of homes in the area are decades-old country homes — complete with bay windows, front porches and other western features — one family has decided to scrape their 1908 Craftsman and put up a “Dwell Home.”

Dwell Homes are box-shaped, “modernist” prefab homes marketed by Dwell magazine and built by Emyrean International. According to Dwell’s Web site, Mark and Ellen Siminoff, the owners at 515 Mountain View Ave., hired Dwell and Emyrean to build them the modular home of their dreams.

But as it nears completion, some neighbors say they are dismayed by the design. Drew Bennett, who lives on the same block, said the house “displays a total disregard for the architectural style of the neighborhood.”

Next-door neighbor Laura Goff says she’s actually moving out because of it. Currently, her small house on the corner of Mercy Street and Mountain View Avenue has a “For lease” sign on it, with the Dwell house rising up a few feet away.

Goff said that when people walk by, they

“vent” to her about its appearance. “Living next to something people vent about — it’s just not pleasant anymore,” she said.

The house is “the poster child for a needed change in codes and zoning in downtown Mountain View,” Goff said. “There’s no better example than this.”

Neighbor Carol Lewis said the new two-story house is nice on its own, but squeezed into the small lot it “just dwarfs the other homes” — small Craftsmans which once housed the workers of the Pacific Press at

the turn of the century.

“They’re a nice young couple,” Lewis said of the Siminoffs, “but in a way it’s not fair to other people to put something like that up.

Although the *Voice* was able to reach Mark and Ellen Siminoff separately, both said they preferred not to comment, citing an agreement with Dwell, which is showcasing the house as a “model home.” An open house is scheduled on March 29 and 30.

According to Dwell’s Web site, after much investigation the Silicon Valley

couple (Ellen is a designer and Mark is a mechanical engineer) settled on building a Dwell Home. Mark said the family had originally intended to remodel the Craftsman house they’d purchased in this neighborhood of million dollar homes, “but the high cost of restoration, plus our desire to have a bit more space for our growing family, ultimately motivated us to look at a ground-up rebuild.”

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‘Overlay districts’ a tool for neighborhood preservation

Neighbors of 515 Mountain View Ave. say that wasn’t the first of the old Craftsman houses on the street to be demolished. There were five others like it torn down just last year. In response, some are seeking ways to preserve the neighborhood’s character.

To do that, a few residents of the Shoreline West neighborhood are hoping to create the city’s first neighborhood design overlay district, which would dictate design criteria for new homes and for additions to existing homes. It could affect the whole neighborhood or an area as small as a city block.

To get the overlay, neighbors must

complete several steps, including:

■ **Fundraising:** Fees are over \$6,000 for a neighborhood organization to apply for an overlay, not including the hourly fees for having a city staffer help write the ordinance.

■ **Neighborhood support:** According to the planning department, it must have significant support from the neighborhood but “wouldn’t have to have a certain amount of signatures.”

■ **Final approval:** The City Council would decide on the overlay after a review by the environmental planning commission.

In 2000, the Old Mountain View

Neighborhood Association began looking into its own neighborhood design overlay. The group came up with five criteria that added more “teeth” to the area’s building requirements for, among other things, porches, windows, detached garages and building heights.

The effort was dropped soon after, however. Jean McCloskey, the neighborhood association chair at the time, wrote in the group’s newsletter that “It is not a priority for the city at this time and, as a result, it’s not possible to get anything meaningful done in the short term.”

— Daniel DeBolt

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Construction of a new house in the downtown area has caused a dust-up in the neighborhood, and not just literally.

While the majority of homes in the area are decades-old country homes — complete with bay windows, front porches and other western features — one family has decided to scrape their 1908 Craftsman and put up a “Dwell Home.”

Dwell Homes are box-shaped, “modernist” prefab homes marketed by Dwell magazine and built by Empyrean International. According to Dwell’s Web site, Mark and Ellen Siminoff, the owners at 515 Mountain View Ave., hired Dwell and Empyrean to build them the modular home of their dreams.

But as it nears completion, some neighbors say they are dismayed by the design. Drew Bennett, who lives on the same block, said the house “displays a total disregard for the architectural style of the neighborhood.”

Next-door neighbor Laura Goff says she’s actually moving out because of it. Currently, her small house on the corner of Mercy Street and Mountain View Avenue has a “For lease” sign on it, with the Dwell house rising up a few feet away.

Goff said that when people walk by, they

“vent” to her about its appearance. “Living next to something people vent about — it’s just not pleasant anymore,” she said.

The house is “the poster child for a needed change in codes and zoning in downtown Mountain View,” Goff said. “There’s no better example than this.”

Neighbor Carol Lewis said the new two-story house is nice on its own, but squeezed into the small lot it “just dwarfs the other homes” — small Craftsmans which once housed the workers of the Pacific Press at

the turn of the century.

“They’re a nice young couple,” Lewis said of the Siminoffs, “but in a way it’s not fair to other people to put something like that up.

Although the *Voice* was able to reach Mark and Ellen Siminoff separately, both said they preferred not to comment, citing an agreement with Dwell, which is showcasing the house as a “model home.” An open house is scheduled on March 29 and 30.

According to Dwell’s Web site, after much investigation the Silicon Valley

couple (Ellen is a designer and Mark is a mechanical engineer) settled on building a Dwell Home. Mark said the family had originally intended to remodel the Craftsman house they’d purchased in this neighborhood of million dollar homes, “but the high cost of restoration, plus our desire to have a bit more space for our growing family, ultimately motivated us to look at a ground-up rebuild.”

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‘Overlay districts’ a tool for neighborhood preservation

Neighbors of 515 Mountain View Ave. say that wasn’t the first of the old Craftsman houses on the street to be demolished. There were five others like it torn down just last year. In response, some are seeking ways to preserve the neighborhood’s character.

To do that, a few residents of the Shoreline West neighborhood are hoping to create the city’s first neighborhood design overlay district, which would dictate design criteria for new homes and for additions to existing homes. It could affect the whole neighborhood or an area as small as a city block.

To get the overlay, neighbors must

complete several steps, including:

■ **Fundraising:** Fees are over \$6,000 for a neighborhood organization to apply for an overlay, not including the hourly fees for having a city staffer help write the ordinance.

■ **Neighborhood support:** According to the city’s zoning ordinance, “sixty-seven percent of the property owners in the areas subject to the overlay zone must indicate support for the zone change.”

■ **Final approval:** The City Council would decide on the overlay after a review by the environmental planning commission.

In 2000, the Old Mountain View

Neighborhood Association began looking into its own neighborhood design overlay. The group came up with five criteria that added more “teeth” to the area’s building requirements for, among other things, porches, windows, detached garages and building heights.

The effort was dropped soon after, however. Jean McCloskey, the neighborhood association chair at the time, wrote in the group’s newsletter that “It is not a priority for the city at this time and, as a result, it’s not possible to get anything meaningful done in the short term.”

— Daniel DeBolt

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Before construction began at the site, the Dwell Home (also called a “Dwell Next-House”) was built in a factory by Massachusetts-based Emyprean, which claims to have manufactured 20,000 homes this way. The house is designed to be cheaper than renovating a home, said Alexis Mancinne, a Dwell marketing manager in the company’s San Francisco headquarters.

Mancinne and another Dwell spokesperson, when asked about the home’s fit in the surrounding community, focused on its affordability and green design. The house features beams made of laminated recycled

wood, organic insulation, a tankless water heater, low-VOC paint and wiring for solar panels. The landscaping includes low-maintenance plants to conserve water and energy.

Mancinne said the design may stand out today, but the house’s longevity and strong features will help it to blend in over time.

“Bringing in a modern-designed home may not be what immediately fits the neighborhood,” she said. “The concept behind the home is it’s meant to withstand many years in the neighborhood.”

When asked the price of building the

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Dwell Home on Mountain View Avenue, a company spokesperson said they would reveal that information only if the *Voice's* story will help readers see the house in a "positive" way. Requests for the square footage of the house were not returned

by press time.

Neighbors say they hope something positive will come from all the complaining about the house: a "neighborhood design overlay district," which would discourage such houses from being built in the future. Many neighbors reportedly have started investigating overlay districts and

other ways to set architectural standards in a neighborhood, Bennett said.

In fact, Bennett said, the issue has started a revival of the inactive Shoreline West Neighborhood Association, which successfully fought off a drive-through KFC on the corner of El Camino Real and Mariposa Avenue last month. ▣

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- 464 Bedford Loop**
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Altos Homes to L. Lie for \$695,000
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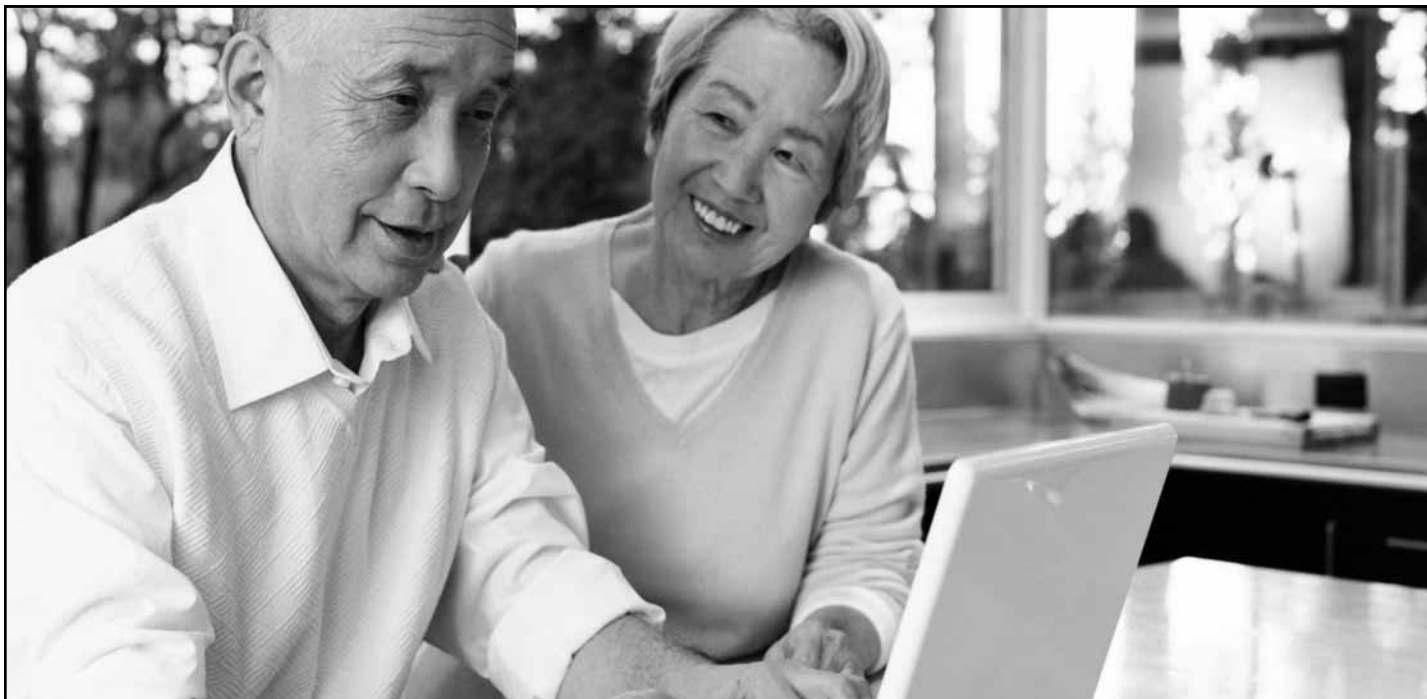
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MINH'S RESTAURANT
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 File No. 504047
 The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Minh's Restaurant, 246 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County: KHANH T PHAM 2998 Quest Ln. San Jose, CA 95148 HONG T PHAM 2998 Quest Ln. San Jose, CA 95148
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 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on Jan. 02, 2004.
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YOGURTOWN
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 File No. 504621
 The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Yogurtown, 21267 Stevens Creek Bl. #313, Cupertino, CA 95014, Santa Clara County: DENNIS S HAN 2093 Flidler Ave. Long Beach, CA 90815

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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 24, 2008. (Voice Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2008)

NEXT STOP ADVENTURE
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 504652
 The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Next Stop Adventure, 1247 Phyllis Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County: METAMORPHOSIS DEVELOPMENT, INC. 1247 Phyllis Ave. Mountain View, CA 94040
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 The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Dan Cy Su'Shi, 2595 California St., #C, Mt. View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County: JUNG, YOUNG HO 1395 Saratoga Ave., # 19 San Jose, CA 95129
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 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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 The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Brajan Interiors, 474 Fairmont Ave., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County: JOSE GONZALEZ CYNTHIA SALMERON 474 Fairmont Ave. Mountain View, CA 94041
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 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 505134
 The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Legacy Management, 1411 Norman Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County: KEVIN KHUU 270 E. Empire St. # 212 San Jose, CA 95112
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 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 505278
 The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Eagle Wings Company, 547 North Bayview Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085, Santa Clara County: YOPI P HARTONO 547 North Bayview Avenue

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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 11, 2008. (Voice Feb. 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2008)

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 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 504683
 The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Glamorous Nail Salon, 1629 Hollenbeck Rd., Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County: LINH VU 2670 Kendrick Cir. San Jose, CA 95121
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997 All Other Legals

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 No. 108CV105591
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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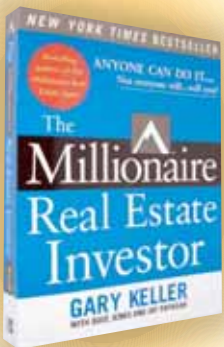
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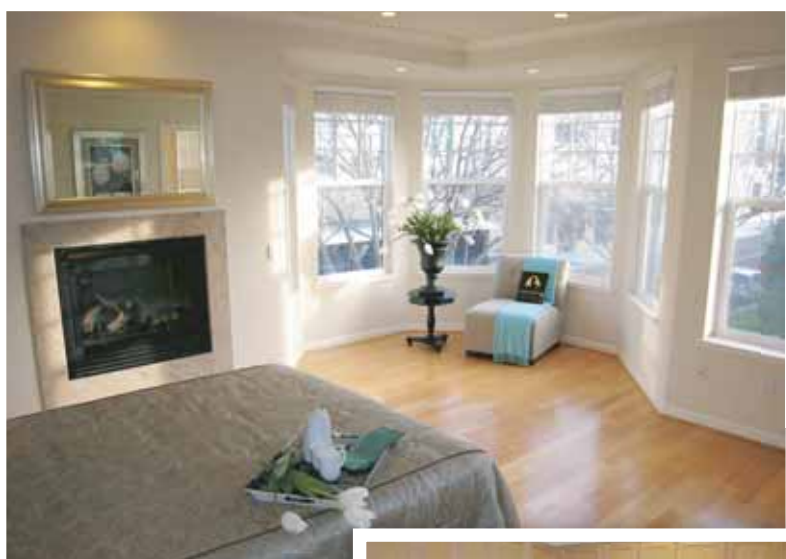


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MOUNTAIN VIEW

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Complex includes swimming pool
Priced at: \$725,000



2025 California St. #42
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Appealing 1 bedroom, 1 bath top floor condo in gated complex
Private courtyard with swimming pool and mature landscaping
Dual pane windows
Euro style kitchen with stainless steel sink, all white appliances, abundant cabinet & counter space
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Captivating 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, first floor end unit
Hardwood floor in living room, dining area and master bedroom
Living room features sliding door to patio area with views of greenbelt and mature trees
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Master bedroom boasts mirrored wall closet and built in shelves
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979 Pinto Palm Terrace #10
Sunnyvale

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Contemporary 2 bedroom, 2 bath town house
Great room floor plan on 2nd level
Living room features fireplace with mantel & tile surround and entertainment center
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630 W SUNNYOAKS AVE SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA Almost new, hwdw flrs, Gourmet kit w/gas & stainless steel appliances, gas fp. Fully landscaped yd. Separate laundry, approx 1620Sqft. Marge Bosetti 650.948.0456	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. Terri Couture/Dave Luedtke 650.941.7040 A PLACETO CALL HOME \$879,000 3 BR 2 BA Brand new condos with Los Altos schools. Maple cabinetry with granite countertops & stainless steel appliances. Anderson windows & doors. Large patio. Terri Couture/Dave Luedtke 650.941.7040 A PLACETO CALL HOME \$852,000 3 BR 2 BA Brand new condos with Los Altos schools. Maple cabinetry with granite countertops & stainless steel appliances. Anderson windows & doors. Large patio. Terri Couture/Dave Luedtke 650.941.7040	201 FLYNN AVE #2 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$569,999 2 BR 1.5 BA 1200+ sq ft! Remod. kitchn, granite counters & Viking Stove. Open floor plan, Wood laminate flrs & fireplc. Spacious patio. Bd rms & Laundry upstairs. Dulcy Freeman 650.325.6161 LOVELY TOWNHOME \$499,000 2 BR 1.5 BA Spacious living/dining area. Deck off master. Freshly painted with crown molding. Custom designed stone patio. Close to downtown shops & dining. Terrie Masuda 650.941.7040 RARE FIND! \$469,000 2 BR 1.5 BA Townhome with expansive yard! Peaceful end unit location. Lots of natural light. Updated kitchen. Inside laundry room. Pool. Close to commute routes. Shelly Potvin 650.941.7040 COZY CONDO \$399,000 1 BR 1 BA Well maintained complex in convenient and quiet location Best location in the entire building – top floor, corner unit, close to elevator and stairs. Julie Tsai Law 650.325.6161 TOP FLOOR CONDO! \$395,000 1 BR 1 BA Charming 1 bed/1 bath top floor unit at the rear of the Parkview West. Unit features newer carpet, renovated kitchen, vaulted ceilings and balcony. DiPali Shah 650.325.6161 VAULTED CEILINGS & DECK \$395,000 1 BR 1 BA Large upstairs condo w/ vaulted ceilings & peaceful deck nestled in treetops. Park-like community w/ two pools. Near downtown & transportation. Owen Halliday 650.325.6161 TOP FLOOR CONDO IN THE \$339,000 1 BR 1 BA back of the complex overlooking the pool. Euro kitchen. Spacious rooms. Secure Building w/underground parking. Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456 505 CYPRESS POINT DR. #24 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$329,000 1 BR 1 BA Remodeled kit w/granite counters & maple cabinets. Freshly painted. Beautiful Cypress Point Lakes. Close to Downtown. Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456	171 EVERETT AVE SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,249,000 3 BR 2 BA Great Downtown loc. New kitchen w, granite counters, tile flr, new bath w shower period details, hwdw flrs. Short stroll to train & restaurants. Leannah Hunt 650.325.6161 4170 THAIN WAY SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,199,000 3 BR 2.5 BA Rare to find dramatic TH over 2,100 sq. ft. (per RealQuest), 2 Master BRs, Formal DR, Den. Serene setting, close to parks, Gunn High. Pool, spa, tennis. Dante Drummond 650.325.6161 800 HIGH ST #105 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,098,000 2 BR 2 BA Stunning contemporary 2br/2bath condo. Hardwood floors. Gourmet kitchen. Central A/C. 2 car spaces. Inside laundry. Fran Papapietro 650.948.0456 2120 BOWDOIN ST SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$998,000 2 BR 1 BA Near Stanford & Cal Ave. Tudor inspired charm features; updt kitchen, f/p, hrdwd flrs, separate dining and private yard with wisteria covered arbor Linda Fahn & Sharon Witte 650.325.6161 444 SAN ANTONIO RD, UNIT 3A SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$910,000 3 BR 2.5 BA Light & spacious, vaulted ceilings, remodeled kitchen, new hwdw floors, carpet, paint. Patio plus balconies, 2-car gar. Gunn HS (ck PAUSD for avail). Dante Drummond 650.325.6161	LIGHT & BRIGHT CONDO! \$498,000 2 BR 2 BA Peaceful third floor condo! Four years new. Approx. 1,258 sq. ft. Balcony with courtyard view. Central a/c. Inside laundry. Clubhouse, pool & gym. Nancy Manning 650.941.7040 237 SAN ANTONIO PLACE SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$440,000 2 BR 2 BA Beautiful tri-level townhome! Granite slab counters in kitchen & baths. Stainless steel appliances! Solid birch cabinets. Tile entry! Eppie Cf Lam 650.948.0456
EAST PALO ALTO	MOUNTAIN VIEW	SANTA CLARA	SARATOGA	SUNNYVALE
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GILROY	LOS ALTOS	REDWOOD CITY	SAN JOSE	WOODSIDE
1174 SPRIG WY SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$879,900 5 BR 3 BA Steel frame! New Construction! One of 3 hms. Granite kit, 2 sided bd rm fp in mstr & retreat, 2 mstr closets. Hwdw, carpet, tile, alarm, front rear yd. New Construction-Steel Frame 650.948.0456	946 MERCEDES AV SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,980,000 5 BR 4 BA In sought after North Los Altos. Superb craftsmanship. Beautiful ceiling treatments. Gorgeous hardwood floors. Approx 3477Sqft lot- 12,197 (Metroscan) Jim Galli 650.948.0456 989 STANLEY AV SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,599,000 5 BR 4 BA Almost 3560Sqft living space on 12,432Sqft lot. Cherry hrdwd in fam kit. Beautiful travertine in liv and din rms. Chef's kitchen. Andersen windows. Mandana Simai 650.948.0456 1723 WESTBROOK AV SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,899,000 4 BR 4 BA 14yr old ultra spacious contemporary home! Great room flr plan. Minutes to Village. 4 master suites. Chef's kitchen opens to family rm Melanie Johnson 650.948.0456 5 MAYNARD WAY SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,695,000 4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious home open floor plan. 2 fireplcs, eat-in kitchen, family room, dining room, 2-car garage, fenced yard, close to town/schools. Dorothy Gurwith 650.325.6161 1945 LAVER COURT SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,695,000 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. Dolores Shaw/Alan Huwe 650.948.0456	CONVENIENT TO EVERYTHING \$599,000 3 BR 1.5 BA Close to Downtown, home features a gated front yd w/beaut trees & lush landscape. Renovated kitchen w/granite counters & a spacious living room w/tile floors. Noemi Ruelas 650.948.0456 BEAUTIFUL WILLOW GLEN \$748,000 3 BR 2.5 BA Built in 1997. 2045 sq ft of living space. Spacious master suite with vaulted ceilings. Living room/ Dining room combination. Fran Papapietro 650.948.0456 191 MARO DRIVE SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$699,000 3 BR 2 BA + Addition! "Like New Home" All new! Spacious open flr plan. Gourmet kit. Tiled ba. Huge cmr lot. Grt neigrhd close to fhills, schls, shops & commute Cindy Mattison/Susan Marsella 650.948.0456 6781 MUSCAT DR SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$529,950 3 BR 1 BA Charming! "Move-in condition". Updates include kit cabinets, Corian counters, travertine tiles in bathroom, crown molding and much more. A must see! Yasemin Richardson 650.948.0456 IMPRESSIVE SANTANA ROW \$529,500 2 BR 2.5 BA Area. 2 story town home. 2 BR/2.5 BA +office with built in cabinetry & desk + separate laundry room + Many upgrades + Granite counter tops + 2 car garage. Mike Kashani 650.948.0456	10691 LA HONDA ROAD SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,595,000 6 BR 4 BA Glorious retreat in Woodside's peaceful redwd setting on 1.55AC. Grand foyer, separate living room with fireplace. Luxury Master suite. Guest quarters. Only 18 minutes to hwy 280. Hannelore Blanchard 650.948.0456	



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