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Officer Ron Cooper is teased by students at Terra Bella School in Mountain View as they hold their Cinco de Mayo barbecue.

## Kids love this cop

POSITIVE ATTITUDE GIVES RON COOPER AN EDGE AMONG LOCAL STUDENTS

By Casey Weiss

On his days off, Officer Ron Cooper often makes the nearly hour-long drive from his home in Morgan Hill to play basketball with students at Terra Bella Academy, a continuation school in Mountain View for students in the county who struggle in a normal academic setting.

Teachers say many of these eighth through 12th graders

— who may only wear gang-neutral colors to school — have had negative interactions with police in the past. But not with Cooper, the Mountain View Police Department's school resource officer, who is regarded as a mentor and friend by many of them.

On Monday the *Voice* spent the morning with Cooper, who made the rounds to Terra Bella and German International

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## Crunch time at Moffett

AS BUDGET TIGHTENS, NASA SEES TENSIONS RISE WITH EMPLOYEES, ARMY TENANTS

By Daniel DeBolt

NASA Ames was nearly shut down two years ago, but is now poised for major growth, according to a presentation made last month by Director Pete Worden to NASA Ames employees.

Worden's "All hands on deck" presentation, obtained by the *Voice*, indicates NASA is about to make radical changes in how it does business, including efforts to attract major new projects, improve employee trust of management, implement cost-cutting measures and continue to celebrate and encourage private partnerships as it builds its massive research park at Moffett Field.

When Worden arrived two years ago, he found a slashed budget at Ames. Its astrobiology institute, which plays a key research role nationwide, had been cut in half. Aeronautics programs at the Ames wind tunnel had also become unpopular.

"We were a research center when NASA wanted to end research," Worden said in his presentation. "Ames was tangential to the agency's goals. We could have easily been closed."

Since then the research programs have made sig-

**"Ames was tangential to the agency's goals. We could have easily been closed."**

PETE WORDEN

nificant turnarounds, but still NASA Ames' budget is expected to be cut from \$793 million for 2007 to \$624 million for 2009.

"Our projected institutional support budget" — which is determined by NASA headquarters — "is inadequate to meet the current way we do business," Worden said.

To strengthen its position among NASA's 10 centers across the country, Ames hopes to attract new projects and become NASA's leader in small spacecraft missions, intelligent robotics, information technology and biotechnology.

The ambitious plans require a committed workforce, and a recent national survey showed that while NASA employees are some of the most satisfied federal employees, those at NASA Ames are some of the least satisfied in the country.

"Ames is near the bottom," Worden said, mentioning a lack of trust by employees of NASA leadership



COURTESY NASA

An artist's rendering of the NASA Research Park.

## VA plans move into Mountain View, Moffett

By Daniel DeBolt

As more veterans return from the Iraq War with mental and physical injuries, the Department of Veterans Affairs is buying former military buildings in Mountain View and Sunnyvale to make way for more patient services at its Palo Alto and Menlo Park facilities.

By 2011, officials say, the Army Reserve Center at 1776 Old Middlefield Way and a building at the former Onizuka Air Force Base — located on the Sunnyvale side of Moffett Field — will be renovated for use as VA administrative offices.

"Our Palo Alto campus is only 93 acres," said Jason Nietupski, facility planner for the Palo Alto VA health care system. "We've run out of real estate."

Meanwhile, the Army Reserve Center is planning to move to a new building at the former Orion Park housing site at Moffett Field.

"The Army reserve site has many problems," Nietupski said. "Heating in portions of the building doesn't work, there are no elevators, there is lead and asbestos and American Disability Act issues that the Army never had to deal with."

The relocation of administrative functions to Mountain View is part of a billion dollar expansion plan that includes a new traumatic brain

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## What do you plan to do with your income tax refund?



*"I'm buying Burning Man tickets. Yeah, I can't wait."*

**Kim Gray**, Mountain View



*"That's easy — just pay bills."*

**Jose Alvarado**, Mountain View



*"I actually owed money so I'm going to be paying."*

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*"I haven't even thought about it yet."*

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*"Paying off a bill. Or another option is going on a mini-vacation."*

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## Free Skin Cancer Screenings and Hearing Loss Information

Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF), formerly known as Camino Medical Group, is hosting two informative events in May. Both are free, open to the community and you do not need to be a patient of PAMF.

### Free Skin Cancer Screenings

To boost awareness of the value of early detection of skin cancer, PAMF dermatologists will provide free skin cancer screenings on a walk-in basis at the Mountain View Center. Sunscreen samples, education displays and information on skin cancer will also be available.

**Saturday, May 10, 8 - 11:30 a.m.**

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## LocalNews

### CRIMEWATCH

#### ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, 2600 BLOCK N. SHORELINE BLVD., 4/30

A group of young people attacked another group at Shoreline Park. During the attack, one victim was stabbed multiple times with non-life-threatening injuries, and another received a head injury. The two victims were described as 19- and 21-year-old Sunnyvale residents.

Police believe the incident may have been gang-related, and are continuing to investigate. Many of the participants in the fight were gone by the time police arrived. The suspects are described only as Latino males and females.

#### ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, 1000 BLOCK EL MONTE AVE., 5/2

An enraged man driving a car intentionally swerved into someone on a motorcycle in a parking lot, causing the motorcyclist to receive minor to moderate injuries. The man in the car fled the scene but was soon located by police, who apprehended him and determined he was intoxicated.

The man, a Los Altos resident, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, felony DUI resulting in injuries and felony hit-and-run.

### POLICE LOG

#### AUTO BURGLARY

600 Block Rainbow Dr., 5/2

#### BATTERY

800 Block Leong Dr., 5/1  
800 Block Leong Dr., 5/2  
700 Block Eunice Ave., 5/2  
1100 Block Terra Bella Ave., 5/2  
2500 Block W. El Camino Real, 5/3  
1100 Block Villa St., 5/3

#### DISORDERLY CONDUCT

800 Block E. El Camino Real, 5/2  
200 Block Castro St., 5/2

#### DISTURBANCE

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100 Block E. El Camino Real, 5/2  
400 Block Tyrella Ave., 5/5

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500 Block Showers Blvd., 5/1  
200 Block Bryant St., 5/1  
700 Block Villa St., 5/2  
Sears Dept. Store, 5/2

#### PETTY THEFT

1100 Block Karen Way, 4/30  
Safeway - California Street, 4/30

#### PETTY THEFT

300 Block Bryant St., 5/1  
Sears Dept. Store, 5/1  
100 Block N. Whisman Rd., 5/2  
1000 Block Villa St., 5/2  
1000 Block Grant Rd., 5/3  
Rite Aid - Grant Rd., 5/3  
600 Block Pettis Ave., 5/4  
600 Block Taylor Ct., 5/4  
1000 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 5/5  
1000 Block Terra Bella Ave., 5/5  
700 Block Sonia Way, 5/4

#### POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

Broderick Way/Terminal Boulevard, 5/4

#### ROBBERY

Latham Street/Mariposa Avenue, 4/30

#### SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

1300 Block Space Park Way, 4/30  
1100 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 5/4

#### VANDALISM

Crittenden School, 4/29  
2200 Block California St., 4/30  
200 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 4/30  
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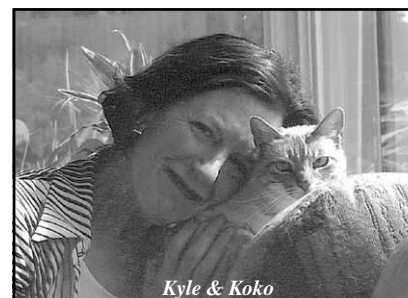
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## Honorable mentions

By Don Frances

**WE WERE** excited to see the sudden support thrown Pedro Carbajal's way, and proud for whatever part we played in it.

I'm speaking of Carbajal's Amigos Soccer League, which was a shoestring operation until a story by Casey Weiss gave it some exposure last month. This in turn attracted the attention of MVPAL, the local Police Activities League, which sent the team to PAL's Northern California Soccer Tournament in Ripon.

And now I find out, via PAL vice president Joanne Pasternack, that the Amigos "represented their town with pride," finishing third in the event.

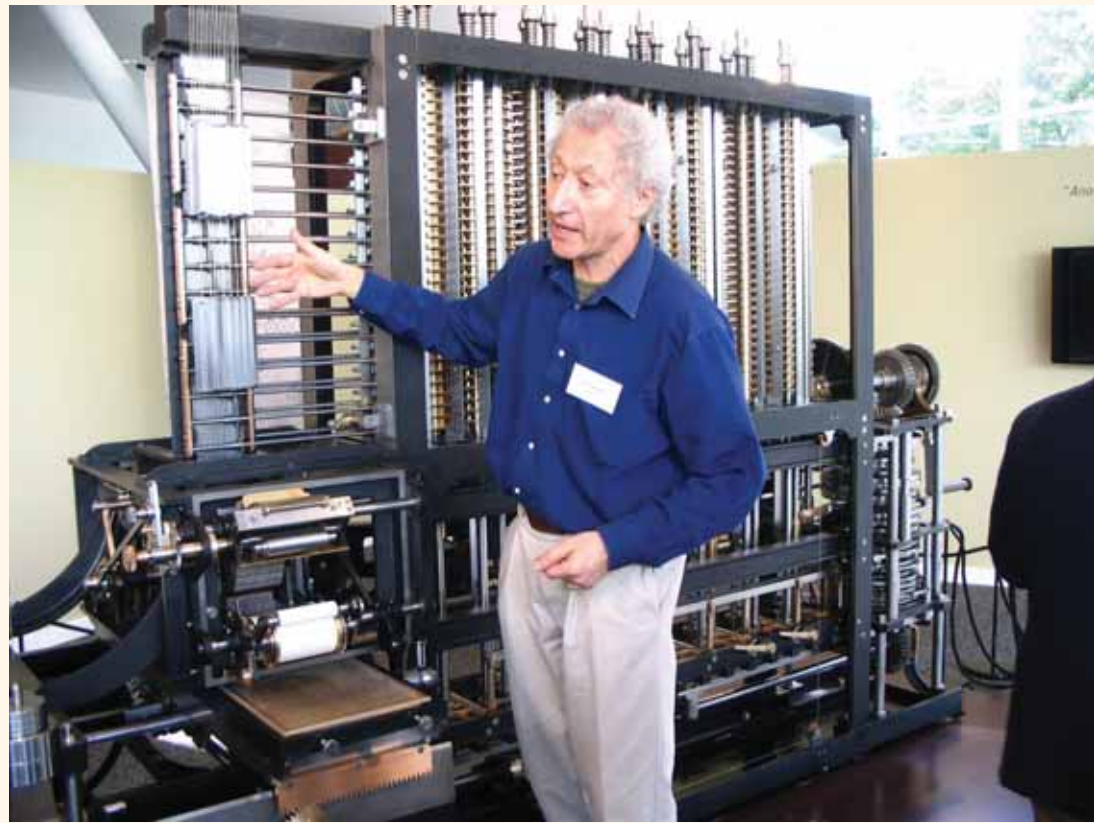
"Outfitted with brand new jerseys in MVPAL's signature lime green color, the boys scored over 17 goals during the two day tournament, defeating teams that were older, stronger, and had played together longer," Pasternack wrote. "They also enjoyed a fantastic weekend in Ripon, building their sense of team through an impromptu pool party and other group activities."

Chief Scott Vermeer attended the games, and commented afterward, "We couldn't have asked for a better group of boys — or a more dedicated coach — to represent MVPAL and the city of Mountain View."

**THE YEW** Chung International School has its own reason to celebrate following an excellent showing in San Francisco.

The 33rd Annual Chinese Speech Contest of California was held recently at Lowell High School there, said school rep Carol Underwood, and "We were thrilled to have three of our 21 students win first prize in their division and seven more with 2nd, 3rd or honorable mentions." ■

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DANIEL DEBOLT

Doron Swade explains the workings of his "duplicate original" Babbage Difference Engine No. 2.

## Charles Babbage's infallible machine

MECHANICAL CALCULATOR, A FLOP IN THE 1800S, IS A HIT TODAY AT COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM

By Daniel DeBolt

**I**t only took 150 years, but British mathematician Charles Babbage has received some measure of vindication.

Babbage, who did his best work in the mid-1800s, was never able to build one of his "difference engines" — clattering, hand-cranked mechanical devices which can calculate polynomials. But he designed them well, and last week a "duplicate original" dazzled visitors at Mountain View's Computer History Museum, where it will remain on display for a year.

The machine was built by Doron Swade in England and flown out on a plane. The trip caused a few of its bolts to come loose, but Swade, arriving personally for the unveiling, was able to crank it up for the crowd last Thursday, sending 8,000 parts into a mesmerizing mechanical orchestra.

Though the device has no electronics, weighs five metric

tons and measures 11 feet long and seven feet high, it is nonetheless a digital machine that has many of the traits of a modern-day computer.



Charles Babbage

"It's your generation that thinks digital means electronic," Swade said.

Designed between 1847 and 1849, it can calculate polynomials out to 30 decimal places, spitting out a result every six seconds. Swade explained that it jams up when something goes awry, so is always accurate.

Why did Babbage conceive of such a machine? "To eliminate the risk of human error in the creation of mathematic tables," Swade said, referring to the calculations used for "navigation, public works, science and engineering."

In Babbage's day, scientists and engineers were plagued by the fear that mathematic tables were rife with errors — "errors of transcripts, errors of typesetting, and there was also the problem of verification," Swade said. The "infallibility machinery" would eliminate all that.

But despite lavish government funding and his being a well-connected scientific genius, Babbage wasn't a great manager of the project, and left behind 20 pages of drawings and a few lines of instructions, but no machine.

"He died a bitter man, viewing himself as a failure," Swade said.

"Another age must be the judge," Babbage wrote.

► See **BABBAGE**, page 17

## County may cut 120 jobs

Bay City News

**S**anta Clara County Executive Pete Kutras has proposed eliminating approximately 120 county jobs to balance the county's \$4 billion fiscal 2009 budget. However, Kutras hopes to avoid layoffs and accomplish the job reduction using only vacant positions.

"We're trying to make sure we don't have people go out the door," Kutras said. "Layoffs eliminate our most junior employees, who frankly are our future."

The proposed job cuts are necessary because the county is facing a projected \$172.4 million deficit in fiscal 2009. This is the seventh year county officials have had to grapple with a projected deficit. The deficit is expected to grow even larger based on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent pronouncement that the state budget deficit has grown to more than \$20 billion.

Kutras is recommending the board of supervisors hold a second set of budget hearings this fall to make additional budget cuts based on what the final state budget means for county revenues.

County officials have done some very preliminary estimates of what a \$20 billion state deficit would translate to in terms of further county budget cuts. Kutras called \$72 million "just a ballpark estimate."

The proposed cuts are not spread evenly across all facets of county government.

"The primary areas being hit in this budget are mental health, particularly outpatient services," Kutras said.

The county's public safety services, including the sheriff's office, the Department of Corrections and the district attorney's office, have been told they will face major reductions in fiscal 2010.

"As bad as this fiscal year seems, the future looks worse," Kutras said. "We are providing much-needed vital services but in the years ahead there's no future funding to continue at this level." ■

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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

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## District lost thousands in unpaid school lunches

The Mountain View Whisman School District lost thousands of dollars last year in unpaid school lunch fees, administrators announced recently.

Although Craig Goldman, chief financial officer for the district, did not have an exact number, he estimated the district had an orig-

inal balance of close to \$20,000 from students who did not pay for their \$3 school lunches.

The district is working on collecting the unpaid fees from those students who can afford it. Goldman said some of the deficit comes from families whose yearly income qualifies them for federal free and reduced lunch

program, but they were buying lunches before their applications went through.

The district will tighten its lunch policy for next year, possibly preventing students with too many unpaid fees from buying lunch, Goldman said.

— Casey Weiss

■ NEWS BRIEFS

### CYCLIST, TRAIN COLLIDE NEAR DOWNTOWN STATION

Caltrain service was briefly halted Tuesday afternoon after a northbound train and a bicyclist collided near the downtown train station.

"A bicyclist ran into the side of southbound train No. 158 at Castro Street in Mountain View," said Caltrain spokesperson Christine Dunn in a statement. "The cyclist was found injured and unconscious."

The accident occurred at

about 4:20 p.m., and the tracks had reopened 20 minutes later, according to Dunn. The status and identity of the bicyclist were not immediately available. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

— Staff Reports

### MAN DIES IN NORTH SHORELINE MOTORCYCLE CRASH

A motorcyclist was killed in a crash Sunday morning on the northbound U.S. Highway 101

off-ramp to N. Shoreline Boulevard in Mountain View, a California Highway Patrol officer said.

The Santa Clara County medical examiner's office identified the man as 27-year-old Carlos Ramirez Garnica, a Sunnyvale resident.

The accident occurred at about 7:10 a.m., according to California Highway Patrol Officer Tracy Hoover. Garnica was transported to Stanford Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

— Bay City News

# Prefab diner's assembly underway

AUTO SHOP OWNER TOM MERTL PIECES TOGETHER 'JIGSAW PUZZLE' STRUCTURE

By Daniel DeBolt

A year ago, local auto shop owner Tom Mertl announced his plan to truck a 1930s prefab diner to Mountain View from Massachusetts. The diner has arrived, and a long restoration has commenced. Mertl has devoted an entire bay of his auto shop to the 576-square-foot 1938 Sterling diner, which looks like a cross between an Airstream trailer and an old rail car. The only other prefab diner like it in the Bay Area is the Fog City Diner in San Francisco, which is a reproduction. In Mertl's shop, the untrained observer would

repairs as the diner was used almost nonstop for the better part of a century. "If the landlord hadn't taken the land out from under them, it would still be functioning to this day," he said. The diner was designed by Bertram Harley, who Mertl says was part of the famous Harley Davidson family. Like an old Harley motorcycle, many major pieces have easily survived through decades of use, such as the chrome bar tools and the stainless steel hood for the stove and fryer. He's managed to find some important missing pieces, like the large stainless steel 1930s Hercules brand "coffee urn."

*The diner was designed by Bertram Harley, who Mertl says was part of the famous Harley Davidson family.*

have no idea that a small building is being restored. It's in numerous bits and pieces, including its Honduran mahogany window frames and porcelain covered metal panels. But soon this "jigsaw puzzle" of a diner will be complete. Once restored, it will be assembled in front of Fred's Place, the popular bar on the corner of Old Middlefield Way and Middlefield Road. Mertl's auto shop, B&L Auto, is at the rear of Fred's, and Mertl owns the whole property with his brother and another partner. A self-described picky eater, Mertl plans to serve "down-home, family-cooked meals" in the diner from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the week. He hopes to open it as early as the summer of 2009. Mertl bought the old diner for only \$7,300. For that price, he got plenty of rotted wood he needs to replace, especially in the once shapely roof, which had been covered by layers of shingles and hasty

While he is highly experienced as an auto mechanic, Mertl says he is learning woodworking as he goes. He's also developed a new obsession with vintage power tools, and now has a collection of saws and shapers made by Walker-Turner during the same era the diner was built. "They don't make them like they used to," he said. Mertl says he works on the diner an hour a day. He's already come close to finishing the 12 floor sections. He hopes to finish the 30 modular wall sections within one month, doing one a day. The most time-consuming part is setting up an efficient system for the work. Mertl is looking to join a woodworking club this month, and hopefully get a master woodworker involved in the project — in exchange for free food from the diner of course. ■

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## Moffett's 75th anniversary eclipsed by NASA party

By Daniel DeBolt

The 75th anniversary of Moffett Field came and went on April 12 with little fanfare. Were it not for the local American Legion, there may have been no fanfare at all.

On the same day, NASA Ames held its second annual "Yuri's Night" party, a celebration of the first flight into space by Yuri Gagarin, the Russian cosmonaut.

"It was the 75th anniversary, but unfortunately it took a total back seat to Yuri's Night at NASA," said Carolann Wunderlin, commander of the Moffett's American Legion Post 881, a community group for military

veterans and their families. "We were dwarfed in our importance. Initially we wanted to have a big event, but they asked us to move our event."

Instead, the American Legion and the Moffett Field Historical Society found a smaller venue to celebrate the day Moffett was dedicated as a Naval base: April 12, 1933.

For its part, NASA Ames had wanted the Legion to include the 75th anniversary celebration with Yuri's night, said Philip Fluegemann, associate director of center operations, in an e-mail to the *Voice*. But the Legion, not wanting to confuse the two events, declined.

Though the Legion's member-

ship is declining nationally, it has grown quickly to 35 members at Moffett, including many younger members. The group chartered the Moffett post just last year, with founding members Wunderlin, Richard Moore, Charles Rogers, Ralph Otte, Susan Moore and Beverly Rogers.

"We stood up our post so we can better service the needs of our contemporary warriors," Wunderlin said.

With Moffett housing hundreds of Army and Air National Guard officers, "Half of our members are still on active duty," Otte said. "We're one of the only ones in the country located on an active military base."

Among its members, the group boasts the grandson of the field's namesake, Admiral William Moffett. William Moffett III is a retired Marine colonel living in Arlington, Va., and has become a long-distance charter member, Otte said. Moffett will speak at a formal inauguration of the post later this year. ■

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**NASA**

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“at all levels.” “We will fix this, we will completely turn it around,” he said, with a “new culture” that is “inclusive, transparent, trusting, trustworthy, meritocratic, empowering and meaningful.”

Worden added that “every problem is an opportunity in disguise.”

An anonymous employee at NASA Ames talked to the *Voice* about the presentation. “I think the agency has a tendency to present the situation as being more optimistic than it actually is,” the employee said. “A lot of the employees are very unhappy. They don’t like the way the situation is being managed.”

**Tensions between NASA, Army**

Besides its competition for funding from NASA headquarters, Ames also faces possible land use conflicts with the Army, the next-largest user of Moffett Field.

In its effort to open up Moffett to college students and private employees at its planned research park, NASA wants the checkpoints at the outer main gates to go away, despite wishes to the contrary from the Army.

“We are seriously thinking about reducing and altering the nature of the security at the outer set of gates,” said Steve Zornetzer of NASA Ames. “We want much less restriction to the NASA Research Park.”

The research park would build office and research facilities on Moffett Field, bringing together universities and high-tech companies and hopefully leading to a

cross-pollination of ideas.

But for the Army, which houses soldiers and leases buildings in Moffett Field, that plan is hard to accept.

“I would say any facility with a military presence would want to make sure there is a security presence for the families and soldiers that reside there,” said Daniel Vargas, chief of staff of Army reserves at Moffett.

A longtime Army officer stationed at Moffett, who asked that his name be withheld, said that after Sept. 11, 2001 the Army was able to impose intensified security at the gate despite NASA’s wishes. And now, the Army’s contingent there is set to grow at Moffett more than most people realize.

“Army manpower and equipment presence will supersede the presence of NASA,” he told the *Voice*. “A lot of people” say this will happen “by 2010 or 2012,” he said.

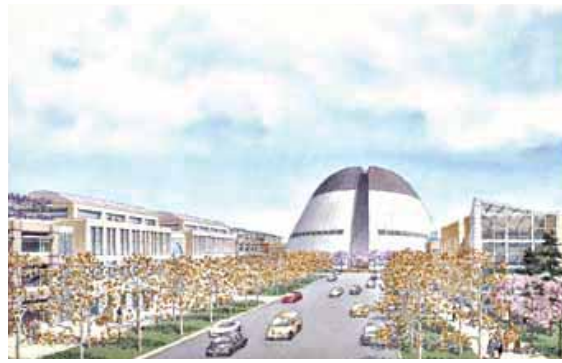
The Army is planning to move units from all over the state into

a major training facility at Moffett’s Orion Park, creating a command center, combat support hospital unit and reserve center at Moffett by 2012. The *Voice* was unable to confirm exactly how many new full time soldiers

would be based at Moffett, but estimates hover around 500, with 700 reservists visiting every weekend.

The Army already has several units at Moffett, including legal services, civil affairs and psychological operations units. There is also the 129th Air National Guard Unit that uses the airfield. The Coast Guard and the Marine Corp also use Moffett for training.

In comparison, NASA has 1,300 employees and 1,200 contractors,



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An artist’s rendering of the NASA Research Park.

but their buildings take up a good deal more space than the Army’s.

With NASA currently struggling to pay for Moffett’s limited airfield operations, the Army source believes Congress may have to hand the runway, and possibly much of NASA’s property, back to the military, even though the Army’s aeronautical interest is mostly helicopters.

“I don’t think the Army wants to take over the burden of the airfield,”

he said. “But they would if they had to. What I see from the inside out is that NASA is not an organization built to manage facilities.”

Lewis Braxton, director of center operations for NASA Ames, said that if the Army wanted to control the airfield, “We would welcome it.”

NASA’s ambitious development plans, some of which have been in the works for over 10 years, may never get off the ground, the Army officer said. Inevitably, “Congress is going to look at what’s easiest and what’s best. The Army is clearly the best tenant for the job.”

In response to these statements, NASA’s Zornetzer gave this assessment: “Frankly we’re not a military base. We host a number of military contingents. They are here as our tenants. This will not revert back to a military base unless there is a crisis.” ■

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**HOSPITAL**

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injury hospital, a new psychiatric hospital and a new ambulatory care hospital in Palo Alto.

And in Menlo Park, a large research facility will move from seismically challenged 1929 buildings slated for demolition to a two-story office building at Onizuka, adjacent to the landmark “blue cube” building visible from Highway 101. The research operation is the third largest in the country, with 900 scientists studying everything from AIDS to Alzheimer’s, dementia, brain injury, geriatrics, mental health and infectious diseases. Some of the researchers are “world renowned,” Nietupski said.

Plans for Onizuka have been controversial, as the city of Sunnyvale has been deemed the local redevelopment authority for its 20 acres. Sunnyvale has discussed building a hotel and conference center there along with an auto mall and a corporate headquarters. But federal agencies like the VA get first crack at the site, Nietupski said. ■

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## LASD gets a break on funding

By Casey Weiss

The Los Altos School District will defray about \$700,000 in the expected state education cuts by qualifying for a new financing method.

Many districts in the state receive direct payment of about \$5,500 per pupil, a method that has applied to Los Altos in recent years. But this year, due to the expected state cuts in education funding, the district qualified for "basic aid," meaning it receives most of its funding from local property taxes.

Under the direct funding plan, called "revenue limit," the district expected to lose close to \$1.5 million after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger released his budget proposal. But with basic aid, the district now faces a less severe deficit of \$800,000 for the upcoming school year.

"If we didn't have this, we would have close to a \$1 million deficit," said Randy Kenyon, assistant superintendent of business services. "This is really going to help."

Kenyon uses the common "bucket" analogy to explain funding. If property taxes fill the bucket, he says, the district is basic aid, and gets to keep the surplus. But if property taxes do not fill the bucket, the district receives revenue limit funding — meaning the state adds enough money to fill up the bucket.

Los Altos has been on the borderline recently, switching back and forth from a revenue limit to a basic aid district. Last year the district received direct state funding, meaning its property taxes did not meet the minimum amount of funding the state guarantees per student, i.e. fill the bucket.

The governor's latest proposal cuts the minimum funding for each student, but LASD's growing property taxes exceed this new minimum amount, meaning it does not have to rely on the state for general funding.

"When he shrank the budget he pushed us back into basic aid," Kenyon said. ▀

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**COOPER**

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School. At Terra Bella, students welcomed him with props (kind of like a high-five), and were eager to talk about sports and joke around. Cooper, 43, greeted each of the nearly 60 students by name as they ran in and out of their small school building, preparing for their Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Half hugging the officer, one student asked jokingly who had invited him. "This is my school, don't forget that," Cooper joked back.

"He is very unpolice-like," said teacher Steve Sanchez, while Cooper helped several of the students with the barbeque. "He can just come here and hang out. He is the only police officer I have met like this."

Cooper's official hours are from 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, which gives him time to check in at Crittenden Middle School and the police department, and also visit other public schools as he makes his daily rounds. He and another school resource officer are assigned to different campuses. Since he spends so much time at the schools, he said he hopes the students see him more as a friend.

"A lot of times when they see an officer it is when he or she is coming to take their mom or dad to jail," Cooper said of younger students. "I wanted [the students] to have an officer they could go to and say anything."

**Champion of youth**

Cooper, who has two teenage daughters of his own, works considerably more than his official hours, devoting much of his free time to helping at-risk youth. He runs the department's "Dreams and Futures" summer gang prevention program, started "Cops That Care," the department's annual holiday giving program, and is launching a boxing league this month as part of the Police Activities League.

It is all these extra efforts that have earned Cooper special accolades from the Challenge Team, a group of education, law enforcement and community leaders who meet monthly to discuss problems facing at-risk youth. The Challenge Team has named Cooper its 2008 "Champion of Youth," and honored him Thursday during their 21st annual fundraiser breakfast.

On Monday, Cooper stopped at the German International School of Silicon Valley for a DARE Awareness event — a program designed to keep kids off drugs — then headed over to Terra Bella and Crittenden Middle School.

Following his talk at the International School, Cooper put a \$20 bill on the ground, and told students they could keep the money if they jumped over it with their hands touching their toes. After a few

failed tries, Cooper told the students, "Your brain is very powerful, so you can do anything." He added that if they practiced and were able to jump over a bill the next time he returned, he would give it to them.

"He has a good relationship with a lot of kids, both kids who are at risk and kids who are doing well," said Sanndy Charette, the assistant principal at Crittenden, during Cooper's visit there. "We would keep him here every day all day, if we could."

**Career switch**

Cooper said he became a police officer about 12 years ago unexpectedly, after growing bored with his job as an engineer at IBM. His brother-in-law had recently joined the San Jose Police Department, and after a couple ride-alongs with him, Cooper was hooked. He patrolled for over eight years, then applied for the four-year position as school resource officer in 2005.

He said he loves working with kids, but unlike patrolling, he often takes the stresses home with him. He worries he can help students get on the right track.

"My wife notices that I carry a lot," he said.

On Monday morning, Cooper, an athletically built man just under six feet tall, shied away from discussing his volunteerism, and said he was surprised to receive the award from the Challenge Team. Most of these students just need a friend, he says.

Cooper has mentored several of the Terra Bella students, taking them to record music with his brother, a rapper, and employing them to do yard work at his home.

**'They need mentoring'**

Last year when gang associations were a bigger problem in the middle schools — with students wearing gang colors and getting into fights — Cooper also worked one-on-one with the students. After the school became tougher on such associations, gangs became less of an issue, Cooper said.

"Last year, we arrested for anything to do with gangs," Cooper said. "It was not meant to punish the kids," he said, adding he hoped it would help them back away from gang life.

At Crittenden, Cooper learns that a particular student, who was arrested only last year, has turned things around, and recently attended an out-of-state trip. A huge smile crosses his face. Following the arrest, Cooper said, he had cried when meeting the student's mother, who reminded him of his own mother-in-law.

"I am totally impressed with him," he said. "When they are in middle school, sometimes they need mentoring." ▀

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# School honors former coach

LOS ALTOS HIGH DEDICATES TRACK TO COACH LEO LONG

By Casey Weiss

Leo Long retired from coaching Los Altos High School track years ago, but he can still recite his players' records dating back to the 1950s.

In recognition of his dedication, inspiration and many accomplishments, the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School Board passed a resolution in November to rename the school's track the "Leo Long Track," and last month former athletes and locals gathered to celebrate the coach.

On Sunday, April 27, more than 300 former athletes, teachers and community leaders dedicated the school track to the coach, who led the team to a state championship and 18 Santa Clara Valley Athletic League titles.

Long first coached from 1956 to 1963, and returned to coach the team from 1970 to 1981. He also taught social studies for the school and headed the physical education department.

"My four years at LAHS were made extra special by the thrill of track," Long's son Brian wrote in a letter to other former athletes. "My dad's, or should I say Coach Long's, pep talks and inspirational stories and coaching have influenced me well beyond the confines of the track and field domain."

During the dedication, which was organized by a committee of former students, district board president Judy Hannemann and Mountain View council member Matt Pear read proclamations on behalf of the district and city.



Leo Long

Former athletes also spoke about their coach.

The track now has a sign honoring the coach, and a plaque from the 1970s state championships.

"It was quite a dedication," Long said. "Some of the kids I had coached, I hadn't seen in 50 years."

Long, now 77 and living in a retirement community near Sacramento, started coaching right after Los Altos High School opened. During his tenure, the team had 128 wins and 3 losses, and won two Central Coast Section championships. While talking with the *Voice*, Long was more focused on the accomplishments of his individual players, calling the high school a "discus capital."

He added that one of his students still holds Los Altos' mile record.

"Mostly every other record has been broken, but not that one," he said.

Long took some interesting breaks during his career at Los Altos High — traveling, for example, to Pakistan and Sudan to coach their Olympic teams. He also helped set up a school and athletic program in Argentina with the Kaiser Corporation.

After retiring in 1992, Long left the area, but says he still checks in on the school's records once in a while.

"I hope they can come back and match our records," he said of the current students. "Records are made to be broken." ▽

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## District hires new principals

BAUR, JACOBS TO START AT GRAHAM, MONTA LOMA

After a month-long interview process, trustees, administrators and parents welcomed two new principals to the elementary school district last Thursday night.

Mountain View Whisman trustees appointed Cathy Baur, a long-time first grade teacher at Monta Loma Elementary School, as the school's new principal. Gretchen Jacobs, a principal in the Silver Valley School District in Southern California, will start this summer as Graham Middle School's principal.

Graham Principal David Pribyl and Monta Loma Principal Linda Haines are both leaving the district

to find jobs closer to home. Teachers, parents and administrators started the application process in March, and trustees approved Superintendent Maurice Ghysel's recommendations during last week's meeting.

Baur has been with Monta Loma for 14 years, teaching first grade and working with English language learners. The district named her teacher of the year for 2007-08.

Jacobs, who speaks fluent Spanish, had served as a teacher and principal in several districts in Southern California. ▽

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## League sponsors candidate forum this Monday

By Nicole Baldocchi

The League of Women Voters is once again holding a candidate forum, giving local voters a chance to meet the people seeking to represent them.

The candidates are running in the upcoming June election for the 22nd Assembly District and Superior Court Judicial Office No. 8. They will meet to discuss their views at the Mountain View City Council Chambers this Monday evening.

Candidates for the Superior Court position will speak and answer questions from 7 to 8 p.m. The candidates are Jay Steven Boyarsky, Lane Liroff, Diane Ritchie, Tim Pitsker and Jesus "Jess" Valencia.

The candidates for the 22nd Assembly District position will speak and answer questions from 8 to 9 p.m. The Democratic candidates are Dominic Caserta, a teacher and member of the Santa Clara council;

Paul Fong, a college professor and trustee; Anna Song, member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education; and Chris Wang, a Cupertino council member. Annalisa Yenne, the Republican candidate and a financial consultant, is running unopposed.

The 22nd Assembly District position, currently held by Sally Lieber, serves Mountain View, parts of Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino and San Jose.

Voters will choose candidates for both offices in the June 3 primary election. For more information on the candidates, visit [www.smart-voter.org](http://www.smart-voter.org).

The upcoming forum is Monday, May 12, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Mountain View City Council Chambers, 500 Castro St. For more on the forum, contact the Los Altos/Mountain View League of Women Voters at [www.lwvlamv.org](http://www.lwvlamv.org), or call (650) 941-4846. ■

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### RENGSTORFF HOUSE UNVEILS WINDMILL

The Rengstorff House will hold a dedication ceremony for its new historic windmill on Monday, May 12, with supporters and Mayor Tom Means in attendance.

At 5 p.m. Mary Lentz, president of the Friends of Rengstorff House, will present the windmill along with Means and Charles Grant, who chaired the committee that brought the windmill to its new home. Grant will speak on the history and operation of windmills.

The windmill was recently donated by Dave Schmitz, who operated the former farm on Grant Road, where the windmill was once located.

The Rengstorff House, located at 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., is open to the public for docent-led tours three days a week. For more information, visit [www.r-house.org](http://www.r-house.org) or call (650) 903-6392.

### DEER HOLLOW HOLDS FARM TOURS

The Friends of Deer Hollow Farm is hosting tours of the city-run farm in Los Altos Hills, including of the farm's many animals — rabbits, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, geese and pigs — and a peek at what life was like in the region 150 years ago.

The tours will be offered on Saturday, May 17 and Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the last tour starting

at 12:30 p.m. Tours are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and free for children 2 and under.

These tours are fundraisers for the farm, with the funds used as scholarships for many of the children who attend this educational program. Trained docents lead the tours, and a short film is presented.

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### KIDS GEAR UP FOR CHORAL FEST

The Seventh Annual Choral Fest will be held at the Shoreline Amphitheatre a week from this Monday, featuring the vocal stylings of hundreds of Mountain View Whisman School District students.

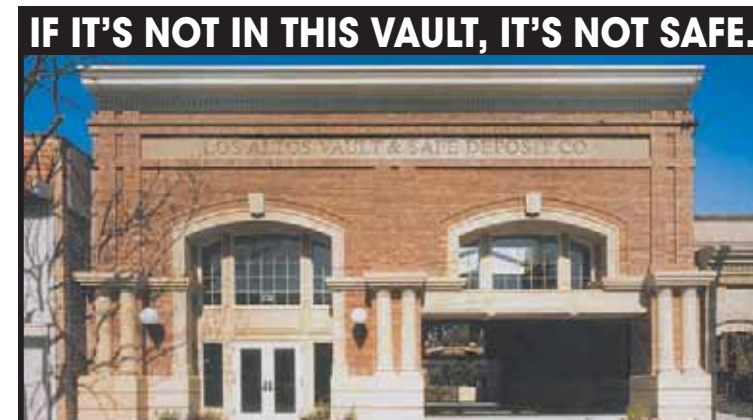
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This year's performance is dedicated to Arleen Pickett, the "Music in the Schools" director at the Community School of Music and Arts, which is instrumental in putting Choral Fest together.

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**BABBAGE**

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Swade, a historian, author, engineer and senior curator at the Museum of Science in London, set out in 1985 to build the machine that would vindicate Babbage. Forty-three machine shops and contractors made the parts, using all the same techniques and materials Babbage would have used.

"We wanted to resist the charge that we built the machine Babbage could not have," Swade said.

The first engine was completed in 2002 and is on display in London. The second, dubbed "Difference Engine No. 2" and now on display in Mountain View, was begun in 2002 and finished only last month. It is scheduled to remain at the Computer History Museum until May 2009. ▀

E-mail Daniel DeBolt at [ddebolt@mv-voice.com](mailto:ddebolt@mv-voice.com)

■ **INFORMATION**

**What:** Charles Babbage's Difference Engine No. 2, on display at the Computer History Museum

**Where:** 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View

**When:** The museum is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A special exhibit launch will be held this Saturday, May 10, with demonstrations throughout the afternoon and a lecture by Doran Swade at 2:30.

**Cost:** Free

**Info:** For more on the museum, visit [www.computerhistory.org](http://www.computerhistory.org); to learn more about Babbage's difference engine, visit [www.computerhistory.org/babbage](http://www.computerhistory.org/babbage).

■ **OBITUARY**

**MARY ABBOTT**

Mountain View resident Mary Abbott died on April 27. She was 73.

She was born on April 7, 1935 in Anthon, Iowa, into a family of four sisters and one brother. Three years after graduating high school, she moved to California, working as a secretary in South San Francisco.

She later met Elbert James "Abby" Abbott, a Marine. The two married on Easter Sunday in 1957, and remained married for 44 years until his death in 2002.

Abbott is survived by her sons Daniel James and David Eugene; granddaughter Brittany Lea; grandson Brandin Lee; brother Charles; and several other relatives.

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### ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

## Tackling the achievement gap

As the proportion of Hispanic students in Mountain View approaches 50 percent, local school officials are struggling mightily to understand how to bring this soon-to-be-majority up to a level of learning that is acceptable to increasingly tough federal mandates.

At Mountain View Whisman, teachers often are confronted by Hispanic students who speak no English, hear no English at home and live in a neighborhood that is made up of almost 100 percent Spanish speakers. In many of these households, reading in any language is seldom a pastime that parents pass on to their children.

Historically, teachers know there is no way these children are going to learn at the same speed as their white or Asian classmates. But the No Child Left Behind Act, with its noble goal of bringing all children up to an acceptable level of "annual yearly progress," often winds up snagging schools in its web of bureaucratic sanctions. The result can be particularly unfair for districts like Mountain View Whisman.

In the district's latest annual report, Hispanic students trailed the state and county average, with barely 30 percent performing at a proficient level, compared to 80 percent for whites and Asians.

Clearly, there is work to do, and Assistant Superintendent Mary Lairon agrees. "It is bad in English language arts, but worse in math," she said. "It is just not good."

To its credit, the district is hardly accepting the results as inevitable. Teachers are tackling the problem head on, with what amounts to a full court press to spread English language proficiency among students and families.

For example, special committees for both English language and math were formed this year, and the study of English is being incorporated into everyday lessons. Also, an effort is being made to raise cultural awareness among staff members so they understand "how being an immigrant affects your learning," according to Judy Crates, director of English language development at the district.

Immigrant children themselves are being asked to share their experiences with teachers more often, Crates said. And parents of pre-kindergarten students are being invited to classes to discuss how they can become involved at the school. And there will be summer classes for any student who needs help to improve performance in math.

It is not likely that these approaches will bring the performance level up dramatically, at least not right away. But we believe these initiatives are appropriate. Parents and the general public should remember that overall, math and English scores in the district are up 7 percent, to 60 percent for students scoring proficient or above.

But the challenge for this elementary school district is to raise all boats, including those of Hispanic children, who will never fulfill their dreams if they don't learn the basics of English and math.

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#### WHAT WAS MOUNTAIN VIEW LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS?

The concession stand at McElvey Park was run forever by an old guy named Levy, who loved baseball. We used to have regular apricot fights in the orchards that are now Cuesta Park. When you sat at the El Monte and El Camino stoplight a band that later turned out to be Santana could be heard practicing in Malachi's basement while you waited for the light to turn green.

Pete Kramer  
Cuesta Park

When I got here in '86 the Shoreline Amphitheatre had just recently been converted from the dump and methane fires were breaking out when the garbage caught fire. There was a movie theater on Castro, but it only seemed to show Chinese or Mexican films and nobody went there. It's amazing how many good bookstores we had back then — all of them with much bigger and more fascinating selections than one sees now.

Bernie Brightman  
North Whisman

I will never forget how nice they would fix up Mayfield Mall for Christmas. And all the great air shows at Moffett and yes when the Blue Angels came to town one place they would hang out was St. James Infirmary.

Liz  
Old Mountain View

In the '60s on the corner of Middlefield Road and Moffett Boulevard were hundreds of cows. Central Expressway was two lanes, a dirt road with no lights. JC Pen-

ney's was on Castro Street. You could hear the Saint Joseph bell ring every day at 12 noon."

Val  
Old Mountain View

Downtown Mountain View was a ghost town on weekends. My friends and I would literally rollerskate down the middle of Castro Street on Saturdays with no problem.

Mele  
Another Community

Mountain View in the '60s to '70s was the best. The MVHS Eagles ruled. Linda's on El Camino was the place to go for lunch. Gas was cheap, crime was low and we had a blast growing up there.

Stan R.  
Old Mountain View

When the Grateful Dead came to play Shoreline the deadheads would always take over the parking lot.

Reminiscer  
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At the corner of Castro and El Camino where Washington Mutual is located, Mancini Motor (a Chrysler Dealer) had a world globe on a top of a round column. That column with globe came from Treasure Island World Fair in the 1930s.

Kent  
Morgan Hill

I also remember P-3s flying over my house hourly from Moffett Field and the Blue Angels Air Show annually with fireworks on July 4th.

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## ■ GUEST OPINION

# A hard look at affordable housing

By Roy Hayter

May 12 to 18 is Affordable Housing Week, when we will be asked to feel good about the state of local affordable housing. There is much to feel good about in the design of transit-friendly housing, such as the recently built San Antonio Place. But the week will also be an opportunity to seek specific information about where current trends in affordable housing are going.

First, some background. Affordable housing is federally defined as being priced so that buyers or renters pay no more than 30 percent of gross household income for mortgage, insurance and taxes, and, for renters, utilities. The goals for each city in the Bay Area are set by ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) as a "Fair Share" number of affordable housing units to be built in four main income categories: very low, low, moderate and above moderate.

How is Mountain View doing in reaching its goals? Between 1988 and 2006, 2,755 homes (100 percent of goal) were built in Mountain View for those who earn above moderate incomes, currently \$127,350 or more. Meanwhile, 428 units (19 percent of goal) were built for the two lower income categories.

Lower income households are defined as having an annual income of no more than 80 percent AMI (Area Median Income), currently \$84,900 for a household of four (equivalent to a total of about \$42 per hour from all sources.) We believe that too few units are being built for lower income households, which are about 30 percent of the total in the city and house a significant number of working residents. As a result, many police officers, firefighters, nurses, teachers, technical professionals and hourly wage earners cannot afford to live here. This trend does not bode well for the future of Mountain View.

How many of us are content to let this housing imbalance drift along until Mountain View becomes a ghetto for the rich? No one, I hope. Meanwhile, working families are ejected from rental apartments, which they can afford

(apartments), and those units will be replaced by high priced condos, which they cannot.

Since there is no profit in building housing for lower income families, public support (political and financial) is needed. Speaking up and supporting nonprofit developers can make a difference. We believe that a better housing balance can be achieved, one that is necessary for the future health of Mountain View.

Modest progress is being made. One hundred new senior units are being added at New Central Apartments. A family rental project of

up to 50 units is being planned on Evelyn Avenue, and a Habitat for Humanity project of 20 units is being discussed. The city has accumulated a sizable fund to build affordable housing.

Further progress can be made by:

■ Building 137 very low and low income units

every year (Mountain View's "Fair Share" goal for 2007 to 2014)

■ Investing housing funds promptly in homes for lower income families

■ Acquiring rental apartments for upgrading and conversion into permanent affordable housing

■ Improving the current Below Market Rate Ordinance

■ Encouraging for-profit developers to build below market rate units

■ Electing council members who will commit to these goals and be proactive in getting them done

We encourage everyone to participate in Affordable Housing Week. To find out more about it, visit [www.affordablehousingweek.org](http://www.affordablehousingweek.org).

*Roy Hayter is chair of Advocates for Affordable Housing. He lives on Yale Drive.*

## ■ INFORMATION

A panel discussion titled "Is Affordable Housing Available in Mountain View?" will be held Thursday, May 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Community Services Agency, 204 Stierlin Road, Mountain View. The event will feature a tour of San Antonio Place. Registration is required. Contact Nadia Ilieva at (650) 968-0836 ext. 111 or at [nilieva@csacares.org](mailto:nilieva@csacares.org).

*How many of us are content to let this housing imbalance drift along until Mountain View becomes a ghetto for the rich?*



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LULU PETITE HAS LIMITED OFFERINGS, EMPTY TABLES

By Dale F. Bentson

Writing a review of LuLu Petite's University Circle location in East Palo Alto is akin to penning a restaurant obituary. In fact, there is a possibility I'm doing exactly that.

During my visits at the noon hour, the place was near-deserted, with the captive audience from nearby offices queued up at the adjacent San Francisco Soup Company. It's too bad, because LuLu Petite offered some interesting and zesty variations to the mundane lunch standards.

LuLu Petite is a subsidiary of the wildly successful Restaurant LuLu in San Francisco, which also owns Zibibbo in downtown Palo Alto and another Restaurant LuLu at Mammoth Lakes.

Until recently, there was a LuLu at the Waverley Street entrance of Zibibbo. I was told by a manager that this location was closed "due to lack of interest." Zibibbo now uses the space for private functions. Yet, there is a thriving LuLu Petite at the Ferry Building in San Francisco. So, what's the problem with the University Circle restaurant?

Location, for one. Prices are another factor and food is a third. Being situated inside a mid-sized business and hotel complex is not the best of locales. There is no drop-in foot traffic, and Four Seasons Hotel guests aren't likely to wander over to a deli. The menu is too limited and too expensive to attract a staunch following from budget-minded office workers.

I found most of the sandwiches

at LuLu tasteless, the gastronomic equivalent of cotton wadding between toasted cardboard in many cases. Most of the sandwiches had no binding agent to hold the ingredients together: no mayo, mustard, squished avocado or house-made secret sauce — the critical things that transform ingredients into a sandwich.

One sandwich sounded particularly great: warm salmon with preserved Meyer lemon in olive oil and fennel-cucumber remoulade on toasted focaccia for \$7.95. But bitter arugula shrouded what latent flavors there might have been. While there was cucumber, I found no fennel and certainly no trace of lemon or olive oil. The ingredients crumbled inside the unyielding focaccia and fell unceremoniously on my shirt, napkin, plate and floor. I was told there were no

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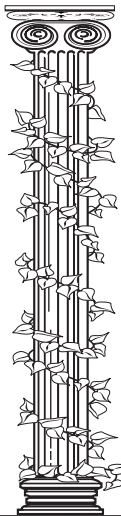
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other condiments available, not even a meager spoonful of mayo.

Another sandwich of crispy chicken with tomatoes, romaine, mustard with herbs de Provence and lavender honey was also \$7.95. The chicken was more hockey puck than fowl on the same toasted focaccia. Wallpaper might have tasted as good. Only a crime lab could have detected evidence of mustard or honey.

One day, I tried the “special sandwich,” pastrami with gruyere cheese on toasted wheat bread (\$7.95). The pastrami fared only slightly better than the other sandwiches and the preserved Meyer lemon, fennel-sage condiment barely registered on the taste-o-meter.

But wait! There was one sandwich that held together: a pita wrap filled with grilled chicken, mozzarella cheese, piquillo

peppers (sweet, slightly smoky, mild), romaine and paprika sour cream (\$6.95). The glob of sour cream made the sandwich work. Other than the lettuce, though, the ingredients did not distinguish themselves.

Neither pickle nor pepper came with the \$7 and \$8 sandwiches. There were cute little

entire lunch hour and hardly made to order. The Greek salad was fresh at least.

LuLu packages a delicious line of unusual condiments, sauces, oils, vinaigrettes and marmalades. (Loquat white balsamic vinegar is not generally available at neighborhood grocery stores). I use many of the company's products and have always been pleased with the quality. At LuLu Petite, one container of each of its products sat in front of otherwise empty shelves. I think my home pantry is stocked with more LuLu

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bags of “house-made” potato chips (\$1.75). Although I'm not sure whether the chips came from Zibibbo or were trucked down U.S. 101.

LuLu listed four salads on its menu board. Alas, few were available during my visits, two tuna nicoise (\$7.95) and one Greek salad (\$6.95) in domed plastic containers that sat alone on a shelf in the Grab and Go case. A grand total of three salads had been prepared for the

products than LuLu Petite.

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- 21 (PG-13) ★★★** Century 20: 1:25, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m.  
**88 MINUTES (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Century 20: 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.
- BABY MAMA (PG-13) ★★★**  
 Century 16: Noon, 2:30, 5, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.
- THE COUNTERFEITERS (R) ★★★1/2**  
 Century 20: 2:55 & 8:05 p.m.
- DECEPTION (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Century 20: 12:25, 5:30 & 10:30 p.m.
- DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) ★★★**  
 Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:15, 4:35, 6:50 & 9:10 p.m.
- THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) ★★★1/2**  
 Century 16: 2:25, 5:10 & 10:30 p.m.
- FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Century 16: 1:10, 4:10, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.;  
 12:55, 2:20, 3:40, 5:05, 6:25, 7:55, 9:05 & 10:30 p.m.
- HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:30, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.
- IRON MAN (PG-13) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:05,  
 12:45, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 3:05, 3:45, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 6:15, 6:50, 7:20, 7:50,  
 8:20, 9:10, 9:45 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 & 11:40 a.m.; 12:10,  
 12:45, 1:20, 1:50, 2:15, 2:35, 3:45, 4:20, 4:50, 5:15, 5:40, 6:15, 6:45, 7:20,  
 7:50, 8:15, 8:40, 9:15, 9:45 & 10:20 p.m. Sat.-Tue. also at 3:15 p.m.
- MADE OF HONOR (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 1:05, 2:15, 3:40, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:20 & 10 p.m.
- MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13) ★★★**  
 Century 20: 2:50 & 8 p.m.
- NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Century 20: 12:20, 2:45, 5, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m.
- PLACIDO DOMINGO CONCERT (NOT RATED) (NOT REVIEWED)** Guild: Sun. at 2 p.m.
- PRICELESS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Guild: 4:30, 7 & 9:40 p.m. Fri., Sat., & Mon.-Tue. also at 1:30 p.m.
- REDBELT (R) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 12:10, 2:40, 5:05,  
 7:45 & 10:15 p.m. Century 12: 1:40, 4:10, 7:20 & 10 p.m.
- SMART PEOPLE (R) ★★**  
 Century 20: Noon, 3:30, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:30 p.m.
- SON OF RAMBOW (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:50 p.m.
- SPEED RACER (PG) ★★★** Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 1, 3:15, 4:25,  
 6:30, 7:35, 9:35 & 10:35 p.m. Century 12: Noon, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3,  
 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45 & 10:30 p.m.
- STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (R) ★★★1/2**  
 Aquarius: 1:15, 4, 7 & 9:40 p.m.
- THEN SHE FOUND ME (R) ★1/2**  
 Aquarius: 2, 4:30, 7:30 & 10 p.m.
- UNDER THE SAME MOON (LA MISMA LUNA) (NOT RATED) ★★★1/2** Century 20: 12:15, 5:25 & 10:15 p.m.
- THE VISITOR (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m.  
 Palo Alto Square: 1:40, 4:20, 7 & 9:40 p.m.
- WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) ★★★1/2**  
 Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:30, 1:45, 3, 4:15, 5:25, 7, 8, 9:25 & 10:25 p.m.  
 Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 12:15, 1:05, 2, 2:45, 3:35, 4:25, 5:10, 6, 6:55,  
 7:40, 8:30, 9:25 & 10:25 p.m.
- YOUNG AT HEART (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
 Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 7:50 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 7:05 & 9:40  
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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.

**BABY MAMA ★★★**  
 (Century 16, Century 12) SNL alums Tina Fey and Steve Martin, and current mainstay Amy Poehler, all shine in this infectious chuckler about a career-driven woman with baby fever and the free-spirited gal she hires as her surrogate. After working tirelessly to become vice president for Round Earth Market, 37-year-old Kate Holbrook (Fey) suddenly finds herself aching for a baby. But the deck is stacked against her: A fertility doctor says that her chances of conceiving are one in a million, any prospective boyfriends rush for the exit when she reveals too much about her mothering aspirations, and the adoption waitlist appears endless. With plenty of money in her pocket, Kate turns to a high-end surrogacy business run by uber-fertile Chaffee Bicknell (Sigourney Weaver). Soon Kate is introduced to the vibrant and immature Angie Ostrowski (Poehler), who agrees to carry her baby. The odd-couple pairing of Kate and Angie leads to a cavalcade of laughs thanks to a baby-proofed apartment, Kate's incessant oversight and the timely comments of a wry doorman (Romany Malco). *Rated: PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and a drug reference. 1 hour, 36 minutes.* — T.H.

**THE COUNTERFEITERS ★★★1/2**

(Guild) Oscar's Best Foreign Film winner plays the concentration-camp drama to dynamic effect. Salomon Sorowitsch (Karl Markovics) is a counterfeiter extraordinaire, a Russian Jew who's the best in the business. False passports and documents are all in a day's work until the Nazis sentence

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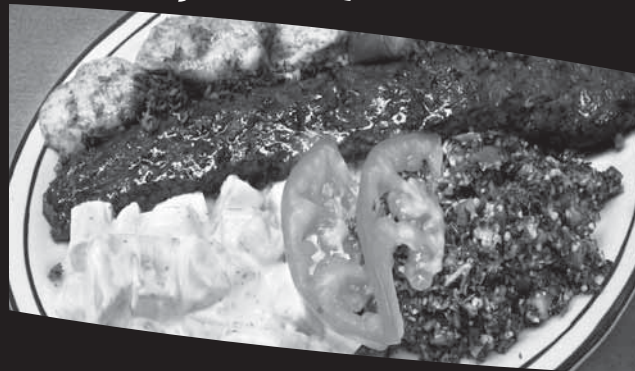
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him to a Berlin labor camp. The Germans amass a large crew of Europe's most skilled laborers — graphic artists, printers, copper engravers, etc. — in hopes of forging their own English pounds and American dollars and flooding their markets with bogus bucks. Supporting the Nazi war effort is inconceivable but cooperation, and survival, is the inmates' psychological trump card. An ethical tug of war is the crux of the camp's infrastructure as the prisoners battle one another for moral high ground while struggling with exhaustion and malnutrition. There's not a lot of fresh ground to cover, but the film is crafted with exacting detail and fervor. *Rated: R for violence, profanity and nudity. 1 hour, 44 minutes. In Russian and German with English subtitles.* — J.A.

**DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO!** ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Blue Sky Studios' ("Ice Age," "Robots") production of "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears A Who!" is a wonderfully faithful adaptation and expansion of the Seuss universe. Horton, a good-natured elephant (voiced by Jim Carrey), takes a sudden interest in the well-being of a speck of dust, or rather the world of Who-ville that exists on the speck. But Horton's newly discovered world is in jeopardy when the most bitter kangaroo in recent film history (voiced by Carol Burnett) becomes bent on destroying what she deems a non-existent menace that "has those kids

using their imagination." Meanwhile, on the speck, the mayor of Who-Ville (voiced by Steve Carell) is struggling to convince his town that a giant invisible elephant may be the savior of their world. Blue Sky has expanded Seuss' drawings into a rich, three-dimensional Seussiverse. "Horton" redeems the Seuss film franchise with a moving tale that has something for every-sized Who. *Rated G. 86 minutes.* — D.D.

**THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM**

★★★1/2

(Century 12, Century 16) Jason Tripitakas (Michael Angarano) is an action-obsessed youth from Boston. Jason often treks to a pawnshop in hopes of expanding his collection of kung-fu flicks. When a gang of thugs try to rob the elderly shopkeeper (Jackie Chan), Jason takes off with the shop's prized possession: a fighting staff that once belonged to China's legendary Monkey King (Let Li). Magically, the staff transports Jason to ancient China, where he is tasked with returning it to the kingdom atop Five Element Mountain, thereby freeing the land from the tyranny of the sadistic Jade Warlord. Jason is joined along the perilous road by Lu Yan (Chan), a skilled fighter and playful drunk; Silent Monk (Li), a warrior led by faith and quiet resolve; and Golden Sparrow (newcomer Yifei Liu), a young woman with a personal vendetta against the Jade Warlord. Together, the unusual quartet sets out to rescue the

Monkey King and send Jason back to his rightful time and place. Li and Chan shine — but "Forbidden Kingdom" is dull. *Rated: PG-13 for sequences of martial arts action and some violence. 1 hour, 53 minutes.* T.H..

**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES**



**FOR A DAY** ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) is a as a governess: scalding the porridge, losing her young charges in local parks, etc. The nanny service refuses to recommend her, so as a last resort Miss Pettigrew presents herself at the doorway of Delysia Lafosse (the enchanting Amy Adams). Delysia isn't looking for a nanny, per se, and there's not a rugrat in sight. Instead the flighty ingenue is casting about for a proper social secretary to make sense of her agenda. Miss Pettigrew to the rescue! As Delysia flutters through things Cinderella-style, Pettigrew deftly cuts a swath through her jumbled social clutter. Pettigrew also endures an unexpected makeover while choreographing the hazards of Delysia's romantic roundelay. The farce

frays a bit at the edges as it telegraphs unmistakable idealisms, a tidy set-to of boy-meets-girl and girl-reserves-the-right-to-equivocate. A spare little trifle, clean and sweet. *Rated: PG-13 for some nudity, language and mature themes. 1 hour, 32 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.

**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 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. Even when Carlitos seems most lost, you'll know 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.

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## ART GALLERIES

**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](http://www.arts4all.org)

**Monica Merlitti Showcases New Series** Mountain View artist Monica Merlitti of Silicon Valley Open Studios has had successful exhibitions in Italy, Argentina, Australia, and Brazil. Now she will be showing many pieces of work including a new abstract series at her studio on May 10 and 11. May 9 preview sale by appointment only. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Silicon Valley Open Studios, 905 W. Middlefield Road, Mountain View. Call 650-464-7396. [www.monicamerlitti.com](http://www.monicamerlitti.com)

## BENEFITS

**Chefs Who Care Monthly Dine Out** Join us for a Mexican Dinner Fiesta at this month's "Chefs Who Care" event, hosted by Vive Sol. 50% of the proceeds benefit Community Services Agency's Food & Nutrition Center's daily food program, minimizing hunger and food insecurity for 3,000 in our community each year. Tues., May 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$24 in advance, \$26 at the door. Vive Sol, 2020 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94043. Call 650-968-0836x147. [www.csacares.org](http://www.csacares.org)

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Beads, Beads, Beads!** One-day art workshop for teens and adults. Embellish collages, book arts, fiber art and 3D works with beads. Make 12 types of beads from felt, paper, fabric, plastic, clay, faux glass, metal. Fri., May 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$115. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org)

**Chinese Brush Painting** One-day art workshop for teens and adults. Introduction to Chinese brush painting with discussion of Eastern and Western understanding of cultural aesthetics, concepts and techniques. Learn about materials and practice basics of this ancient art form. Sun., May 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$85. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org)

**Choosing a Preschool** Early childhood educator Sylvia Ford will help parents compare different programs and philosophies of preschool education. Learn about developmentally appropriate practice and the research that backs it up. Children's readiness and visiting and interviewing preschools will also be discussed. Thu., May 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. [http://www.mountainview.gov/city\\_hall/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**Make Mountain View Sustainable** "What is the single most important thing Mountain View can do to be more sustainable?" Refreshments will be provided: bring own cup. Representatives from working groups will be available to listen to suggestions for shaping the future environmental sustainability of the city. Mon., May 19, 6:30-9 p.m. Free.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**15th Annual Human Race of Silicon Valley** Annual community fund-raising event providing all nonprofit organizations the opportunity to raise money for their programs and services. Activities include a USA Track and Field-certified 10K and 5K Run and 5K Pledge Walk. Sat., May 10, \$10-\$35 depending on age and registration date. Charleston Park, 1450 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Call 408-247-1126. <http://www.vcsu.us/humanrace>

**Candidate Forum** The League of Women Voters of Los Altos/Mountain View sponsors a forum for four Democrats vying for the 22nd Assembly District seat being vacated by Sally Lieber. Also appearing are candidates for Superior Court Judicial Office 8. The election is June 3. Mon., May 12, 7-9 p.m. Free. City Council Chambers, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-941-4846. [www.lwvlamv.org](http://www.lwvlamv.org)

**Electronic-waste Collection** Join the

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**Race to Get Ready** Participate in preparedness activities with a showcase of civil services, organizations and businesses. Learn about emergency preparedness and talk with first responders. A free emergency preparedness resource fair following the Human Race this year with activities. Sat., May 10, 8-11 a.m. Free. Charleston Park, Amphitheatre Parkway cross street Shoreline, Mountain View. Call 650-248-0655. <http://www.ReadySmart.com/events>

**Seventh Annual ChoralFest** Annual event featuring all choral students from the Mountain View Whisman School District. Co-sponsors: Shoreline Amphitheatre at Mountain View, Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, and Los Altos-Mountain View PTA Council. Mon., May 19, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Shoreline Amphitheatre at Mountain View, One Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 305. [www.arts4all.org/choralfest](http://www.arts4all.org/choralfest)

**Women in Business Scholarship Luncheon** Guest Speaker: Judy C. Miner, president, Foothill College. Presentation of \$1,500-scholarship awards. Tue., May 13, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. \$28 members; \$33 non-members. Michael's at Shoreline, 2690 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-968-8378. [www.chambermv.org](http://www.chambermv.org)

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.

**Bulgarian Dance Workshop w/live Music** Tanya Kostova and Vassil and Maria Bebelev are featured by Stanford International Dancers. Tanya, an expert in dance and folklore of Bulgaria will give a workshop followed by dancing to the music of members of the Bebelev family. Fri., May 9, 8-11 p.m. \$12 regular, \$6 student, under 12 free Flexit Aerobic Studio, 425 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-733-5529. <http://dance.bloch.com>

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

## 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. Admission fee charged. Moffett Field Historical Society Museum, Building 126, Moffett Federal Airfield, off Highway 101, Mountain View.

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Homestead Farm Tours** Docent-led tours of historic homestead farm. Visit animals in pens, tour century-old farm buildings, large organic garden. Benefits scholarship fund for field trips at Deer Hollow Farm. Sponsored by non-profit Friends of Deer Hollow Farm. Includes film, merchandise booth. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Adults: \$5, children: \$3. Children under 2 free. Deer Hollow Farm, Rancho San Antonio County Park, Los Altos. Call 650-965-FARM. [www.fodhf.org](http://www.fodhf.org)

**Kids' Art on Main Street** Artwork by students from Montclair, Santa Rita, Springer and St. Nicholas schools will be on display during the month of May. Co-sponsored by Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) and Los Altos Cultural Association. Opening reception and award ceremony for students and families on May 6, 5:30-7 p.m. Exhibition runs through May 31, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Main Street Cafe and Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-917-6800 x305.

## CONCERTS

**Master Sinfonia Mother's Day Concert** Maestro David Ramadanoff and MSCO present their Mother's Day concerts, free for moms. The program includes: Mendelssohn's "The Fair Melusine" Overture, Carl Stamitz' Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola, with Marcolivia soloists, and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 in A minor, the "Scotch." Sat., May 11, 3-5 p.m. General admission-\$18, seniors \$15, students \$5 Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-348-1270. [www.mastersinfonia.org](http://www.mastersinfonia.org)

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**Free Skin Cancer Screening** Camino Medical Group (PAMF) dermatologists will provide free skin-cancer screenings on a walk-in basis for the community at the Mountain View Center, 3rd floor. Educational displays, health information and sunscreen samples. Sat., May 10, 8-11:30 a.m. Free. Camino Medical Group (PAMF), 701 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 650-934-7676. [www.caminomedical.org](http://www.caminomedical.org)

**Stress and Fatigue** How to increase energy and get rid of stress. Sat., May 10, 10-11 a.m. Free. Integrative Nutrition and Wellness Center, 277 Castro St., Mountain View.

**SENIORS**

**History of Theodore Roosevelt** Join lecturer David Rader to explore the history of the 26th president of the United States. Thu., May 22, 1-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**Senior Resource Fair** The Mountain View Senior Center is hosting a collaborative event with 21 local agencies serving the needs of the senior community. Free non-fasting cholesterol and glucose testing will be done by El Camino Hospital Health Library and Resource Center. Thu., May 15, 3-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**Spring Fling Dance** Dance with live music of the Jerry Jay Quartet. Free refreshments will be served. Wed., May 21, 7-9 p.m. \$4 advance; \$5 at the door. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**A Mother's Day Jazz Brunch in the Garden** Celebrate Mother's Day with sunshine, jazz, champagne and a buffet. Sun., May 11, 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$65 per adult and \$50 per child (2 to 10 years old). Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-1356 ext. 201. <http://gamblegarden.org/events/events.html#mothersDayBrunch>

**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.

**Windmill Dedication** The Friends of "R" House join with Mountain View city officials to dedicate the windmill from Grant Road that has been restored and erected at Rengstorff

House at Shoreline. Mon., May 12, 5-5:30 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [www.r-house.org](http://www.r-house.org)

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Mom & Baby New Beginnings** This six-week series is a way for mom and baby (babies 2 to 10-weeks old at start of series) to meet with other moms in a partially structured group setting to learn about common issues and to share feelings and experiences. Expert-led weekly topics. Facilitator: Maria Ord, RN, BSN. May 19-June 30, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$90. Camino Medical Group, 701 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 650-934-7380. [www.caminomedical.org](http://www.caminomedical.org)

**TALKS/AUTHORS**

**Kiulani Lee** POST's 15th Annual Wallace Stegner Lecture Series. Lee will perform her play, "A Sense of Wonder," based on the life and works of Rachel Carson. Lee portrays Carson circa 1963, just as her book "Silent Spring" begins to garner public attention. Tue., May 20, 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 Stegner Lecture Series** Kaiulana Lee is the actress and writer of "A Sense of Wonder," a play based on the life and works of pioneering environmentalist Rachel Carson. Lee portrays Carson circa 1963 just as her book "Silent Spring" gains public attention. Tue., May 20, 8-10 p.m. \$22. Mountain View Center, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-854-7696. [www.openspacetrust.org](http://www.openspacetrust.org)

**Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum** Ross Koningstein describes many energy saving techniques for new construction and remodels he is using in his old-house restoration, including the use of a bubble-wrap like radiant energy barrier in ceilings/walls which blocks 95 percent of the heat transfer. Tue., May 13, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$11, \$12 for non-members. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. <http://tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml>

**VOLUNTEERS**

**A La Carte & Art** Volunteers needed to pour wine, beer, sodas and margaritas and sell tokens and glasses for 3-1/2 hour shifts. Volunteers receive a free t-shirt and non-alcoholic drink coupon. Teams of couples, families and friends are welcome. May 17-18, 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Free. A La Carte & Art, Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-964-3395. [www.miramarevents.com](http://www.miramarevents.com)

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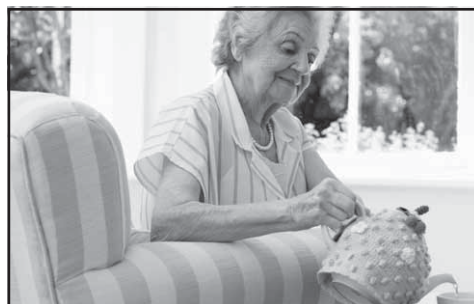
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**Volunteer Rangers** Shoreline at Mountain View seeks volunteer rangers to educate

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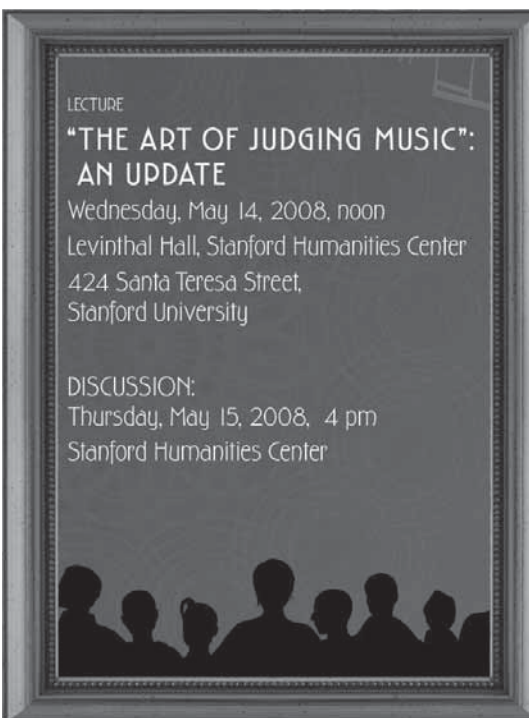
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