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DOCENT WALKS AT SHORELINE:

In an effort to encourage more residents to explore Shoreline, park employees are launching environmental docent walks to educate people about the 750-acre wildlife and recreation center. Through the program, docents like Elliott Wright, above, lead tours for those interested in learning more about the Bay's tidal marsh. For more, see [Going Green](#), page 29.

'Controlled chaos' at Dem caucuses

By Casey Weiss

Volunteers accustomed to seeing mobs of fans turn out for any Barack Obama event were not disappointed Sunday, as hundreds of the faithful, carrying balloons and wearing Obama shirts, lined up to help pick three District 14 delegates to send to the Democratic National Convention.

Besides the Obama event, located at a Sunnyvale community center, voters all across California selected delegates Sunday, with the winners representing congressional districts at the Denver convention in August.

In Congressional District 14, which includes Mountain View, there were 25 candidates running

to be Hillary Clinton delegates, and 44 to be Obama delegates. Unlike superdelegates, who are able to change their vote, delegates

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system."**

STEVE WESTLEY

go to the convention to support a specific candidate.

"This is one of the most exciting times," said Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, who represents District 14

and attended the Obama caucus.

Two cities to the north, in Palo Alto, 610 Clinton supporters choose Bruce Swenson, president of the Foothill-De Anza College Board of Trustees, along with Jim Thurber and Lorraine Hariton, to represent the district for the New York senator.

Meanwhile, in Sunnyvale, just over 600 registered Democrats from District 14, where a majority backed Obama in February's primary, selected Roger Hu, Julie Lythcott-Haims and Molly Kawakata as Obama delegates for the summer convention. Matt Haney, a Stanford law student, was picked as an alternate.

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Hetch Hetchy housing standoff

DEVELOPER OFFERS FEWER UNITS, BUT
NEIGHBORS REMAIN UNIMPRESSED

By Daniel DeBolt

Next Tuesday the City Council will finally decide on a development that has been the source of contentious debate over the last year: a proposal to build 64 homes on the Hetch Hetchy right of way at Whisman Road.

Due to a study session last year where council members were critical of the project's size, the number of units has been reduced from 69 to 64 units, and building heights from 34 to 29 feet. But neighbors say the project is still too tall and dense, creating a three-story wall that will replace the view of the mountains from some neighbors' back yards.

"Give us 40 beautiful homes that have some green potential," said neighbor Ed Shafrir.

The new plan shows 58 row homes, still three stories tall but split into smaller clusters. A "tot lot" has been added at one end of the site, and a "meditation park" was included to break up some of the row homes.

Despite those alterations, on March 26 the city's zoning administrator, Peter Gilli, recommended that the council deny the project, saying the changes were insufficient.

Meanwhile, the project has gained the support of some environmentalists, including the Sierra Club and the Greenbelt Alliance.

The project provides "housing close to nearby jobs and urban bicycle paths, as the development straddles the Hetch Hetchy trail," wrote Aaron Grossman, an active member of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association, on the group's e-mail list.

"This is an emotionally charged

issue," Grossman continued. "One resident near the proposed development, who seems otherwise environmentally oriented, told me he quit the Sierra Club over its support of the project — he did not want anyone promoting any development of housing that differed from his own full-lot-sized conventional detached single-family home, preferably single story."

An online petition for a "quality development at 450 S. Whisman" had 52 signatures on Tuesday to reduce the project to 40 homes and reduce heights to two stories. Grossman said that would affect

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Houston, we have a problem

NASA, FACING ANGRY
SUNNYVALE RESIDENTS,
DEFENDS CURRENT USE
OF MOFFETT AIRFIELD

By Daniel DeBolt

NASA Ames officials faced down a public relations problem at a meeting in the Sunnyvale City Council chambers last week, as local residents made it clear they're extremely unhappy with the agency for allowing more private planes to fly in and out of

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

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"Yeah. Prices are getting higher on everything."
Sue Cimino, Cupertino



"One of the bigger reasons is the credit expansion. This, in addition to the increasing unemployment rates, stagflation, trade deficit, etc., have continued the trend of a slowdown in spending and economic growth."
Winnie Tong, Mountain View



"I think we definitely are but this area is shielded because of the technology in the area."
Wayne Kumagai, San Jose

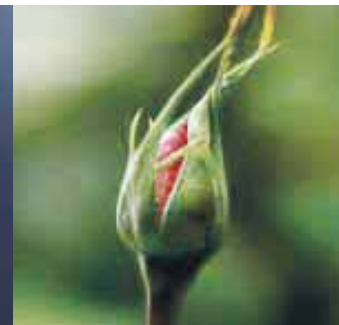


"Yes, we have a record deficit."
Laura Shea-Clark, Los Gatos



"Probably. I imagine it's hard to grow depending so much on consumer spending."
Corey Williams, Sunnyvale

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LocalNews

CRIMEWATCH

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, MERYVNS DEPARTMENT STORE, 4/9

Store employees called to report three women whom the store personnel believed were about to steal shopping bags full of items. The suspects decided to leave the bags of merchandise inside the store and leave without stealing anything, however an investigation showed that they had possibly conspired to commit a burglary. The

case was submitted to the DA for review and a warrant was requested.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, 400 BLOCK N. SHORELINE BLVD., 4/8

A person selling an iPod was concerned about the suspicious behavior of another person offering to trade a TV for the iPod.

POLICE LOG

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

2600 Block California St., 4/10
500 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 4/14

AUTO BURGLARY

500 Block W. Middlefield Rd., 4/8
500 Block W. Middlefield Rd., 4/8
1900 Block W. El Camino Real, 4/9
1600 Block Charleston Rd., 4/10
500 Block Showers Dr., 4/10
800 Block E. El Camino Real, 4/11
800 Block Madison Dr., 4/12

PETTY THEFT

300 Block Escuela Ave., 4/11
Mervyns Dept. Store, 4/11
1100 Block Grant Rd., 4/11
500 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 4/11
1900 Block Latham St., 4/11
Mervyns Dept. Store, 4/12
700 Block Continental Circle, 4/12
200 Block Tyrella Ave., 4/14
Costco, 4/14
1900 Block W. El Camino Real, 4/14

BATTERY

600 Block W. Evelyn Ave., 4/9

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

800 Block E. El Camino Real, 4/9
Costco, 4/10
2900 California St., 4/10

ROBBERY

100 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 4/8
1000 Block Grant Rd., 4/10

STOLEN VEHICLE

N. Rengstorff Avenue/Rock Street, 4/9
400 Block Castro St., 4/10
Hope Street/Villa Street, 4/12

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

100 Block Permanente Way, 4/11
100 Block Moffett Blvd., 4/13
1900 Block Latham St., 4/13

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

400 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 4/8
1000 Block Washington St., 4/9
Mervyn's Department Store, 4/9
1900 Block Crisanto Ave., 4/10
1600 Block San Luis Ave., 4/13
1300 Block Bryant Ave., 4/14
700 Block W. Evelyn Ave., 4/14
Rite Aid - San Antonio Road, 4/14

DISTURBANCE

Terra Bella Academy, 4/8

GRAND THEFT

Safeway - Miramonte Ave., 4/9
Library, 4/9
500 Block Logue Ave., 4/9
100 Block Calderon Ave., 4/12

TRESPASSING

Park Vista Apartments, 4/12

PETTY THEFT

Nob Hill Foods, 4/8
1900 Block Latham St., 4/8
Safeway - N. Shoreline Blvd., 4/8
Pets Mart, 4/9
Sears Department Store, 4/9
Twisters Gym, 4/10
200 Block Mountain View Ave., 4/11

VANDALISM

2600 Block Bayshore Parkway, 4/8
2000 Block Stierlin Ct., 4/10
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Downhill from here

By Don Frances

EARLIER THIS month, council members Jac Siegel and Nick Galiotto were seen outside the local Orchard Supply Hardware, helping soap box hero Joe Sparaco put together a few speeders for the upcoming race.

Sparaco, a former cop turned coffee shop owner, has been organizing old-time soap box derbies since last year. A true community builder, he enlisted the help of the council members to work on some double-seat "super kids" cars, which will be driven by disabled children in the upcoming race.

When's the upcoming race, you ask? The derby will be held June 1 on the Dana Street overpass in front of Landels Elementary School. There's still much to do, so if you'd like to get involved, or just find out more, visit www.svsbd.com.

IT MUST BE *deja vu* all over again for Alicia Crank, who in some ways is reliving 2006.

First of all, she's again running for City Council (perhaps that will go differently than it did in 2006).

Also, she's organizing another women's safety training class with the police department, much like the one she organized in 2006.

The class will be held this Tuesday, April 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (I'm not sure of the location). It is open to all girls and women ages 12 and up, and covers personal safety, home security, Internet safety and sex offender awareness.

Space is limited to 50 people, so RSVP quickly to mountainview-policersvp@gmail.com. But should you miss it, don't worry: Another class will be offered in October, and classes for Spanish speakers will be offered in June or July. ■



VERONICA WEBER.

Auto Shop teacher Greg Ely and student **Jeff Schlansker** inspect the underbelly of a Dodge Charger during class at Los Altos High School on Friday, April 11, 2008..

Auto shop makes a comeback

IN GREG ELY'S CLASS, LOS ALTOS HIGH STUDENTS LEARN A TRADE WHILE FIXING TEACHERS' CARS

By Nicole Baldocchi

A simple car inspection or tire rotation is not cheap anymore, but some local teachers get complimentary service if they turn their car over to auto shop students who are eager to practice on real vehicles.

At Los Altos High School, students in Greg Ely's auto class work on learning the basics of auto repair and maintenance. If a faculty member or student

needs work done on their car, students can do the work during class. Teachers love this luxury because they can drop off a car before their first class and pick it up on the way home, Ely said.

The option is also extended to parents, students and faculty at Mountain View High School, though it's less convenient for those teachers to drop off their cars, Ely said.

"It's just a courtesy for the staff. It's a preventive main-

tenance inspection," said Ely. The teens enjoy it and learn from it, he said.

Ely worked as a mechanic fixing trucks for UPS for 30 years. He was looking for a career change years ago when he heard the auto class at the high school needed saving after its former teacher left halfway through the school year.

Ely, 55, came to the rescue,

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A safe haven for gay youth

OUTLET MEMBERS SAY LGBT STUDENTS ARE AT RISK FOR DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR

By Casey Weiss

While they recognize the Bay Area is known for its progressive politics, local advocates say many Mountain View students questioning their sexual identity still feel disconnected from traditional high school rituals such as prom and homecoming.

These feelings of isolation often lead to destructive and

dangerous behavior, said Shannon Turk, director of Outlet, a Mountain View advocacy group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth.

Outlet, which is part of the Community Health Awareness Council, or CHAC, provides a place for these students to hang out, watch movies and attend dances with other LGBT youth. Turk spoke about the group last week during a meeting of the

Challenge Team, a group of educators and youth advocates who meet every month to discuss issues facing at-risk students.

According to a national survey, 5 to 7 percent of teenagers will realize they are gay by the time they graduate, which means "300 students walking our halls identify this way," Turk said.

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■ CITY COUNCIL

Members discuss parks funding

By Daniel DeBolt

The City Council held a wide-ranging study session Tuesday to prioritize a long list of city improvement projects over the next five years. In a separate discussion, council members wrestled with the definition of "open space" following contention among residents about its absence in some neighborhoods.

Council members narrowed discussion to a few key projects and issues, and city staff were directed to come up with funding options to expedite the Del Medio Avenue mini-park, which the city purchased land for but needs to design and build at a cost of \$800,000.

Members also supported minor funding to complete the design details of the Cuesta Annex and to fast-track a new fire station on Shoreline Boulevard for \$10 million, which council members Nick Galiotto and

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ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

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Margaret Abe-Koga said was taking too long.

Bob Weaver, president of the city's historical association, spoke in favor of funding to finish the planning details of the Cuesta Annex. A history museum, which would be a \$5 million gift to the city, is planned for the Annex, and Weaver said funding the Annex would help its cause.

The council supported \$400,000 for planning the final details of the Annex, as well as a master plan for the rest of Cuesta Park.

The projects proposed

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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Fiery sunrise



"I enjoyed this fire-like sunrise ... from the back porch of my house," wrote Mountain View resident Barbara Gordon. She said the sunrise, which occurred sometime in February, lasted "for only a minute." If you have a photo taken around town which you'd like published in the Voice, please send it (as a jpg attachment) to editor@mv-voice.com.

Monta Loma School locked down after armed robbery

By Casey Weiss

Monta Loma Elementary School was locked down for 20 minutes last week after an armed robbery occurred near the campus, police said.

Police said an unidentified man wearing a black ski mask held up Central Liquors, locat-

ed at 106 N. Rengstorff Ave., at gunpoint on Tuesday, April 8, and then fled on foot. Since the crime occurred close to the school, Mountain View police shut down Monta Loma, but quickly reopened the school after finding no evidence the suspect was there.

No one was hurt during the robbery or lockdown. Moun-

tain View police spokesperson Liz Wylie said lockdowns occur any time a "potentially dangerous person" could threaten a school.

The suspect, who is still at large, was described by witnesses as a black male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing a black baseball cap, ski mask, jacket and jeans.



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“Most of us walk through the world expecting the people we interact with are straight, and they will grow up to have 2.5 kids, a minivan and a white picket fence,” Turk said. But LGBT students “are afraid their life will not have a happy ending.”

According to an Outlet survey of nearly 50 local LGBT youth, 60 percent answered “yes” when asked whether they have “had thoughts about suicide to the point you had a plan in mind,” Turk said.

Although gay students do not fit the common “at-risk” description, many are more likely to be depressed, to get lower grades and to binge drink “simply to dull the pain, to make it go away,” Turk said.

Turk said she has worked with Mountain View LGBT youth who were kicked out of their homes after coming out to their

families, and she currently has a student who is scared to drive by the Outlet office with her parents, in case someone recognizes her.

In general, however, homophobia is less of an issue in Mountain View, especially compared to neighboring cities, she says.

Even so, Outlet holds support groups for LGBT students, HIV education seminars, leadership training and community outreach sessions for local students. During these meetings, the three Outlet employees discuss how important it is for teachers and administrators to stop students — and sometimes even themselves — from using “gay” as a slur.

Turk said the people at Outlet hope LGBT students will realize: “You can have a house with a white picket fence. You can live the American dream.”

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AUTO SHOP

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arriving at Los Altos High in 1993 when there were few teens enrolled in the class or excited about it. Today, the class is popular and always has enough students.

Along with teaching the class four times a day, Ely is the swim coach, assists with school security and has other chores. “I don’t want to get bored,” he said.

Only a few area high schools offer auto classes, including Los Altos, Palo Alto, Gunn, Fremont and Homestead. The class is funded through the Santa Clara County Regional Occupational Program.

Some of Ely’s students have gone on to become mechanical or electrical engineers. Passing the class plus passing basic testing at De Anza Community

College can earn students four college credits.

“You want to get a well-rounded student,” Ely said.

Those in the class who are 18 years old can participate in the “Duel at De Anza” — an auto race for students driving the cars they work on in class. To compete, the teens must enroll in a performance driving school to learn how to race properly and safely. This year’s race is May 18 at De Anza College in Cupertino. Gunn High School also will be participating.

“This is a kick-ass job,” said Ely. “This is fun. I recommend going into teaching for anyone who wants a career change when they get older.”

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OBITUARY

BETH BROWN

Beth Brown, who had many friends and associations in Mountain View, died on March 1. She was 96.

Born in Pine Bluff, Ark., Beth went to school and worked in Arkansas for many years as a secretary and travel agent. She later met Bob Brown and they married in 1949.

The two had a son, Tim, and the family moved to Los Altos in 1958. There, Beth became actively involved in the PTA, Los Altos United Methodist Church

women’s group, Camino Bowling League and more. She later became a manager at a local cosmetics company.

Brown is survived by her husband of almost 59 years; their son Tim and his wife Sheryl; and two grandsons, Rory and Ryan.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service at Los Altos United Methodist Church on April 30 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos, 94024.



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NASA beams up new lunar program

BUZZ ALDRIN ATTENDS FRIDAY OPENING OF LUNAR SCIENCE INSTITUTE, BASED AT MOFFETT

By Daniel DeBolt

As NASA ramps up a historic effort to return to the moon, the NASA Lunar Science Institute opened Friday at Moffett Field, putting NASA Ames at the forefront of lunar science.

Located in historic Moffett Building 17, with Hangar One rising in the background, the small operation promises to be at the center of a new and exciting era of lunar research.

NASA has renewed its efforts to take humans to Mars, but the moon, they say, must be conquered first. In the next decade humans may spend months at a time there.

"Humankind will eventually settle the solar system," said NASA Ames director Pete Worden. "That certainly is a long-term objective."

Worden added that with many other countries on the same path, "the world is going to the moon."

NASA is attempting to revive the enthusiasm of the 1960s, when there were hundreds of lunar scientists and lunar science conferences could draw a thousand people. Today, many lunar scientists are older or "no longer with us," Worden said.

"The sentiment that 'We've already been there, done that,' couldn't be farther from the truth," said planetary sciences director Jim Green. "Secrets about the origin and evolution of the solar system are there on the surface for us to discover."

Among the new generation of lunar scientists is Jennifer Heldmann, a planetary scientist at NASA Ames. She spoke to the audience on Friday, which included Buzz Aldrin, the second man to set foot on the moon.

"It's unfair I wasn't alive" when Aldrin accomplished the feat, she said. "I'm feeling a little gyped."

Heldmann is working on a project called LCROSS (Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite), which will shoot a rocket into the surface of the moon so that the ejected particles can be studied. Heldmann believes there is "tantalizing evidence" of water ice on the permanently shaded portions of the moon.

Heldmann also mentioned the Google Lunar X prize, which will give \$30 million to the first team to send a robot to the moon which successfully lands, travels 500 meters and transmits video and data back to earth.

Worden answered questions about a new "space race" to the moon and Mars by saying that having a common interest in science "really brings the whole world together."

To make the program affordable, NASA may partner with another country with a serious lunar program, such as Japan or India.

Officials explained that NASA Ames was chosen for the Lunar Science Institute in part because of its proximity to Google and Cisco, two companies NASA has already drawn expertise from.

The institute will be headed by interim director David Morrison. It will consist of only a dozen long-term employees, but as the main "node" of communication on lunar science, hundreds of scientists from around the globe will communicate with the institute through its high data rate connections. ■

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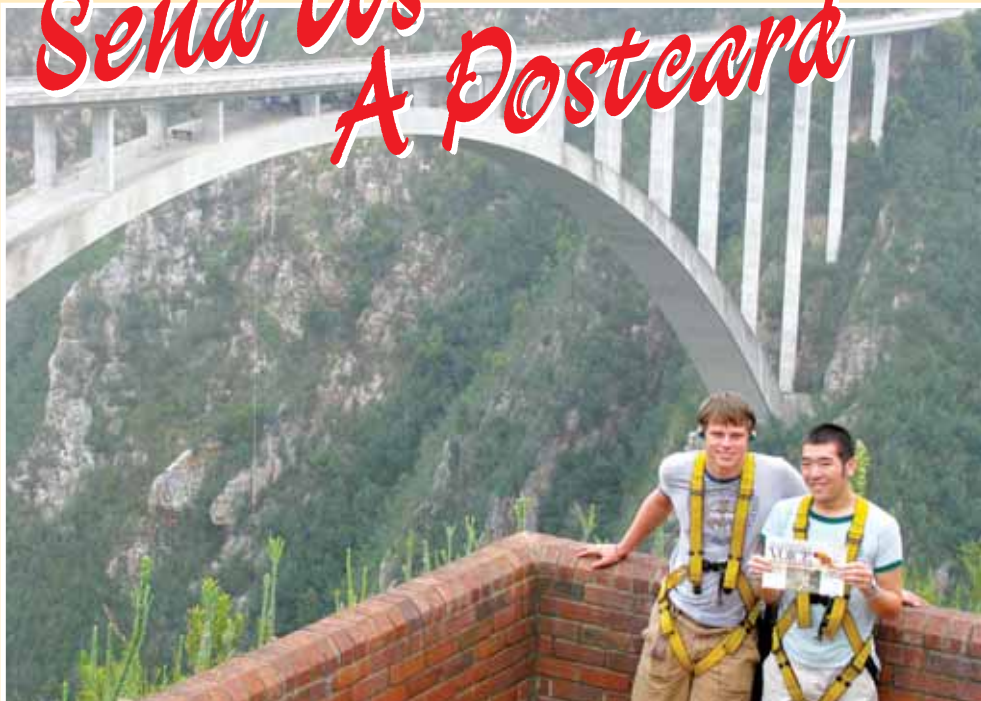


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Moffett Field. During the meeting, NASA also elaborated on why it should continue to run the airfield.

Sunnyvale residents live directly under Moffett's flight path, and many said they are awoken when a plane flies overhead just before the runway closes at 11 p.m.

"When I see this beginning to creep in, it's really scary," said neighbor Chaz Grossman after the meeting, referring to the recent deals between NASA and top executives of companies like Google. Those deals could add hundreds more flights in and out of Moffett every year.

"It's causing us to lose sleep," said another resident.

But NASA's Steve Zornetzer said the private partnerships and additional flights are a necessary evil so that NASA can pay the \$7 million needed to operate the runway. The federal government recently cut the airfield's funding, and NASA is \$3 million in the red.

"We'd like to close that gap," Zornetzer said.

The alternative, Zornetzer warned, could be the FAA takes control of Moffett and allows cargo flights in and out — a much worse situation for local residents.

To meet the shortfall, NASA is making deals with companies like Zero Gravity, which offers high-priced thrill rides on its Boeing 727s, and H211, which operates two jumbo jets and two Gulf Stream jets for Google's top executives. The latter pays NASA \$1.2 million a year to fly out of Moffett.

Angry neighbors

One resident said Sunnyvale's relationship with NASA had been good in the past, but now they believe NASA doesn't care anymore about the public's opinion.

Zornetzer apologized for how NASA handled its public relations on the H211 deal.

"There was a breakdown in communication," Zornetzer said, later adding that "We're really trying to improve that communication right now."

At the end of the meeting, the unsatisfied residents confronted Zornetzer and NASA research park director Michael Marlaire.

"You don't understand our anger and our disappointment," one of them said to Marlaire, whose jolly presence seemed unfazed, apparently frustrating the residents even more. "We think the public's opinion has dropped for you," they said.

In response, Marlaire said, "Well, you are all here now.

What is it you feel you need to get answered?"

Neighbors say they didn't learn about the latest deal with Zero Gravity until they saw newspaper articles about the first people to float weightlessly on the Zero Gravity plane, including San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.

"We feel manipulated," said a neighbor.

NASA Ames is allowed 25,000 flights a year out of Moffett. When the Navy was stationed at Moffett, P-3 Orions and other military aircraft made as many as 80,000 flights a year.

Marlaire admitted to the *Voice* that he is often not allowed to talk to the media, which may add to the public's perception that NASA is not forthcoming about its plans. NASA public affairs coordinators said they would try to be better about getting back to the media in response to questions.

Local control of Moffett?

Although they did not refer to recent press reports on the subject, last week NASA officials did try to clarify their long-term intentions for Moffett Field's runways.

"We want to keep Moffett as a limited use, federal airfield," Marlaire said, adding that it's a "well known fact" that San Jose would love to take over the runway for small aircraft and cargo planes.

If NASA is not allowed to make deals with private companies to pay for the airfield, then "it's very likely to go for commercial development," Zornetzer said. That would mean "planes coming in and out whenever they want. All bets are off for Mountain View, all bets are off for Sunnyvale."

Longtime Mountain View resident and Moffett Field expert Lenny Siegel, disagrees. "To me it's very unlikely that it will become an airport," he said earlier this week.

Siegel has been following the issue closely since the base closed in 1994, and in 1996 he helped fight off a plan to allow cargo planes at Moffett. He believes the runways are not that important to the community or NASA, and notes that NASA can choose to give up the airfield at any time.

Siegel is an advocate of building substantial neighborhoods at Moffett, which would require that the runways be removed.

"If communities don't want them and the congressional delegation doesn't want it, it's hard to turn something into an airport," he said.

Events in Orange County

For insight into what might

happen if NASA can't pay for the airfield, Marlaire pointed to the El Toro Marine Corps air station in Orange County, which closed in 1999.

The county voted to turn it into an airport, but through a series of elections, voters overturned the decision, and it's now being turned into housing and a large park. In a political fight of such large proportions, "You never know what's going to happen," Marlaire said.

City manager Kevin Duggan was also familiar with El Toro. But to Duggan, "The key issue to consider is that the city has no authority to take over anything."

"To anybody who thinks there is a straight line or that this is an easy task — it's much more complicated than that," Duggan said. The city would have to "get in line," he said, in the effort to form a "re-use authority." He said there would be a "hierarchy of potential users," including the city of San Jose.

"There is absolutely no guarantee that the city of Mountain View or the city of Sunnyvale would have final control," Duggan said. "It would be great if that was the case; it would make us feel a lot better."

For now, the National Guard uses the runways at Moffett, but they would actually prefer to leave, Siegel says. They were kept there in 2006 only because Congresswoman Anna Eshoo wanted them to stay. Marlaire presented a list of runway users last week, including several private companies and the Army, which uses it to test helicopters.

"From my perspective, those who are concerned about flight operations can continue to be grateful that we have a partner in NASA Ames to balance that carefully," Duggan said. ▀

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the project's financial viability.

Developer Bruce Burman defended the project Tuesday, saying, "We developed a plan in concert with the city of Mountain View for over two years, working diligently and cooperatively with the city staff. It requires no variances or zoning change. It's ideal."

Burman says the zoning allows row homes to be up to 45 feet, a lot higher than his plan.

"We understood that was way too high," Burman said. "When we came in at 34 feet we felt that was addressing that issue."

Council member Jac Siegel sees the project as an example of why row homes should not be allowed in the R2 zone at all. Siegel said two groups of row homes squeezed in the northwest corner of the site need to be completely removed from the plan.

In an e-mail, zoning administrator Gilli said the project fits the zoning, but is not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. He cited a city ordinance which says that "in some cases, compatibility with surrounding development may dictate that a residential development may



Before and after views from Lisa Matichak's back yard, according to the neighborhood association.

not be allowed at the maximum density."

Burman, based in Marin, has been a developer for 25 years, but never in Mountain View.

"We think Mountain View is a great place to develop," he said. "We like the whole concept of infill development for new housing near jobs, the opportunity to not have to commute. You can walk or bike to work. The site has that possibility."

On March 6, the council's advisory group of architects also

rejected the new plan, saying the changes required a major redesign rather than modifications to the old design.

According to the meeting minutes, committee members thought the new buildings "were repetitious, monotonous and had less variety than the previous version." They also said the new single-family homes required major design changes to look appealing.

Burman said the architectural style isn't much different than his previous plan, which the committee approved.

The new roof design will allow for solar panels, Burman said, though neighbors didn't believe the pitch of the roof was right for that.

As to whether the panels would be included, "We haven't determined whether we will do that right out the gate," Burman said.

Recently, the neighborhood association put its own story poles in the open lot and created a rendering of what the 29-foot-tall homes would look like from the back yard of association president Lisa Matichak. Even with five feet taken off the top, the new homes are still overwhelming, she says. ▀

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Steamed neighbors get organized

'WAGON WHEEL' GROUP TAKES ITS NAME FROM HISTORIC DINER

By Daniel DeBolt

As sparks fly over the development proposed for the Hetch Hetchy right of way at 450 N. Whisman Road, neighbors are beginning to circle the wagons.

The new Wagon Wheel Neighborhood Association was organized to fight off a development deemed to be too tall, too dense and too close to the neighbors' back fences. Whether the neighborhood wins or loses the fight, it will have gained an association.

In the future, wrote member Ed Shafir in an e-mail, the association "will focus on emergency preparedness, neighborhood safety, and even block parties."

The name "Wagon Wheel" recalls Walker's Wagon Wheel restaurant on Middlefield Road near Whisman Road, which was where many early Silicon Valley engineers would meet.

It was demolished in 2003, and the wagon wheel that sat out front was recently donated to the Computer History Museum.

It's a history "that of course we want to preserve," said Lisa Matichak, founding president. Some of the homes in the neighborhood also happen to feature wagon wheels out front.

The association held its kick-off meeting March 8. The seven-member board is led by Matichak and vice president Kelley Ketchmark.

There are 300 homes in the area the association covers, though Matichak says there are plans to extend south to Middlefield Road, north to Fairchild Drive, east to Tyrella Avenue and west to Whisman Road. There are now 75 people subscribed to the neighborhood's Yahoo group, "Wagon Wheel Association."

For more information, e-mail kellyketchmark@gmail.com. ▀



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by city staff include the following for 2008-09: design and construction of a new park at Dana and Mariposa Streets for \$1.3 million; a \$200,000 study for a Rengstorff Avenue railroad underpass; a \$200,000 study for a Permanente Creek Trail undercrossing at Charleston Road.

Other possible projects for coming years included a \$9 million athletic field at Shoreline Park and a \$5 million park in the

Whisman area.

Longer-term projects the city has yet to find money for include a \$50 million community and teen center, \$50 million for a new police and fire administration building (the existing one has seismic issues), and a Stevens Creek Trail overcrossing from Dale Avenue to Mountain View High School, which would cost a projected \$15 million.

The issue of open space

Following years of hotly contested housing developments —

parks and open space section of the general plan.

In order to figure out which neighborhoods are deficient in open space, the city may restrict the definition to exclude things like community gardens, regional parks

such as Shoreline, open space along trails, and “single use” areas such as skate parks. Using the new definition, the average number of acres per 1,000 residents drops from three acres to 2.6. The city’s goal is to keep it above three acres.

Council member Matt Pear said he wanted the city to keep track of things like the open space along the Stevens Creek Trail and the large Shoreline Park, as the city continues to spend millions of dollars on those projects. ▀

The city is now prepared to redefine what “open space” means in Mountain View

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Sign up by Friday for citywide garage sale

Residents need to sign up by this Friday, April 18 if they want to take part in Mountain View’s annual citywide garage sale, which will be held Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The following week, on May 10, the city will host a Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the case of both events, sellers must register by April 18.

The coordinated effort gives residents the power of a strong advertising campaign to sell items at their home. For those who would rather not host a sale at home, the yard sale at Rengstorff Park is an alternative.

The city views the sales as a way to reduce its carbon footprint by conserving resources, as residents will have the chance to buy and sell reusable items during the annual events.

Both events are coordinated by city staff members. Maps of garage sale locations will be published in the May 2 edition of the *Voice*. Also, the maps and a list of items for sale will be available online by May 2 at www.mvrecycle.org, or at local coffee shops and civic locations.

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Kawakata, a Gunn High School senior, works as the national high school campaign director. Lythcott-Haims, dean of freshmen and transfer students at Stanford, inspired dozens of students to come and vote.

Political junkies at both caucuses said Sunday that the voter turnout was impressive.

"I have been coming to these since 1980 and this is the biggest I've seen," said Steve Westley, California state co-chair for Barack Obama. "People say no one cares about politics, but people are still coming out on this beautiful Sunday. This has got to make you feel good about our political system."

Eshoo, a superdelegate committed to Obama, greeted voters at the Obama caucus after they cast their vote. She described herself as an "Obama woman," and said she would not attend other caucuses on Sunday.

"Obama is a transformational figure matched to our times and the challenges we face," she told the Voice. "He is serious about the right things."

In a short speech to voters, Eshoo said, "You helped us win this district," adding that local residents have spent hours working on phone banks at Obama's Palo Alto headquarters and have also traveled across the country to work for the Democratic candidate.

Voters registered in District 14 came from as far as Southern California to see Eshoo speak and vote for the delegates. Ian Buckner, a student at San Luis Obispo, returned home to Palo Alto to vote for Kawakata, a friend from high school.

"I am just getting into politics, I am just catching up," Buckner said.

Valerie James, of East Palo Alto, brought her teenage daughters to the caucus to teach them how democracy works at the local level.

"The delegates are the ones who voice our opinions," she said. "This is why we are here, because they are learning how it works."

Supporters of Hillary Clinton were just as enthusiastic at their caucus at the Cubberly Center in Palo Alto, taking part in a scene described by delegate and Los Altos resident Jim Thurber as "controlled chaos."

As voters there lined up to cast their ballots, candidates for the delegate positions were giving one-minute speeches about their qualifications. Many candidates distributed fliers to voters as they waited in line, and one handed out food and beverages.

Thurber, who has participated in four caucuses and represented Democratic Presidential candidates Bill Clinton and John Kerry at conventions, said this was also the largest turnout he had ever seen. He added this was important, since the "local level is where politics starts." ■

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EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

City needs Moffett strategy

Could it come to pass that one day Moffett Field is largely controlled by the cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale? The former Navy base was created in 1931, when the two cities gave a total of 1,000 acres to the Navy to go with a similar-sized plot. Today NASA operates Moffett Field, but should the federal government ever decide to give it up, that land conceivably could come back to the cities.

The buzz on Moffett ownership was started at a City Council goal-setting session by member Jac Siegel, who sees the conversions of the Presidio in San Francisco and the Alameda Naval Air Station to civilian use as precedents, should Moffett's current quasi-military airfield operations ever be phased out.

And while there is a certain pipedream quality to thinking Mountain View and Sunnyvale could ever gain title to such a valuable property in the heart of Silicon Valley, it certainly makes sense for the cities to have some measure of planning and zoning control over this huge parcel. Who knows? One day NASA could hit a budgetary meltdown and move its Ames operations elsewhere.

Even now, NASA is struggling to obtain the \$7 million-a-year for operations costs for the field's two runways, and is threatening that the Federal Aviation Administration would take them over for cargo flights. To prevent that, the space agency has cut deals with several private users, particularly the top executives of Google, who prefer to land at Moffett rather than the busy metro airports at San Francisco or San Jose. But these deals have made NASA no friends in Sunnyvale, where residents are directly under the flight path.

For Moffett to see major re-use, the cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale would have to get past fears that San Jose's wishes for an airport at Moffett would take precedent over the local desire for parks and neighborhoods. Orange County residents won a similar battle at El Toro Marine Corp air base, where neighbors eventually got their wish for a large park and new housing, despite major support for an airport.

NASA has plenty of other irons in the fire for Moffett, including a huge research park with ties to major universities, 1,000 units of housing, and acres of private office space. But Moffett's bordering cities already have big questions about the impact such projects would have on their communities.

Such questions are all the more reason to watch Moffett's goings on very closely. Although it would be a challenge, both cities should welcome the job of overseeing the Moffett property — and should enlist the help of our representatives in Congress to make sure a plan is in place for the future.

*One day
NASA could hit
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meltdown.*

LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

STUDENTS WHO CAN'T PASS EXIT EXAM SHOULDN'T GET DIPLOMAS

Editor:

Letting students graduate who cannot do the work and who cannot pass the exit exam devalues the diploma for all students ("End the waffling on exit exams," April 11).

California had to reduce the high school exit exam to middle school math and 9th grade English because too many students could not pass the exam. Even more alarming, students can flunk the exit exam and receive a high school diploma. (Students only need to get 55 percent of the answers correct to pass the high school exit exam. California originally required students to get 70 percent correct in order to pass, but too few students could answer 70 percent of the questions correctly.)

If students cannot pass the "dumbed down" high school exit exam, then they don't deserve a diploma. Giving students a certificate of completion is even a stretch.

Life is difficult and challenging and life does not reward you if you can't do the work. We are giving students a false sense of how well they are doing when we reward them for work they either can't do or won't do.

Giving a student a diploma for flunking the exit exam is like giving a facelift to a cancer patient. It looks good, but does nothing to solve the underlying problem.

Ellen Santiago
Azure Street

CITY WILL DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

Editor:

Recently as I was walking down View Street, I noticed a syringe in the street with the needle exposed. I called the Mountain View Police Department and they sent someone out to pick it up.

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■ GUEST OPINION

Escuela site all wrong for Day Worker Center

By Vince Raciti

There's been a lot of positive talk recently about the Day Worker Center's proposed new home at 113 Escuela Ave. in Mountain View. But what you haven't heard is the harmful effect it will have

in this already busy residential neighborhood.

The proposed site is located on a corner that turns into Crisanto Avenue. Regardless of the direction one is traveling, it is a blind corner. The avenues of Escuela/Crisanto are also a direct path to Rengstorff Avenue at Central

Expressway. This intersection is noted by its railroad tracks that allow Caltrain to frequently, and rapidly, transport commuters and other travelers.

Crisanto Avenue is also home to Rengstorff Park and the 155 apartments in the Park Place complex. School children of

families that live in the Park Place apartments regularly walk from their homes up Escuela Avenue to Castro School.

These two streets push traffic to its limits already, and adding commercial traffic will only exacerbate this existing problem.

The 100 block of Escuela Avenue, including 113 Escuela, is zoned residential for a reason. It is home to apartment complexes, duplexes and single-family homes that house many families with children. This district has been identified by real estate brokers as a "high density area."

Families are the majority of the demographic. A healthy quality of life is just another reason why this commercial business should

not be allowed to operate in our residential neighborhood.

In considering the negative impact the Worker Center will have on traffic, parking and our quality of life, who benefits from this proposed commercial business? The many families of the apartment complexes, duplexes and homes that call Escuela Avenue their home? Or the Day Worker Center's board of directors, which is just looking for a great deal on a piece of property?

They are not considering the long term ramifications and impact this type of commercial business will have on our residential neighborhood. The bottom line, in my view, is that the Day Worker Center is a commercial business that belongs in a commercially zoned area.

Vince Raciti lives on Escuela Avenue.

■ GUEST OPINION

Military families suffer continual abuse

By Stephanie Munoz

Kim Honigschmidt's nice letter March 28 was a timely reminder that the U.S. military, for many years, was a good way for many young people to enter the working world, but that was when it was assumed that our army was meant to defend our own country, not to advance our leaders' ambitions for empire.

Now, perhaps recruiters should seriously consider whether they can in good conscience recruit for an employer — the American people — that is so shamelessly abusive of the good will and patriotism of military families.

First, those who serve in the military are ridiculously under-compensated. To undertake the risk of being sent to their death or the loss of a limb, or their minds, the least qualified of them should probably get \$100,000 a year.


Second, we have a new draft, and, amazingly, the only people subject to it are those who have already volunteered to serve their country. They can be drafted.

Third, the benefits aren't all they're cracked up to be.

My dental hygienist at Foothill College had been working as a dental hygienist in the Army for several years, but the state had recently begun to require that, in addition to taking the certifying test, the Army-trained veterans had to take the whole two-year course over. Note that in addition to being a big waste of taxpayer money, and the loss of teaching space, which could have gone to a person who didn't already know dental hygiene perfectly well, this requirement raises the cost to future patients.

I asked if the VA didn't object to paying out educational benefits for no visible gain, but the hygienist corrected my naive notion. The so-called education benefit was actually a matching grant. Whatever she put in, the government matched, she said. When she couldn't practice the profession she was trained in without going back to school full-time for two years, she withdrew her savings to make her house payments, so the government — our representatives — took away her education benefit.

Stephanie Munoz lives in Los Altos Hills.






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The test of Thai

BANGKOK SPOON HAS BEEN SERVING PATRONS IN DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN VIEW SINCE THE 1980S

By Sheila Himmel

It seems to be feast or famine at Bangkok Spoon.

Monday night. One man comes in for dinner and one for takeout. Otherwise, we pretty much have the lonely waiter to ourselves.

Thursday noon. A large party is ordering, and several other tables are occupied. By 12:30 p.m., Bangkok Spoon is turning people away. Two servers scurry around, trying to greet people at the door, take orders and get the food out. Dishes arrive in fits and starts, but hot.

Lunch is a very good deal. You can also get dinner appetizers and entrees, but why bother?

The \$7.95 lunch specials include soup, spring roll, rice or noodles, and many choices of entrees. As at dinner, you can designate your own spice level. My bounteous pork Pad Thai featured tender pork, hot noodles and cold, crisp bean sprouts, a cup of light chicken soup, and a refreshingly homespun spring roll.

At dinner, we started off on the wrong appetizer. This beef satay (\$7.25), marinated and grilled, could be called jerky in some countries. For dipping, and we needed desperately to dip, there was a sweet/salty peanut sauce and a tangy/spicy cucumber vinaigrette salad. The same sauces

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Rick Wong, manager of the Bangkok Spoon Thai restaurant, holds up a plate of pineapple fried rice in the dining room.

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accompany roti (\$5.95). Bangkok Spoon's roti are not wispy and flaky pancakes but thick and deep-fried, addictive in their own, doughnut-like way.

On the healthier side, the sweet/tart papaya salad (\$7.95) perked up our taste buds with a shrimp, tomatoes and cashews dotting a citrus-dressed slaw of crisp green papaya and green beans. Bangkok Spoon has lots

of vegetarian items, and brown rice is an option.

Basil duck (\$10.95) was very good. Slices of roasted duck and fresh mushroom were sauteed with onions, basil and chili. It could have been spicier, but that was our fault. In green curry chicken (\$8.25), the meat was overcooked but not the eggplant.

For a sweet ending, share the Crazy Mango dessert (\$6.50) with at least one other person. Ripe, juicy mangoes top coconut

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Diners eat at the Bangkok Spoon Thai restaurant in Mountain View.

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ice cream and sticky rice. There's also a roti dessert: fried dough, fried banana and coconut ice cream (\$5.50).

Bangkok Spoon has three food-friendly beers: Heineken (\$3.75), and in addition to the usual Singha (\$3.95) from Thailand they serve Chang (\$3.95).

The wine selection could be worse. Robert Mondavi wines

I had heard that Bangkok Spoon was the first Thai restaurant in Silicon Valley.

are listed as Chardonnay, Sauvignon and Merlot (\$4.25 glass, \$16 bottle). The Sauvignon is Cabernet, not Blanc. Just so you know. (Note to Bangkok Spoon: Sauvignon Blanc would be better than Cabernet with food that is distinctive for its contrasting flavors of salt, sour, spice and sweet.)

Besides the Cabernet, the background music also doesn't go with the food. "Listen to the music of the falling rain. Pitter patter, pitter patter." And the ghost of Karen Carpenter: "Every sha la la la, every whoa whoa." Another plus for lunch is that the music is less noticeable.

I had heard that Bangkok Spoon, under the same ownership since 1980, was the first

Thai restaurant in Silicon Valley. The local history room at the Mountain View Public Library could confirm only that it existed in the '80s, and before that the little restaurant at the corner of Villa and Hope streets was Peking Duck.

The carpet, held together in spots with tape, could be original. Peachy tablecloths brighten the dim 60-seat room, bounded by wood paneling. You have only to look at the tabletop, though, to see why so many Thai restaurants in the United States have spoon or spoons in

their name: You use a spoon and a fork.

Mountain View seems to have been a decade behind Los Angeles in attracting Thai cuisine, which was considered exotic at the time. Lynne Olver, a reference librarian at the Morris County Library (Whippany, N.J.) runs the informative and entertaining www.foodtime.org. She found reviews of Thai restaurants in Los Angeles newspapers in 1971. "An influx of Thai students may have been the impetus," Olver told me in an e-mail. ▣

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Superb slices from The Pear

By Alexa Tondreau

Who knew the folks at Mountain View's Pear Avenue Theatre were such serious multi-taskers?

Not only have they established themselves as being top-notch actors, directors and producers, but with Pear Slices 2008, these thespians have proved once and for all they can write, too.

Running through April 27, Pear Slices — now in its fifth year — is a unique treat of a theatrical experience. Perfect for the sort of crowd with attention spans attuned to television's eight- to 12-minute intervals between commercials, Pear Slices presents eight short plays over the course of a two-hour production. Each slice is written by a member of The Pear's writer's guild, and this year's selection includes a diverse group of material.

For instance, Pear Slices begins with a short called "Miss Direction," by V.B. Leghorn, which details the obsessive and stalkerish relationship between a car's automated navigation system (personified with great comedic timing by Camila Frausto) and the car's driver. Sample line: "You hurt me to the micro-grade."

Sound unusual? Not compared to the next piece, "The Near-Death Experiment," by Richard Medugno, which tells the story of a serial killer on death row who, as part of an experiment hatched by an ambitious doctor, is momentarily killed and brought back to life again in order to study the transformative effects of such an experience.

If there is any unifying theme among the Pear Slices of 2008, it seems that a certain penchant for the bizarre and surreal connects the theatrical material in them all. And a sign of the high quality of writing here is that the playwrights successfully pull off



a number of challenging themes which might have appeared silly or trivial in lesser hands.

Caryn Huberman's "Pig Me, Act II" manages to make the relationship between human and pig a nuanced and intimate thing. What appears at first to be a completely outlandish proposal on the playwright's part — that a woman and her talking pig live together, and that the pig has been genetically modified to provide her with replacement organs — turns into a sad yet powerful story about cross-species love and loyalty.

About half way through "Pig Me," you have the unnerving realization that you've become emotionally invested in the strange material. It's a feeling that comes again and again while watching Pear Slices.

Just as important in these productions are the eight actors, who make multiple appearances

in a variety of challenging roles. John Romano and Ray Renati, who were so good as dueling brothers in The Pear's recent production of "True West," appear frequently and continue to raise the bar for acting on The Pear's stage. Romano is particularly memorable when playing Salvador Dali in Ross Peter Nelson's "Allegorical Construction with Ectoplasm and Soft Cheese, Act II," uttering such lines as "Dali is a flaming giraffe!" and "My madness is that I believe I'm not mad!" with total dead-pan sincerity.

Pear Slices has become one of Mountain View's best artistic traditions. Nestled just a block from the expansive Microsoft campus and situated on land recently purchased by Google, the theater reminds us that in the land of technology titans, the small, intimate and quirky deserve a place too. ■

■ INFORMATION

What: Pear Slices 2008, now showing at The Pear Avenue Theatre

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■ ARTS BRIEF

RENGSTORFF HOUSE HOSTS BOOK-SIGNING

The Rengstorff House is holding its spring open house this Sunday, and the event will include a special feature: a signing for a book about the Rengstorff family.

The signing is by Ginny Kaminski, author of her new book "Henry Rengstorff and His Family." The Mountain View Garden Club will also

be presenting a flower show at the event, and people will be able to see the newly completed windmill.

The event is this Sunday, April 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. The Rengstorff House is located at 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd. Call (650) 903-6392 for more information.

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Century 20: 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.

21 (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 1:10, 4:10, 7:15 & 10:15 p.m.

Century 20: 12:15, 1:35, 3:10, 4:30, 6, 7:30, 9 & 10:30 p.m.

88 MINUTES (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:40, 2:20, 3:20, 4:55, 6:45, 8, 9:25 & 10:35 p.m.

Century 20: 12:05, 1:20, 2:40, 3:55, 5:10, 6:30, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:25 p.m.

THE BANK JOB (R) ★★★ Century 16: 1:20, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m.

Century 12: 1:20, 4:40, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.

THE COUNTERFEITERS (R) ★★★1/2

Century 20: 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50 & 10:15 p.m. Aquarius: 4:30 & 9:30 p.m.

DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 12: 12:35, 3:20, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m.

DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) ★★★

Century 16: 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30 & 9:50 p.m.

Century 20: Noon, 2:20, 4:40, 6:55 & 9:20 p.m.

DRILLBIT TAYLOR (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 20: 12:35, 3, 5:30, 8:05 & 10:30 p.m.

FLAWLESS (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Aquarius: 2 & 7 p.m.

THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 4:40, 7, 7:45, 9:40 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 12: 1, 2*, 4, 5*, 7, 7:45*, 10 & 10:30 p.m. * Spanish subtitles

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:35, 2:15, 3:15, 5, 7:05, 7:55, 9:45 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: Noon, 12:50, 1:40, 2:35, 3:30, 4:20, 5:15, 6:15, 7:05, 7:55, 8:55, 9:45 & 10:35 p.m.

IN BRUGES (R) (NOT REVIEWED) Century 20: 1, 4, 7 & 9:35 p.m.

LEATHERHEADS (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 1:05, 3:55, 6:50 & 9:35 p.m.

Century 20: 1:25, 4:35, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m.

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16:

1:50, 4:15, 6:40 & 8:55 p.m. Century 20: 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25 & 9:50 p.m.

MY BLUEBERRY NIGHTS (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50 & 10:05 p.m.

NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (NOT REVIEWED) Century 16: 1:40, 4:20, 7:10

& 9:30 p.m. Century 20: 12:20, 1:45, 2:40, 4:10, 5, 6:30, 7:20, 8:50 & 9:40 p.m.

THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13) ★★

Century 12: 1:10, 4:30, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.

PRICELESS (R) (NOT REVIEWED) Guild: 1:30, 4:15, 7 & 9:40 p.m.

PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED) Century 16: 12:45,

3:05, 5:20, 7:40 & 10 P.M. Century 12: 12:45, 1:40, 3, 4:10,

5:30, 6:30, 8, 9:30 & 10:20 p.m.

THE RUINS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 12: 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:15 p.m.

RUN, FAT BOY, RUN (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 20: 12:25, 2:55, 5:15, 7:40 & 10:05 p.m.

SHINE A LIGHT (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 20: 1:05, 4:15, 7:10 & 10 p.m.

SMART PEOPLE (R) ★★ Century 20: 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:35 &

9:55 P.M. Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:35 p.m.

STOP-LOSS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 12: 12:50, 3:40, 7:20 & 10:05 p.m.

STREET KINGS (R) ★★

Century 16: 12:55, 2, 4, 5:10, 6:55, 7:50, 9:35 & 10:30 p.m. Century 12:

12:30*, 1:30, 3:15*, 4:20, 6*, 7:15, 9*, & 10:10 p.m. *Spanish subtitles

SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 12: 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.

UNDER THE SAME MOON (LA MISMA LUNA) (NOT RAT-

ED) ★★1/2 Century 20: 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8 & 10:35 p.m.

Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:20, 7 & 9:40 p.m.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OSAMA BIN LADEN? (PG-13) (NOT

REVIEWED) Aquarius: 2:30, 5, 7:30 & 10 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 12:15 p.m.

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

AQUARIUS: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (266-9260)

CENTURY CINEMA 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View (960-0970)

CENTURY PARK 12: 557 E. Bayshore Blvd., Redwood City (365-9000)

CENTURY 20 DOWNTOWN: 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (369-3456)

CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)

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

SPANGENBERG THEATRE: 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto (354-8263)

For show times, plot synopses and more information about any films playing at the

Aquarius, Guild and Park, visit www.LandmarkTheatres.com

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

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MOVIE REVIEWS

21 ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Ben Campbell (Jim Sturgess) is a shy MIT senior who's been accepted to Harvard Med but needs a scholarship. Math professor Mickey Rosa (Kevin Spacey) discovers that Ben has a brain like a Pentium chip and makes him an offer he can't refuse: learn to count cards and make a killing in Vegas. Ben sets out to study the tricks of the trade and work hard enough to generate \$300,000, enough to cover tuition and living expenses on the way to becoming Dr. Campbell. His plans begin to sour when a daily diet of vectors and formulas segues into high-roller suites, fantasy clubs and the irresistible lure of teammate Jill Taylor (Kate Bosworth). The plot generates sharp narrative comment on the downside of seduction and desire, but an awkward climax puts an idealistic spin on beating the odds. *Rated: PG-13 for some violence and partial nudity. 1 hour, 58 minutes.* — J.A.

THE BANK JOB ★★★

(Century 16, Century 12) British actor Jason Statham hits pay dirt with this compelling picture about the 1971 Baker Street bank robbery in London. Terry Leather (Statham), a family man with a criminal history, is approached by former flame Martine Love (Saffron Burrows) with a lucrative job offer. Terry and a ragtag group of thieves are to tunnel into the vault of Lloyds Bank and plunder the safety-deposit boxes. Renting a nearby empty shop, Terry and company jackhammer through the concrete and soon reach the vault. The film quickly reaches a fever pitch following the heist. Turns out two of the boxes belonged to cutthroat villains — pornographer Lew Vogel (David Suchet) and radical Michael X (Peter De Jersey) — and housed incriminating documents and photographs. Vogel's list of payoffs to dirty cops and Michael X's photos of the British princess engaged in a sleazy sexual tryst are now in the possession of Terry and his crew, and the villains will break laws and legs to get their goods back. Strong acting, excellent production values, a good script and historical context all make "The Bank Job" a steal at the box office. *Rated: R for sexual content, nudity, violence and language. 1 hour, 50 minutes.* — T.H.

FLAWLESS ★★★1/2

(Aquarius) In 1960s London, Laura Quinn (Demi Moore) is the sole female senior executive at London Diamond Corporation. Not surprisingly Laura is passed over time and again for bigger and better positions, continually bumping up against the glass ceiling. Frustration mounts as the old boys' club persistently closes ranks. Salvation arrives in the curious form of building janitor Mr. Hobbs (Michael Caine), who has his ear to the ground and eyes in the waste bin, and fully grasps the measure of Laura's dissatisfaction. Rumor has it the big brass intends to terminate the girl with nary a fare-thee-well. To that end Hobbs offers to cut Laura in on a deal: Help him procure the combination to the main vault, and he will gain entrance on his rounds and walk out

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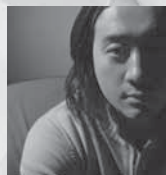
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Saturday, May 3, 8 p.m.
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with a thermos full of diamonds. "Flawless" is a bit of a revelation, revealing when it needs to be and unpredictable when you least expect it. *Rated: PG-13 for mature themes. 1 hour, 56 minutes.* J.A.

LEATHERHEADS★★

(Century 16, Century 20) George Clooney's third directorial effort has neither the snap of a screwball comedy nor the excitement of a gridiron film. Dodge Connelly (Clooney) is a pro football player for the Duluth Bulldogs. Two story threads converge in the simple plot. Chicago Daily Tribune ace reporter Lexie Littleton's (Renee Zellweger) assignment is to expose the Great War heroics of Carter "The Bullet" Rutherford (John Krasinski) as "a crock." Now drawing big crowds playing football for Princeton, the handsome "Hero of the Argonne" had allegedly single-handedly engineered a German surrender. Fans pack the stadium to cheer for the dashing golden boy. In an attempt to save the season for his beloved-but-bankrupt Bulldogs and bring more attention to pro-level football, Dodge convinces the college pigskin star to join his ragtag Minnesota team. Why shouldn't Rutherford get paid for his talent instead of paying tuition to Princeton? The young man's agent (Jonathan Pryce) seals the deal. Posing as a sports writer, Lexie travels by train with the team to get her story. Despite a Hail Mary plot twist as the clock winds down, Clooney doesn't win this one. *Rated: PG-13 for brief strong language. 1 hour 54 minutes.* —S.T.

RUN FATBOY RUN★★1/2

(Aquarius) Simon Pegg is lovable loser Dennis, a classic commitment-phobe who walks out on heavily pregnant fiancée Libby (Thandie Newton) on their wedding day. Five years later Dennis is pulling dead-end hours as a security guard and sleeping in a seedy North London basement apartment. Libby has moved on to bigger and better things, most notably rich and handsome financier Whit (Hank Azaria). Tired of being a nearly man and determined to impress Libby and their son Jake, Dennis vows to run in the same 26-mile charity marathon for which Whit is training obsessively. Naturally Dennis is hopelessly unfit (though not exactly the fatboy the title suggests), and seemingly incapable of completing even menial tasks. The film is altogether trite but true to the kind of comic roots that include the timeless workout montage, clash of the male egos and heartstring-tugging finish-line drama. Not a surprise in sight: just predictable losers-are-people-too jesting raised a notch by the quality work of professionals who are better than their material. *Rated: PG-13 for language and mature themes. 1 hour, 39 minutes.* —J.A.

SMART PEOPLE★★

(CineArts) With his face puckered into a permanent scowl, Dennis Quaid lumbers through the part of Lawrence Wetherhold, an angry, self-absorbed literature professor at Carnegie Mellon whose most recent academic tome can't find a publisher. Ellen Page wisecracks her way through "Juno"-like dialogue as his college-bound daughter Vanessa. Her older sibling (Ashton Holmes) lives in the university dorms and snarls at his emotionally distant father every chance he gets. And Thomas Haden Church seems

to have wandered "Sideways" into the role of Chuck, the down-on-his-luck-but-likable loser who moves in with his widowed brother. Novelist Mark Poirier's first script features underwritten parts that display a typical male film fantasy: the younger woman who inexplicably falls for the older man. Twice. "Smart People" offers some amusing moments and dialogue exchanges. It's not the worst film currently in theaters — nor is it one to recommend. *Rated: R for language, brief teen drug and alcohol use, and for some sexuality. 1 hour 35 minutes.* —S.T.

STREET KINGS★★

(Century 16, Century 12) Keanu Reeves is Tom Ludlow, a vodka-chugging LAPD detective still struggling with the untimely death of his wife. Ludlow works closely with Captain Jack Wander (Forest Whitaker) in Wander's vice unit (which includes Jay Mohr of "Jerry Maguire" and John Corbett of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"). But Wander and company have lawless methods of effecting justice, which include planting weapons, swiping evidence and killing unarmed criminals. The murder of Ludlow's former partner leads him on a vengeance quest that unearths a morass of police corruption and double-crossing. Alongside go-getter cop Paul "Disco" Diskant (Chris Evans of "Fantastic Four"), Ludlow combs the streets of L.A. in an effort to find his old friend's killers and redeem himself for past misdeeds. The result produces enough blood to satisfy Dracula for a lifetime. Fans of Reeves and Whitaker will appreciate Reeves' heavy screen time and Whitaker's performance, but both actors deserve material that doesn't leave the viewer queasy and in need of a long shower. *Rated: R for strong violence and pervasive language. 1 hour, 47 minutes.* —T.H.

UNDER THE SAME MOON

★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) "Under the Same Moon" puts human faces on immigration woes. Adrian Alonso plays 9-year-old Carlitos with the perfect balance of charm, spirit and wisdom. Every Sunday Carlitos excitedly waits for the pay phone to ring. It's the lifeline that connects him, living in Mexico, with his mother Rosario (Kate del Castillo) who works in East L.A. and sends the family \$300 each month. Carlitos lives in a vibrant Mexican village with a loving grandmother (Angelina Pelaez) and the saucy "La Coyota" (Carmen Salinas) who refuses to put the young boy into harm's way, despite his pleas to let a novice (America Ferrera) smuggle him across the border. The death of his grandmother changes everything. With a handful of savings and a return address ripped off a letter from his mother, Carlitos sets off to find her. Tense moments alternate with funny incidents. Even when Carlitos seems most lost, you'll know exactly where this movie is headed. And nothing is more satisfying than the moment when the boy and his mother are under the same moon, in the same place. *Rated: PG-13 for some mature thematic elements. In English and Spanish with English subtitles. 1 hour, 49 minutes.* —S.T.

MOVIE CRITICS

S.T.-Susan Tavernetti,
J.A.-Jeanne Aufmuth, T.H.-Tyler Hanley

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CONCEPTUALLY BOUND 3

An exhibition of artists' books. Conceptually Bound refers to the idea that the content of the book is in part expressed by the form the book takes. Through May 25, Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 305. www.arts4all.org

BENEFITS

Mountain View Book Sale Located in Bookmobile garage. Sat., April 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Sat. only members of the Friends of Mountain View Public Library get early entrance from 9-9:45 a.m.). Sun., April 20, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Bag sale Sun. 2-4 p.m. Friends of the Mountain View Book Sale, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7031.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Introduction to Zen Practice Introduction to Zen meditation. Sat., April 19, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations accepted. Kannon Do Zen Meditation Center of Mountain View, 1972 Rock St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-6708.

That's Outrageous Color! Two-day watercolor art workshop for teens and adults. For all levels. April 19-20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$190. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

Yew Chung Int'l School Open House Yew Chung Int'l School is a bilingual multicultural environment. The open house will showcase the new Grade 6 curriculum as well as the existing classes. Sat., April 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Yew Chung Int'l School, 310 Easy St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-0986. www.ycis-sv.com

CONCERTS

Celtic Rose in Concert Doris Williams and Viola Garbarino present a program entitled "Celtic and Beyond" featuring Doris on the lute, recorder and tin whistle, and Viola on bodhran, vocals and guitar. Sat., April 19, 8-10 p.m. \$15/12 in advance. East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. www.doriswilliams.com

DANCE

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

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Turkish Dance! Duygu Demirioglu will teach Turkish dance from 8-9 p.m., followed by open dance. He has performed as a dancer in both Turkey and the United States. Locally, Duygu performed with and directed the Ceylan ensemble. Fridays, April 18 and 25, 8-11 p.m. \$6 regular, \$3 student, under 12 free. Flex it Aerobic Studio, 425 W. Evelyn St., Mountain View. Call 408-733-5529. <http://dance.blochg.com>

ENVIRONMENT

Designing California Native Gardens Alrie Middlebrook, author of "Designing California Native Gardens," tells how to design beautiful gardens using native plants. Tue., April 22, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. www.santacalaracountylib.org/losaltos

Docent-Led Walk, Shoreline at Mountain View Layered clothing, walking shoes and binoculars are suggested. Meet at Rengstorff House. Groups are requested to call in advance. Sat., April 26, 2-3 p.m. Rengstorff

House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. <http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/default.asp>

Docent-Led Walk, Shoreline at Mountain View Celebrate Earth Day with a docent-led walk to learn the history of Shoreline at Mountain View. Layered clothing, walking shoes and binoculars are suggested. Meet at Rengstorff House. Groups are requested to call in advance. Tue., April 22, 9-10 a.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. <http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/default.asp>

Free E-waste Recycling The Ames Child Care Center is hosting a free drop off location for recycling electronic equipment. Items accepted include computers, monitors, cell phones, PDAs, microwaves, TVs/VCRs, stereos and radios. Items not accepted include fluorescent bulbs, batteries or items with freon, oil or fuel. April 21-22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. NASA Ames Exploration Center Parking Lot, NASA Ames Main Gate, Moffett Field. Call 408-943-9943. <http://www.earthcarerecycling.com/>

EXHIBITS

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

FAMILY AND KIDS

Babies and Books A three-week workshop April 28-May 12 featuring books, music, lap bounces, nursery rhymes and parenting resources for families with infants 3-12 months. Registration for MV residents begins April 14 at 8:15 a.m. in front of the library. Nonresidents may register April 16 after 10 a.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7054. http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/

Deer Hollow Farm Tours April 19, May 17,

June 21. Tour working homestead farm with trained docents in small groups. Visit animals in their pens, tour large organic garden. Learn what farm life was like 150 years ago. Benefits scholarship fund. Includes short film. www.fodhf.org. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 children. Under 2 free. Deer Hollow Farm, Rancho San Antonio County Park, Los Altos. Call 650-965-3276. www.fodhf.org

SCORE! Math Challenge! SCORE! Educational Centers is holding a Math Challenge for Los Altos / Mountain View area students on Sat., April 26t, 4-6 p.m. Free. El Camino YMCA, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-948-8118. www.scorelearning.com

FILM

"People Say I'm Crazy" Screening of this award-winning documentary made by Palo Alto resident and artist John Cadigan. The film offers an intimate view into the onset of his schizophrenia and the continuing struggle he faces every day. There's also an opportunity to meet John and view an exhibition of his art. Fri., April 25, 7 p.m. Free. All Saints' Episcopal Church, 555 Waverly St., Palo Alto. www.asaints.org

HEALTH

Lick The Sugar Habit How to break free from sugar dependency. Sat., April 19, 10-11 a.m. Free. Integrative Nutrition and Wellness Center, 277 Castro St., Mountain View.

Yoga and Meditation Cora Wen blends the meditative, educative and transformative aspects of yoga. Wednesdays through May 7, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-drop in, \$13-series. California Yoga Center, 570 Showers Drive Suite 5, Mountain View. Call 650-383-5103. www.corawen.com

LIVE MUSIC

GISSV Talents' Night Students from grades 1-11 will perform musical pieces; there will also be a dance and juggling performance. Drinks and food will be sold. Fri., April 18, 6 p.m. Admission is free; donations

accepted. German international School of Silicon Valley, 310 Easy St., Mountain View. Call 650-254-0748. www.gissv.org

ON STAGE

"The Adventures of a Bear Called Paddington" Follow the adventures of Paddington Bear, who was found and adopted in London by the Brown family. Performs Thu., April 17 at 7:30 p.m., Fri., April 18 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., Sat., April 19 at 2:30 p.m. \$8 adult, \$4 child. Walter Hays Elementary School, 1525 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930.

"The Light in the Piazza" Palo Alto Players presents the first regional production of this Tony award-winning musical love story. April 25-May 11. Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m.; Sun. at 2:30 p.m. \$20-31.00 Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.paplayers.org

TheatreWorks 2008 New Works Festival The seventh annual Festival, April 12-20, features staged readings of two new musicals. New Works Festival Passes \$75. TheatreWorks at the MVCPA, Second Stage, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

TheatreWorks presents "Caroline, or Change" TheatreWorks closes the season with the Tony-nominated musical "Caroline, or Change." This production is a celebration of chutzpah and human fortitude by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner and Jeanine Tesori. Weds., April 2 through Sun., June 27, Tues.-Wed., 7:30 p.m., Thu. - Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun, 2 and 7 p.m. \$20-61 TheatreWorks at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mountain View High School 50th Class Reunion Looking for graduates of the 1958 Mountain View High School for a reunion. Fri., Oct. 3, Mountain View Hilton Garden Inn, 840 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 408-732-3092.

TALKS/AUTHORS

N. Scott Momaday POST's 15th Annual Wallace Stegner Lecture Series. A poet, Pulitzer prize-winning novelist, playwright, painter and professor, Momaday is the author of "House Made of Dawn" and "The Way to Rainy Mountain" and a frequent contributor to Natural History and American West. Tue., April 29, 8-10 p.m. \$22. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-854-7696. <http://www.openspacetrust.org/activities/lecture.html>

POST Lecture Series Pulitzer Prize-winning author N. Scott Momaday, will speak at the Peninsula Open Space Trust lecture series. Momaday, a storyteller, painter and novelist, is a Native American known for his works on Native American Art and oral tradition. Tue., April 29, 8-10 p.m. \$22. Mtn. View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-854-7696. [openspacetrust.org](http://www.openspacetrust.org)

TEEN ACTIVITIES

High School Senior Conference High-school seniors are invited to attend Foothill's "Day on the Hill" conference. Students from public, private, religious and home schools are invited to attend. Complimentary lunch, raffle prizes, guest speakers, information sessions, university-transfer options and career programs. Wed., April 30, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. Foothill College Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7100. <http://www.foothill.edu/dayonthehill/>

VOLUNTEERS

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

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