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Local skater's Olympic dreams

KATIE DANO HOPES
TO COMPETE IN
VANCOUVER

By Kelsey Mesher

While sports fans gear up for this summer's Olympic Games in Beijing, Mountain View resident Katie Dano already has her heart set on 2010.

Dano, a rising junior at Mountain View High School, recently took first place at the Philippine National Championship in figure skating — a win she hopes will open the door to an Olympic bid.

Dano's career began when she was just 5 years old.

"My mom wanted to put me in something that would take my energy up," she said. She remembers watching the older skaters in awe as they whirled around the rink. "I was falling all over the place but I loved it."

Nowadays, at her home rink in Redwood City, all eyes are on Dano. She has come a long way since her first attempts at skating — a two-time regional cham-



DARLENE BOUCHARD

Katie Dano of Mountain View skates in Redwood City.

pion, she has competed twice at Junior Nationals in addition to her recent win abroad.

On the ice, she looks much older than her 16 years. She

lifts her arms gracefully while gliding across the rink, extending a leg into the air and elon-

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Unwritten law for violent immigrants

FEDS NOTIFIED OF SOME CRIMINALS' IMMIGRATION STATUS, BUT CITY, COUNTY HAVE NO OFFICIAL POLICY

By Daniel DeBolt

The recent tragedy in San Francisco, when a father and his two sons were gunned down in cold blood, allegedly by an undocumented immigrant, was every city's worst nightmare. The question remains, however, whether it might have been avoided had they been in Santa Clara County.

The suspect in that case, 21-year-old Salvadoran immigrant Edwin Ramos, reportedly was protected by San Francisco's recently rescinded "sanctuary city" policy. Under the policy, San Francisco did not share information about undocumented criminals with immigration officials, who could have deported Ramos due to prior offenses.

Mountain View and Santa Clara County do not have a sanctuary policy, making it harder for someone like Ramos — who had juvenile court convictions for violent crimes, including a gang-related assault — to avoid

the notice of immigration officials. Still, although it's less likely, violent criminals can skirt deportation here. Interviews with local police and county prosecutors indicate that there is no formal policy on when to report a suspect's immigration status, and police say they don't ask the

question upon arrest.

As a result, federal immigration officials often end up screening local jail populations, but it's an overwhelming job, and not a top priority due to the war on terror, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE.

The county district attorney's office has an unwritten policy of reporting the immigration status of violent criminals, including juveniles, but "Unless they [the criminals] tell us there is no way to know," said Javier Alcalá, supervising deputy district attorney for North County.

"Our office can report to ICE either when someone has been charged with a crime, or after conviction," said Amy Cornell, spokesperson for the district

■ MAKE THE CALL

Under Santa Clara County's unwritten policy, certain crimes prompt law enforcement officials to report the immigration status of juveniles and adults to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Those crimes are:

Murder
Robbery
Sexual assault
Assault with serious bodily injury
Multiple burglaries
Major fraud

Source: Santa Clara County district attorney's public information office

New tax increase proposed to fund BART extension

By Daniel DeBolt

Once again, efforts are underway to bring Bay Area Rapid Transit to San Jose with the help of a sales tax increase.

This time, however, the proposed increase — which is expected to be put on the November ballot by the Valley

Transportation Authority during its Aug. 7 meeting — would be just an eighth of a cent, with all funds dedicated to the BART extension. And it comes with a catch that proponents hope voters will like.

Members of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group have been meeting with top transit officials to hammer out details on

the measure, which is expected to raise at least \$42 million a year for the project. The BART extension would require an estimated \$50 million a year in operating expenses and would cost billions to construct that the VTA doesn't have, but proponents say the \$42 million is enough, and would help match funds that have been all

but promised by the state and federal government.

That's where the catch comes in: Under the proposal, if the VTA puts the measure on the ballot and voters approve it, but state and federal officials fail to come through with the hundreds of millions needed to

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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Kelsey Mesher.

What is your pet peeve?



"When people bump me with their carts in the supermarket line and don't apologize."

Melody Liao, Mountain View



"People that don't use their turn signals — such an easy thing to do."

David Choi, San Jose



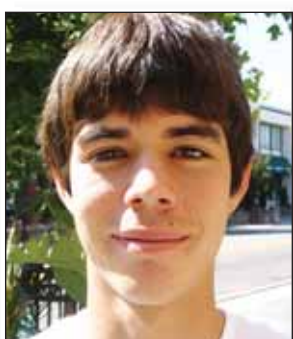
"Rude people. I hate rude, mean people. And people that talk too much!"

Patty Juanes, Sunnyvale



"People who use politically incorrect words like 'Oriental' for 'Asian' or 'dudes' for 'women.'"

Dickson Tam, Mountain View



"People eating off my plate without asking. It's kind of creepy."

Maxwell Rickman, Cupertino



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LocalNews

■ CRIMEWATCH

AUTO THEFT, 400 BLOCK N. SHORELINE BLVD, 7/17

Police were notified of several people acting suspiciously in an apartment complex's parking lot. Officers arrived at the scene and discovered the people were there, along with four stolen vehicles.

Police apprehended two adult men and one juvenile male. The men were taken to jail, and the juvenile was issued a citation and released.

ROBBERY, MI PUEBLO MARKET, 40 BLOCK S. RENGSTORFF AVE., 7/17

An employee noticed a man shoplifting a sixpack of beer from the market and tried to take action. The thief evaded the employee and began throwing rocks at him, nearly striking him in the head. An officer located the robber nearby and he was placed under arrest.

■ POLICE LOG

ASSAULT

2300 Block Rock St., 7/18

ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON

300 Block Easy St., 7/20

AUTO BURGLARY

500 Block Cypress Point Dr., 7/17
500 Block E. Middlefield Rd., 7/19
1800 Block California St., 7/20

BATTERY

310 Block Escuela Ave., 7/17
1800 Block California St., 7/18
PD Fire Admin., 7/18
Amphitheatre, 7/19
200 Block Castro St., 7/20
100 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 7/20
Castro St./W. El Camino Real, 7/20

BRANDISHING A WEAPON

Wal-Mart, 7/15

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

1100 Block Terra Bella Ave., 7/15

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Amphitheatre, 7/19
Nob Hill Foods, 7/19
Castro St./W. Dana St., 7/20

DISTURBANCE

Molly Magee's, 7/15

FORGERY

700 Block Burgoyne St., 7/15
700 Block Calderon Ave., 7/21
1300 Block Space Park Way, 7/21

GRAND THEFT

500 Block Castro St., 7/16
1500 Block W. El Camino Real, 7/16
330 Block Moffett Blvd., 7/16
1100 Block Morton Ct., 7/17
1900 Block W. El Camino Real, 7/18
590 Block Castro St., 7/18
2200 Block Latham St., 7/18
700 Block Continental Cl., 7/19
YMCA, 7/20

IDENTITY THEFT

360 Block Winwood Ct., 7/16

PETTY THEFT

1600 Block Villa St., 7/16
250 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 7/16
170 Block Castro St., 7/16
160 Block W. Evelyn Ave., 7/16

PETTY THEFT

870 Block Heatherstone Way, 7/17
Lozano's Carwash, 7/17
1900 Block Montecito Ave., 7/17
1800 Block Latham St., 7/17
500 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/18
Wal-Mart, 7/18
Wal-Mart, 7/19
Target, 7/19
Trader Joe's, 7/20
2600 Block W. El Camino Real, 7/20
600 Block W. El Camino Real, 7/21
1500 Block Bonita Ave., 7/21
City Hall, 7/21

POSSESSION OF BURGLAR'S TOOLS

Montecito Ave./N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/16

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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1000 Block Villa St., 7/21

ROBBERY

1900 Block Old Middlefield Way, 7/17

STOLEN VEHICLE

720 Block Mountain View Ave., 7/19
500 Block Tyrella Ave., 7/20
500 Block View St., 7/21
200 Block Church St., 7/21
80 Block Maude Ave., 7/21

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

600 Block Showers Dr., 7/16
530 Block Tyrella Ave., 7/18

TRESPASSING

Wal-Mart, 7/18

VANDALISM

100 Block San Antonio Cl., 7/15
Central Expressway/N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/16
1900 Block Polk Ct., 7/17
800 Block Sonia Way, 7/17
130 Block Bryant St., 7/18
490 Block Castro St., 7/18
190 Block Latham St., 7/19
700 Block W. Dana St., 7/20
2400 Block Whitney Dr., 7/21
Mountain Laurel Ct./Wright Ave., 7/21
400 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/21
2100 Block Rock St., 7/21
2200 Block Latham St., 7/21
50 Block S. Shoreline Pl., 7/21

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Queen of all teens

By Don Frances

KAREN SIMPSON, executive director of Peninsula Youth Theatre, called earlier this week to tell me about “an exciting thing we have going on this weekend.”

This exciting thing regards one Kay Wheeler, coolest dolly of the whole '50s. In Karen's words, Wheeler is “a star of the film ‘Rock Baby Rock It’ and is a member of the Rockabilly Hall of Fame, she was a girlfriend of Elvis Presley, and also the founder of the first nationwide Elvis Presley Fan Club.

“She's coming down to PYT to talk to our performers,” Karen continued, “who are starring in our upcoming production of ‘All Shook Up,’ which is taking place at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts starting Aug 2.”

This is a cast-only gathering — “All Shook Up” features sixty-plus actors — and it demonstrates how PYT will go the extra mile for its young performers. As for Ms. Wheeler, “Queen of all the Teens,” she's coming to tell the kids about life in the fifties, Karen said, which should help them get into their roles and, better yet, give them a bit of historical perspective to take away after the curtain falls. Also, Wheeler will show the kids a signature fifties dance, the Rock n' Bop.

“All Shook Up,” an Elvis-inspired musical set in the fifties but based on “Twelfth Night,” starts Saturday, Aug. 2 and runs through Aug. 10. For tickets call the Center for Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000. To find out more about PYT's many classes and other opportunities, call (650) 988-8798 or visit www.pytnet.org. To learn more about Kay Wheeler, visit www.kay-wheeler.com. ■

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An artist's conception of a new office development at Fairchild Drive and National Avenue, one of three office developments recently approved in the North Whisman area totaling over 600,000 square feet.

New projects buck the trend

MAJOR OFFICE DEVELOPMENTS COMING TO WHISMAN, BAYSHORE AREAS

By Daniel DeBolt

While sales of commercial real estate have slowed nationwide, Mountain View is experiencing a surge of new office development for the first time since the dot-com boom.

The city has recently managed to attract seven major new office developments, including five major high density office projects in the North Whisman Area, Google's first-ever new building, and a high density addition to the “tech farm” on Evelyn Avenue just east of the train station.

While some of the buildings will replace older structures,

density will at least double in most cases, making space for thousands of new local office jobs.

“We're in a unique position here in the Valley,” said Vice Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga. “I was surprised to hear that the rest of the country is hurting.”

The largest of the new developments has been approved at 690 East Middlefield Road. It will replace Hewlett Packard's former buildings, two of them at 94,000 square feet each, with a pair of five story Class A buildings totaling 340,000 square feet, complete with helicopter pads on the roofs. Dostart Development advertises the site to tenants by mentioning that a

sign on the building's rooftop would gain recognition from 90,000 motorists a day on Highway 237.

The council has also approved a pair of four-story buildings on Clyde Avenue adjacent to the Sunnyvale golf course. The 192,000-square-foot development will replace 118,000 square feet of one-story buildings, opening the area up for more parking and open space. To insure that the project is “transit oriented,” tenants will be required to provide transit passes to employees, and conduct annual surveys of employee commuting habits,

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Hang in there

HANGAR ONE'S FATE TO BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN A WEEK OR SO, NAVY SAYS

By Daniel DeBolt

After much delay and anticipation, the Navy says it will be announcing whether it will demolish Moffett Field's historic Hangar One within the next few days.

As of press time, the Navy was putting the “finishing touches” on a report evaluating options for Hangar One, home of the USS Macon airship in the 1930s, and the announcement will come “if not next week, the week after,” said Navy spokesperson Darren Newton last Thursday during the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board meeting.

A public hearing on the announcement is tentatively set for Aug. 20. Newton said the Navy is looking to reserve the American Legion Hall in Santa Clara to make room for as many as 500 people wishing to comment. Due to lack of space, people were turned away from a similar meeting in 2005 after the Navy announced it would demolish the historic structure.

What exactly the Navy — which left Moffett in 1994 — will propose in the coming days remains uncertain. After the hangar's siding was found to be toxic, with PCBs running off it and into the groundwater, the

► See **HANGAR**, page 10

Will high-intensity math pay off?

SCHOOL DISTRICT HOPES SPECIAL CLASSES AT FOOTHILL CAN BRIDGE GAP FOR LATINOS

By Casey Weiss

Just four weeks ago, Alejandra Silva said fractions were impossible for her to understand, making school challenging and even disheartening for the soon-to-be seventh grader. She is now hoping math will be easier after attending a four-week intervention program for students who, like Silva, are several grade levels behind in math.

During the pilot program,

75 middle school students in the Mountain View Whisman School District took six hours of math classes each day. District teachers taught the classes at Foothill Community College, where students ate lunch in the cafeteria and generally participated in college life.

“At first [math was hard], but things that seemed hard are now easy,” Silva said during the last week of the program.

Depending on their skill levels,

participants were assigned to one of three classes where they learned subtraction, fractions and other building blocks for beginning algebra, according to Kim Thompson, a teacher who helped organize the program.

Administrators and teachers designed the program specifically to work with mostly low-income Latino students, who as a group have the lowest math test scores in the district.

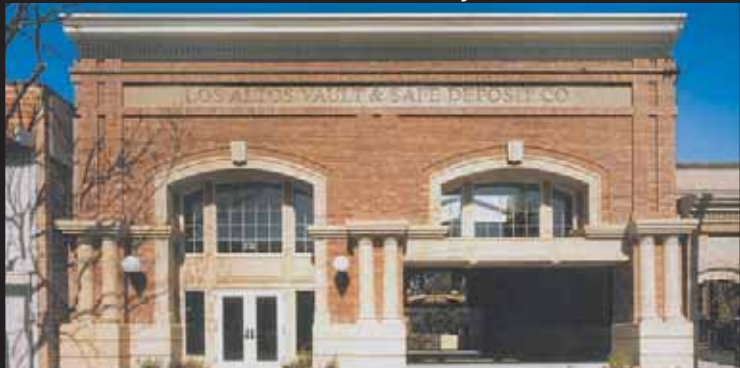
Latino students in the district

also score lower on standardized math tests than their counterparts in the county and state. In 2007, just over 30 percent of the district's Latino students were proficient or better in math, according to federal measurements. Meanwhile, in both Santa Clara County and statewide, nearly 37 percent of Latino students scored proficient or above on math tests.

“Our kids weren't being as suc-

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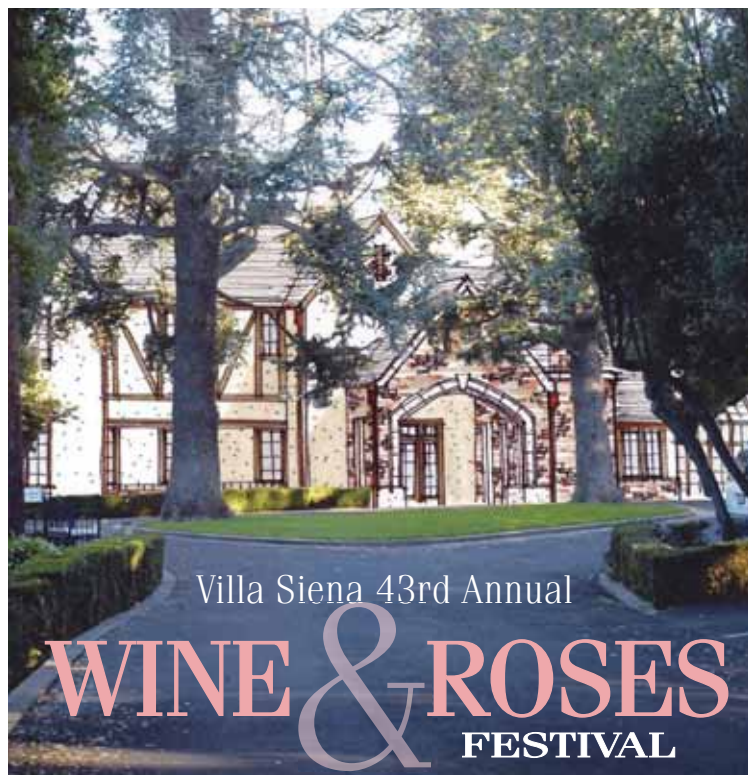
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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Conjunction in Leo



Editor's Note: Although not strictly from Mountain View, this shot of the night sky, taken earlier this month in Palo Alto by Isaac Kikawada, could certainly be seen from here. Following is an explanation of the image by Mr. Kikawada, who lives on Mountain View Avenue:

Our smoke filled sky of recent weeks has not been very kind to the backyard astronomers, although there were some beautiful sunsets, and the yellowish moon let us see details more easily with naked eyes since the usual glare was substantially cut down.

But, in the western sky, there has been a wonderful show of planets Saturn and Mars in the head of constellation Leo

— they are passing by the big star of Leo, Regulus, at different speeds, and on July 5 the three-day-old crescent moon (or “banana moon”) lined up with the planets and Regulus.

Though the moon has moved away, the threesome in the west is still nicely visible for a while in the early evening. And if you're lucky, you may see Venus near the horizon, too, just after the sunset.

This photo was taken at a public star party in Foothills Park in Palo Alto, where the members of our Peninsula Astronomical Society volunteer regularly during the warmer months to enjoy the beautiful sky with the visitors of all ages. We bring all kinds of telescopes and binoculars to encourage the astronomi-

cal experience first-hand. Once you see the rings of Saturn from a small telescope, you are hooked!

Our society also stages many public star parties at the parking lot of Foothill College Observatory as well as in the Observatory which now houses a new 14-inch telescope maintained and operated by the members of the PAS.

Many of those astronomers, including my wife Heidi, are now on their way to China to observe the Total Solar Eclipse on Aug. 1. I am staying home, for it will be too hot and humid for me this time of the year in China!

For more on the Peninsula Astronomical Society, visit www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/pas.htm.

Day workers plan more good deeds

WORKER CENTER TO HOLD BLOOD DIVE, CLEAN UP SENIOR CENTER GARDEN

The Day Worker Center of Mountain View is holding a blood drive on Monday, followed by community service in the senior center garden.

The blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Day Worker Center, located at the Trinity United Methodist church at the corner of Hope and Mercy streets.

“We can save lives by donat-

ing blood,” said Maria Marroquin, executive director of the Day Worker Center, who said she was inspired by the story of a local Latina woman whose life was saved by blood donations, dialysis and a kidney transplant at Stanford Hospital.

After the blood drive, day workers will be helping with some gardening at the Senior Center garden, which is locat-

ed on the Hetch Hetchy right of way across the street from the Day Worker Center's newly purchased building. That building, still vacant, is located at the northern end of Escuela Avenue near Rengstorff Park.

For more information, call the Worker Center at (650) 903-4102 or visit www.day-workercentermv.org.

— Daniel DeBolt

Teacher extraordinaire

AFTER 40 YEARS IN THE CLASSROOM,
PENNY HERMAN STILL LOVES HER JOB

By Casey Weiss

As she reaches her 40th year with the elementary school district, Penny Herman says it is not unusual for her to teach the grandchildren of her former students.

Herman, 62, arrived in the district in 1968 as a young soon-to-be-married teacher. Her fiancé was living in Mountain View at the time, and although Herman received multiple job offers, she chose Whisman School, the one closest to home.

Many years later, the school was shut down as part of the 2001 merger that created the Mountain View Whisman School District. By then, Herman had more than 30 years of experience in the school's first- and second-grade classrooms.

Today she's nearing the end of her career, with just three more years until retirement,

and Herman has taken on more of a leadership role as a new teacher advisor.

She still meets regularly with her former colleagues, but describes herself as the "last of the Mohicans."

"I always said I have to hang around until I am number one," she joked.

As a teacher advisor, Herman now works full-time taking beginning teachers under her wing. She can't stay out of the classroom, though, and is currently teaching second-grade summer school.

"I am just in and out, wandering around, so students still know me," Herman said. "I have always wanted to stay connected to the kids."

In her beginning years, Herman said, there were not so many social studies and science manuals for teachers, which allowed more flexibility in lesson plans. During a lesson on birds, for example, Herman kept 12 ducks in her classroom in a cage built by her husband. The second graders called the cage "Duckingham Palace."

"The ducks grew so fast, and

smelled awful, but the kids loved them," Herman recalled.

A student once brought in a boa constrictor to study during science lessons. When Herman tried to show her students the snake, it started constricting her arm, but luckily another teacher was able to remove it before it got a firm grip. After that, Herman said, she only kept birds.

"In a classroom, you can show no fear," she joked.

Half of Herman's garage in her Los Gatos home is filled with artifacts from her teaching days, including supplies for the birds she kept in her classroom.

She said these became less useful in her later years, as standardized tests and kits were provided with her students' science books.

While not as fun perhaps, the new tests, required by both the district and the state, help keep the students and teachers focused,

administrators say. With the tests, Herman said, "We know if children are not on track."

Although colleagues often pushed her to become principal, Herman said could not bear the idea of being "so removed" from the students.

She taught mostly at Monta Loma and Whisman schools, which were attended mostly by students whose families were stationed at Moffett Field. There was more cultural diversity in the classrooms then, she said, with students from Guam and the Philippines.

Although the district has changed dramatically during the last four years, Herman says her passion remains the same. She loves working with shy students who do not talk as much in the beginning of the school year.

"As they begin to blossom they feel more confident," Herman said. "That is the greatest thing about teaching, giving them the confidence that they are wonderful." ■

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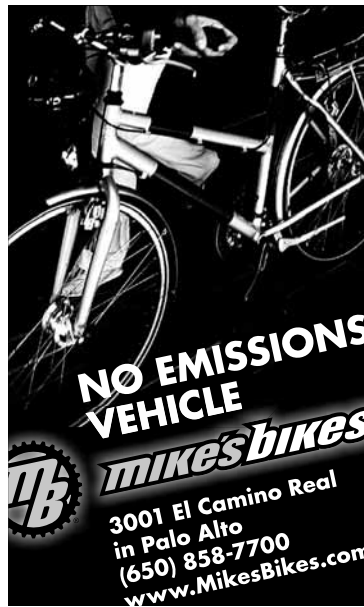
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Katie Dano
practices her routine in Redwood City.

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SKATER

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gating her tiny five-foot frame. Suddenly she is spinning rapidly, grabbing a foot and pulling it up and over her head — a Bielman spin, her favorite trick.

Dano is just getting warmed up after returning from the Philippines.

"I had no expectations," she said of her first trip to the national competition there. After her short program she was .6 points behind the leader. She secured the win with her long program, finishing 12 points ahead of the competition.

Her giddiness is still palpable: "I guess it was good, because I won!"

For the next two years, Dano will compete as a member of the Philippine national team — she has the opportunity to compete for the Philippines because her father is Filipino, and she has dual citizenship. She believes her chances of making it to Vancouver in 2010 are better if she competes outside the U.S.

"In America there are a lot of skaters," she explained. "I thought, maybe I can compete for the Philippines."

The road to the Olympics will be long and include grand prix events and national competitions. If she, and the Philippine team in general, does well, Dano could possibly receive an invitation to the Olympics.

"She's got some work to do," said Julie Lowndes, her coach of eight years. "She needs to get a couple triple jumps. She needs to bring her skating up to more of a championship level."

But Lowndes, who has been

coaching skaters for 26 years, said that Katie may be her first to try for an Olympic run.

"She's definitely one of my better skaters," she said. "I've had [skaters achieve] national placement, but I've never had an Olympic competitor. It would be really fun to share that with her."

Lowndes said one of the factors will be getting enough training time in. During the summer months Dano practices three to four hours per day in Redwood City. When school starts, she will wake up at 4:30 a.m. to hit the ice before class. And then there's off-ice training: Pilates, cardio, weights.

Dano struggles to keep a balance between skating and school, but says her teachers are mostly supportive. Her coaches, on the other hand, are still having trouble letting her out of practice on time.

"I got so many tardies this year I almost had to go to Saturday school," she said.

For Dano, the balancing act is well worth the effort. Through skating she has become a seasoned traveler, competing in Europe three times. She recently made a fourth trip to celebrate her 16th birthday with her best friend, Eva, a skater from Belgium who competes for the Netherlands.

"I have the best experiences friends-wise," she said. "I have friends all over the world. We all have the same love for skating."

Friendly competition with skaters she's met both home and abroad keeps Dano keen on fine tuning her skating — that, and the possibility of a trip to Vancouver. ▀

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IMMIGRANTS

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attorney's office. "It happens on a case-by-case basis. It's more common for arresting agencies to report immigration status."

In Mountain View, police "generally do not ask" for a suspect's immigration status, said retired police captain Bruce Barsi.

Police spokesperson Liz Wylie said the question isn't even on the booking forms that the county supplies to local police departments.

"We don't ask that question of people we arrest," Wylie said. "We ask where people are born but that doesn't imply immigration status. We treat everybody the same. In a very specific situation or problem, we reserve the right to contact [ICE]."

But policies and practices can change, as they did recently in San Francisco, which has begun turning over to immigration officials a number of juvenile offenders released from its jails.

"Every city has the same issue as San Francisco," said Mayor Tom Means. "I don't think we are going to go around and ask, 'Are you legal or not?' I don't think that's appropriate. A lot of it would have to do with what type of crime is being committed. You would have to look

at that and come up with a policy in terms of severity."

"It would be very hard to have a policy for all the things you would run into," Barsi said.

"Our agents are highly trained in their ability to get to the bottom of things," said Tim Counts, public

"Our resources are limited. National security concerns get our attention first. We are not omnipresent."

TIM COUNTS

affairs officer for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. But like any other law enforcement agency, Counts said, "Our resources are limited. National security concerns get our attention first. We are not omnipresent."

Counts added that ICE is usually not interested in deportation until after jail time has been served.

Cornell said there are no records on how many undocumented criminals are deported in Santa Clara County. However, Wylie said that when she worked as a

detective in Mountain View's sex crime unit, ICE notified her several times a year when a sex offender in Mountain View was going to be deported.

"If you are a child molester, rapist or a murderer we are not going to protect you from ICE," Wylie said.

Former gang members have told the *Voice* that the city's gang members are predominantly Sureños, or "Southerners," who have recently immigrated or whose parents have immigrated from Central or South America.

Police say that the vast majority of immigrants from Central and South America are not violent criminals of any kind. The Mountain View Police Department continues to have a policy of not helping ICE with raids that aim to capture and deport the many undocumented workers who are working and living peacefully in the U.S.

Last year, police Chief Scott Vermeer stated that his department has "no role enforcing federal immigration laws ... unless the safety of the general public is at stake." He added that "all emergency services are totally disinterested in immigration status." ■

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BART

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cover construction costs, the tax won't take effect.

In 2006, the SVLG, a large consortium of Silicon Valley businesses, failed to gain support from county voters for Measure A, a half-cent sales tax that would have raised billions of dollars for county coffers with no strings attached — though it was widely assumed that some unknown amount of it would go to funding the BART extension.

Because its funds were not specifically dedicated to the BART project, or any other project, Measure A needed only a simple majority to pass. But because this November's measure is dedicated to a specific project, it would need a two-thirds vote to pass.

Despite that, a recent poll conducted by the SVLG shows the upcoming measure faring much better, they say. While the group would not release its results, "The poll was such that it was encouraging about the prospects of a ballot measure," said spokesperson Phil Yost.

"Gas prices are hugely up, as everybody knows," Yost said. "It

has people making changes in the way they get around."

Some North County officials have opposed the project, instead favoring plans that would replace all of BART with a system based on modern, standard rails that

"Gas prices are hugely up, as everybody knows. It has people making changes in the way they get around."

PHIL YOST

would cost less and be of superior quality. Palo Alto Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto, one of Mountain View's representatives on the VTA board, says that the timing may be good for such a plan because BART is currently facing an \$8 billion shortfall for replacing its aging cars and equipment. ■

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HANGAR

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Navy at first hoped to rid itself of the problem once and for all through demolition. But after years of pressure from citizens groups to preserve the hangar, many seem to think the Navy and the federal government are trying to accommodate the public's wishes.

"My best guess is still that the Navy will propose to remove the Galbestos siding/roof, coat or scrape the frame and leave the building's skeleton to NASA — the current owner," said Lenny Siegel, founder of the Save Hangar One Committee, in an e-mail.

The Save Hangar One Committee is organizing a meeting to discuss the announcement sometime during the week of Aug. 4. The group says it has collected thousands of signatures in a campaign to re-skin the hangar with a Teflon fiberglass fabric.

Newton says the public will be notified of the announcement through its mailing list, newspaper ads, news releases, phone calls to local officials and through the Navy's Web site at www.bracpmo.navy.mil. There will be a 45-day public comment period, and written comments will be accepted.

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NEWS BRIEF

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A pedestrian was struck and killed by a VTA light rail train in Mountain View early Monday morning, a VTA spokesman said.

An inbound train struck the person at 12:30 a.m. Monday outside the Mountain View Station at 600 W. Evelyn Ave., said Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority spokesman Ethan Winston.

It was the last train of the night, making its last stop, Winston said.

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the developer said.

"There was some concern by developers that these projects get approved in a timely manner because of the looming real estate bubble," Abe-Koga said, "but everything is working pretty well."

Site OK'd despite TCE

Two weeks ago the City Council approved rezoning for an 87,000-square-foot three story office building on 12 acres at 331 Fairchild Drive. The project involves demolishing 1960s-era two-story buildings once used by Fairchild to manufacture semiconductors, which left behind the carcinogen TCE in the groundwater and soil.

Unsafe TCE vapors were measured in one old building just a few years ago, but with the new development the city is requiring a long list of mitigations. It is possible that Nokia, which occupies the property next door, may expand into the new building.

In addition to the three North Whisman office developments, the city is beginning to process two more office projects in the area, one at 369 North Whisman Road and another at 455-475 East Middlefield Road.

In exchange for allowing the higher, more profitable densities, fees from the five projects in the North Whisman area will go toward bike and pedestrian improvements that will connect the neighborhood to the light rail line that runs through North Whisman.

Abe-Koga believes the density is a good thing, because it allows more room for housing, such as the 700 homes planned on Ferguson Drive which will replace old

industrial buildings. She hopes that by bringing more workers to North Whisman, along with the housing that is planned in the North Whisman area, the grocery store that neighbors have asked for could be justified.

"The office development market has improved quicker than people anticipated just a few years ago," said Kevin Duggan, city manager. "We think that's a good sign in tough economic times."

The Google factor

Google has yet to move on major plans to demolish numerous office buildings on 64 acres near Shorebird Way, which would make room for high density buildings there, to be filled by workers currently located in several older office buildings just south of the Googleplex, Abe-Koga said.

But this fall, the council is set to decide on plans for Google's first brand-new building in Mountain View. A 300,000-square-foot structure will be built on the northern half of a vacant lot just east of the Googleplex. City officials say it likely will be built to very high environmental standards.

Google paid the city \$300,000 in fees alone to lease the nine-acre, city-owned property for the building site, and the company will pay the city \$1.12 million a year in rent at the outset, with payments increasing by 3 percent every year for 55 years.

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MATH

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cessful as we needed them to be," Thompson said. "They were missing out on basic numbers sense."

There are many theories on the discrepancy in these tests scores, including language barriers and home life, Thompson said. Sometimes students do not have enough time to understand the material in the traditional classroom setting.

This was not the case during the intervention program, which ended this week. Tutors, who are Foothill students, often took students into a private work room to review subtraction, multiplication and other basic math skills.

"Some of these kids say, 'If I wait long enough the teacher will move on,'" Thompson said. "Part of this job is to build relationships — to say, 'You can do this.'"

Kids bused in

Two years ago, with math scores continuing to drop, the district started a math committee of administrators and teachers, including Thompson, to identify district problems that could be contributing to the low scores. The intervention program is part of the district's ongoing goal to increase scores. Thompson, a

teacher on special assignment, has left the classroom and is working to increase math scores.

Throughout July, the students were bused to Foothill each morning. They spent most of their time in the classroom, using supplies, books and games specifically designed for math intervention.

"It is better here with the tutors," student Jennifer Alvarado said. "You understand what they are saying."

While the students receive extra help with math during this program, Thompson said many of them also need a boost of confidence. Having the program at Foothill helps students realize that college is an achievable goal.

Every morning, Foothill Dean Patricia Hyland waited for the busload of children, ready to break out in song and dance.

"Math is the vehicle, but so much of what we are doing here is training them to respect themselves," Hyland said. "These are the students who the system is failing. We are trying to make up for that."

"I know how much of a difference it makes when someone believes in you," Hyland added. "I want them to know they are not forgotten."

This spring, a nonprofit called ALearn started writing grants on behalf of the district to fund the

program, and received \$30,000 from the Packard Foundation.

Hyland organized three classrooms and free food for the program and helped to organize their graduation ceremony on Thursday, July 24, and also provided the students with backpacks and T-shirts.

Individuals also donated \$10,000 for scholarships. The district plans to invest the money, and each student will get a portion when he or she is ready to attend school.

The students took a math assessment before starting the course, have frequent quizzes and tests and keep a journal where they reflect on the program, all in an effort to track progress. Although students have not taken their final assessment, teachers agree that there has been a difference on both quizzes and journal entries, and in confidence.

"We are working on things to help them improve their attitude," teacher Agnes Kaiser added. "A lot of students who have come to us have given up."

Since the program is still a pilot, teachers and administrators are still planning curriculum and other logistics, but they agree this is only the beginning. ▀

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MV Whisman: New algebra requirement not a problem

By Casey Weiss

Local administrators say a new state ruling that requires all eighth graders to take Algebra I will not affect their previous plans to overhaul the math system and raise the achievement gap among Latino students.

Starting in three years, California will be the first state to test all its eighth graders in advanced math, the state Board of Education decided amid pressure from the U.S. Department of Education.

California already requires students to take Algebra I, but students who are not ready take lower levels of math. Under this new decision, though, students will have to enroll in the class, even if they're not prepared, in order to take the standardized test.

Math has been a struggle for many students in the Mountain View Whisman School District, and for the last two years teachers and administrators have been working to improve low test scores, especially among low-income Latino students.

In an effort to assess basic math skills, about 200 eighth graders in the district, who were not all enrolled in Algebra I, took

the California standardized tests in algebra for the last two years. In 2007, only 35 percent scored proficient or above, leaving the remaining 65 percent at the basic or far below basic levels.

The district is not the only one facing challenges under the new ruling — statewide, only 38 percent of students scored proficient.

"We don't have enough kids who are ready to succeed in algebra," Assistant Superintendent Mary Lairon said.

This year a new district math committee identified lack of consistency in curriculum and time spent on math as key problems explaining, in part, the discrepancy in math scores. One teacher was found to be spending only 15 minutes a day on math, for example. As a result, second through fifth grade teachers are now required to spend 90 minutes on math.

Lairon said even with the Algebra I decision, administrators are more concerned about preparing students with the building blocks for math, and less concerned with testing.

"The issue is getting more kids ready for algebra," Lairon said. ▀

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OBITUARY

VINCENT BONTEMPI

Vincent Bontempi, a Mountain View postal worker and popular Peninsula community theater actor, died July 19. He was 82 years old.

Born in New York, the son of Italian immigrants, Bontempi grew up one of five siblings in San Francisco. After serving as second lieutenant and bombardier instructor in the Army Air Corps, Bontempi worked as an auto mechanic, carpenter and contractor, bartender, and finally as a postal worker in Mountain View.

Bontempi was a dedicated union member, and was responsible for the construction of a new union hall for the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 1427 in Santa Clara. Just two months ago, he cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the building. The facility's meeting room has been named in his honor.

Throughout his life Bontempi enjoyed fishing, cooking his "famous" biscotti, and spending

time in the garden. He raised three children, one of whom died tragically young, with his first wife, and spent his later years traveling with his second wife.

Bontempi was preceded in death by both wives, Blanche and May Bontempi; son Gregory Bontempi; and three brothers. He is survived by two sons, Art Goodtimes and Doug Bontempi; two sisters; and a large extended family.

Visitation began at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, at the Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary in Mountain View, with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass was scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mountain View, followed by burial at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos.

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Zoning a prickly issue for Old Middlefield

Auto repair shops or office space — or both? This is one of the biggest questions the City Council will face when it considers changing the general plan (the city's zoning blueprint) to expand permitted uses in the zone along a few blocks of Old Middlefield Way. As noted in stories published in the *Voice* on July 11 and 18, some property owners in this area — called the “commercial service,” or CS, zone — are struggling, and hope for relief when the general plan is reconsidered.

Even a cursory look at this relatively small area reveals a multitude of zoning sins, including city decisions during the dot-com boom allowing owners to convert some buildings to office space. In the process, many affordable spaces suitable for auto repair shops (and similar so-called commercial service uses) were remade into high-rent office spaces that are now standing vacant.

That is because in 2001, the council reaffirmed the CS zone on Old Middlefield Way to prevent offices from pushing auto shops and other service uses out. Now those owners who built the office space buildings are restricted from renting them out, leaving them high and dry. Their hope is that the council will reverse the 2001 decision as part of the general plan revision.

But others, including potential tenants with mixed or commercial service businesses, argue that giving in to the office building owners will ultimately zone them out of Mountain View, which has fewer and fewer locations that are open to service industry uses. Auto repair shops cannot afford high rent, said Larry Moore, owner of Larry's Auto Works. Moore, whose business has been firmly planted on Old Middlefield Way for 26 years, was told in the late 1990s when his lease ran out that his rent would quadruple as the owner converted the property to the much more lucrative office space.

Similar scenarios happened elsewhere, until the council's 2001 action stopped it — causing one Middlefield landlord to endure what he calls the “worst leasing period we have experienced in 35 years.”

These and other seemingly intractable problems in the CS zone will require a solution before a new general plan for the city can be implemented. At this writing, it is not clear what could be done to clean up this zoning morass, which is so important for the small businesses that continue to serve local residents.

We hope the council can find a way to keep a good sized portion of this area available to auto shops and other small businesses that cannot find any other location in town. Given that, we also can't see creating a wasteland of empty office buildings by zoning them out of existence. Perhaps these buildings could be grandfathered into the CS zone there — especially if the city had a hand in creating their plight to begin with.

IS CUESTA ANNEX PIT REALLY OPEN SPACE?

Editor:

The Santa Clara County Water District wants to turn the Cuesta Annex into a 12-foot-deep pit to use as a flood basin. Surprisingly, our City Council has given tentative approval for this. And even more surprising to me is that the group that worked so hard to save the Annex for open space is silent.

The pit would be used for a flood, which is expected only once every 100 years. But how would it be used when not flooded? I struggle to see how this could be open space as we normally understand the term. Maybe you could use it for parking, but is a parking lot open space?

The water district is not stopping with the Annex either. They want to do the same thing with McKelvey Park. They want our youth to play baseball in a pit. These fields aren't that big to begin with, and with the sloping banks you would need to make the fields even smaller. We already have an acute shortage of playing fields in Mountain View so I don't think it's a good idea to disturb an existing one.

I urge our City Council to rethink this. The water district has other alternatives to provide the flood protection they seek.

Glenn Meier
Walnut Drive

ANOTHER SOCCER PROGRAM SERVES AT-RISK YOUTH

Editor:

I was inspired by the July 11 article “Local teens run soccer

camp for at-risk youth.” It's not often you find young people with a desire to serve their community, and I want to commend the coaches who willingly give of their time to make a difference in the lives of others.

It reminded me of another free soccer program worth mentioning to those who may not be aware of it. It's called E-Soccer and runs year-round. Soccer is taught in an inclusive way for typical and special-needs children ages 5 and up.

It is run entirely by volunteers, and our own Mountain View Rotary Club donated money last year to pay for new uniforms and equipment. Check out the Web site for more information at www.e-soccer.info.

I wish the soccer camp for at-risk youth as much growth and success as E-Soccer has experienced over the past seven years.

Michelle Sanchez
Williams Way

'PODIUM PUNDITS' ARE EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS

Editor:

Thank you for printing Allen Price's July 10 letter that sharply criticizes the right of certain residents to address the City Council during the public communications period.

And, thanks to Mayor Means and the other council members for not interrupting the public remarks during the June 24 meeting.

As one of the “podium pundits”

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that evening, delivering a people's petition calling on the City Council to stand up for the interests of our community, I think Mr. Price's impatient reaction is senseless and indicative of the current groundswell of public apathy. His idea of eliminating public remarks would compromise the traditional American democratic process.

Ironically, part of our petition presented that night, which was signed by more than 25 local residents, includes the charge that President Bush and Vice President Cheney blatantly violated the principles of our Constitution's Bill of Rights.

Though the City Council members appeared to be listening to our appeal to speak up for the Constitution and for our community, we haven't, as yet, heard from them as to where they stand. Maybe the mayor and current members have adopted a policy of silence — choosing not to break out of a comfortable shell.

Fred Duperrault
W. Middlefield Road

CLUB PROJECT LACKS ADEQUATE RETAIL SPACE

Editor

I was very interested to learn that 18,000 square feet of The Club may be torn down in favor of condos and retail space. The Whisman neighborhood is rife with new housing developments, but has almost none of the infrastructure that is required to support them.

According to last week's article, 5,800 square feet of the space will be for retail, which is certainly insufficient for a grocery store, a pharmacy such as Longs or Walgreens, or other businesses that people need every day. What sort of businesses do they expect to put into 5,800 square feet? Liquor stores?

The city needs to tell residents what its plans are for providing useful shops and businesses in this booming part of town. As citizen-involved planning progresses, the city can help Mountain View's existing neighborhoods by convening a grocery store "summit" of sorts that would guide small shop owners in selling products that normal, middle-class people need.

So many of these so-called "convenience" stores appear to specialize in merchandise for the homeless and vagrant populations, selling cigarettes, cheap beer and pornographic magazines. And 7-Eleven? Don't get me started.

If we are committed to making Mountain View a green city, one that other communities might emulate, we need to look closely at how to make everyday basics available to our citizens within walking distance of their homes. The small, neighborhood shopping centers are key to making that happen.

I challenge the City Council to develop the Whisman area to meet the needs of its residents — including the hundreds, if not thousands, who will live here when the housing developers finish their work.

Cynthia Marshall Schuman
Magnolia Lane

■ GUEST OPINION

Looking forward to new worker center

By Steve Chandler

As a resident of Escuela Avenue for almost seven years, I am happy that the old eyesore of a building at 113 Escuela Ave. finally will be improved and made into an asset to the neighborhood by housing the Day Worker Center of Mountain View.

This old shell of a building has been unused for about 15 years. Then a few months ago, the Day Worker Center purchased the building and property to use as their new and improved center, which helps employers connect with day workers in a safe and supportive environment.

The nonprofit center has been blessed with many wonderful donors and is now engaged in additional fundraising so that the building can be remodeled and greatly improved. Not only will the building look good and improve the appearance of the neighborhood, but it will enable the center to expand its services by offering excellent workers to the community at reasonable rates.

It will also help the workers by offering additional English classes and more skills related to carpentry, gardening and painting. Center workers already participate regularly in

Red Cross CPR and First Aid classes, and receive Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training from the city of Mountain View. Plans are underway for expanding these as well.

I am involved in the center as a volunteer, and my experience over the past year has been enlightening and enriching. The workers are mostly

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economic refugees, and what I have noticed is that they work hard, have integrity and are appreciative of the opportunity to work.

Often the workers are looking for a chance to give back to the community through volunteer projects. For example, they helped the seniors at the senior garden, (also on Escuela Avenue), repainted the parking lot stripes and arrows at Saint Joseph Church at Hope and Church streets, and par-

ticipated in two blood drives at the current day worker center location. This Monday, July 28, the center is again hosting the Stanford Blood Center Bloodmobile from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (For more information, the center can be reached by calling 903-4102.)

I am also looking forward to the excellent grounds maintenance that I expect to see when the new center opens, since the workers are always willing to help out while they are waiting for employers. Some workers even volunteer at their own expense, and miss out on a chance to work because they have committed to a volunteer project.

Another special aspect of the center is the excellent management and leadership there. The workers are subject to kind discipline and rules as well as inspiring leadership, as provided by Maria Marroquin, the center's hard-working and dedicated executive director.

I am happy and excited to know that the old ugly building at 113 Escuela Ave. will soon become an attractive and vibrant part of our neighborhood and community. ■

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VERONICA WEBER

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Point the way

DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN VIEW GETS 'DARING' NON-FUSION FARE AT CASTRO POINT

By Sheila Himmel

On the one hand, Castro Point serves weekend brunch on a spacious shaded patio rather than the usual cramped sidewalk of many downtown Mountain View restaurants. And how many of them even have brunch?

On the other hand, the patio hugs a busy intersection and many people can't get the ghost of Der Wienerschnitzel out of their minds.

A few feet from the patio's ornate (cherubs clutching grape clusters) central fountain is the former outdoor window ledge of

Der Wienerschnitzel, the longest tenant of this building.

The first time I visited Castro Point, a parade of the curious marched up to the menu posted outside, and despite a staff person rushing up to reel them in, few took the bait. A month later, people still stopped by and walked on, but many more strode purposefully in, and were heard to mention menu items they'd had previously. Castro Point seems to be catching on.

As well it should. Chef John Tran and his pastry chef, whose full name is Chonpi, came

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to Mountain View from A.P. Stump's in downtown San Jose. They're after a similar rainbow blend of California fresh food and wine, with Asian and European touches. Tran describes his menu as "pretty daring," but none dare call it fusion.

Some dishes work beautifully and others are misbegotten, as on an episode of "Top Chef,"

its own, but there was no other way to get at it. Glistening cubes of sashimi-grade tuna topped layers of mango salsa, crab and avocado. It was fun to try different combinations of the fish, sweet-tart fruit, seafood and nutty avocado. Fried wontons were provided for scooping.

More than a dozen Prince Edward Island mussels (\$10) circled four small meatballs of spicy sausage and cherry toma-

Many people can't get the ghost of Der Wienerschnitzel out of their minds.

but you can feel the dedication at Castro Point, from plate presentation to the enthusiasm of the servers.

House-baked rosemary focaccia is warm, tall and yeasty. I prefer flat, chewy focaccia to a slice of cake, but my companion liked it. On both visits, the breadbasket and water came right away, and the recitation of three specials was mercifully brief.

A special appetizer, the tuna tower (\$14) was leaning on delivery and would have toppled on

toes in a pool of white wine, shallot and garlic broth. The sausage logistics were just a little off. Bigger or smaller would have made mixing easier.

For the regular dinner menu, Tran spins a superior Caesar salad (\$7) with whole Romaine leaves and a large and luscious sardine. Another excellent starter pairs crisped slips of pork belly with seared ahi and hard-boiled quail eggs (\$11).

If you want a glass of wine

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VERONICA WEBER

Castro Point's executive chef John Tran prepares the miso glazed sea bass, a signature dish of the restaurant, using a blow torch.

POINT

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with your pork belly, Castro Point obliges with knowledgeable servers and a thoughtful wine list. Sommelier Cindy Tran (no relation) matches all dishes on the menu with wine. Beer also could work, with 20 choices including Belgian, French and German brews. Castro Point's cheese and cured meat plates go well with beer.

In addition to salads and appetizers, the menu offers a handful of light entrees including the popular sauteed cubes of marinated filet mignon served over watercress in citrus vinaigrette (\$14). The night I tried it, plum sauce marinade got the best of the meat.

A tender, juicy chicken breast accompanies Tran's signature macaroni and cheese (\$20), a rich blend of cheeses, shiitake mushrooms and truffle oil.

Truffle oil also got a workout in the balsamic reduction saucing a very lean "American Kobe" sirloin (\$29). Attention to detail is apparent in the sidekicks: perfectly cooked fingerling potatoes and asparagus.

Same with the glazed sea bass (\$29), accompanied by bok choy and garlic noodles, my favorite entree.

Castro Point is vegetarian-friendly. There's always a vegetarian entree, and many dishes can be converted. The sea bass dish, for example, can be made with eggplant.

As with the specials, desserts are recited rather than written. You have to ask if you want the price. But \$6.95 for lovely chocolate cake, half mousse, is totally within reason. At the same price, the apple tart is enough for two people, but the thin-sliced apples, nicely chewy at the edge, were drowned in toppings of caramel sauce, custard sauce and vanilla bean ice cream. The house-made ice cream was good, though. Chonpi the pastry chef makes all the ice creams and sorbets.

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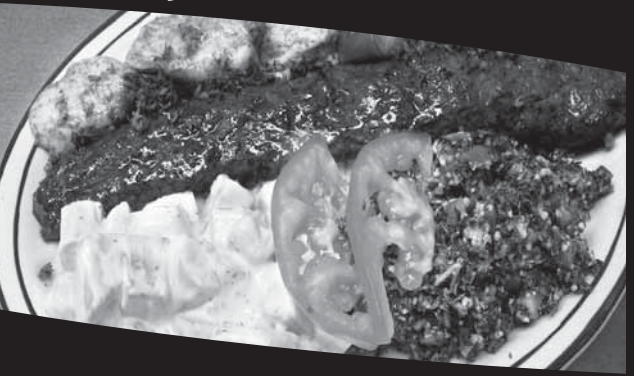
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Left to right: Sister James (Kristin Stokes), Father Flynn (Cassidy Brown), and Sister Aloysius (Kimberly King) in "Doubt."

Innocence & EVIL

THEATREWORKS' 'DOUBT: A PARABLE' IS UNEVEN BUT RAISES COMPELLING ISSUES

By Kevin Kirby

"Innocence can only be wisdom in a world without evil." So says Sister Aloysius in John Patrick Shanley's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "Doubt: A Parable," which opened last weekend at TheatreWorks.

Shanley's play is set in a Catholic school in the Bronx in 1964, where the acerbic Sister Aloysius serves as principal. The world outside the school is rife with racial tension and entrenched

gender inequity — hardly a world without evil — but this is not the world that concerns Sister Aloysius. When she warns Sister James (the new 8th-grade teacher) against indulging in a state of comfortable, blinkered innocence, it is by way of encouraging the young nun to be on the lookout for evil within the school and within the church.

More to the point, Sister Aloysius is seeking evidence to confirm her worst fears about Father Flynn, the parish priest and coach of the boys' basketball

team. When Sister James reports some days later that Donald Muller, the school's first and only black student, has returned to class with alcohol on his breath after a private meeting in the rectory, it is all Sister Aloysius needs to clinch her suspicions.

Unwilling to trust the matter to the male-dominated church hierarchy, which she assumes will side with Flynn, she confronts the priest herself. What follows is a compact and essentially

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Comic therapy

THREE WOMEN TICKLE FUNNY BONES IN 'DOOR #3,' A SERIES OF COMEDY SKETCHES AT THE PEAR

By Jill Kimball

"Composting," Caryn Huberman Yacowitz said with a completely straight face, "is my passion."

For two seconds, there was silence. Then, suddenly, she and the two women sitting next to her at the Pear Avenue Theatre exploded in giggles.

"No, I'm serious!" Yacowitz insisted. "I was on NPR talking about it!"

The laughter stopped, and it was almost possible to hear the wheels turning inside Louise Fusfeld's head as she noted that composting and comedy go hand in hand. Just like biodegradable plant matter, comedy sketches have to go through a decomposition process before anything new can grow from them.

"Sometimes we're too close to what we wrote, and we need to let other people break it down and revise it," Yacowitz agreed.

The conversations between Fusfeld, a Mountain View resident, and cohorts Yacowitz and Betsy Franco are typically more than a little silly, but they're also thought provoking. The part-time comedians, all Peninsula residents wielding a lethal combination of smart and funny, have written and rewritten 10 Saturday Night Live-style sketches, collectively titled

"Door #3," in a show premiering Aug. 1 at the Pear Avenue Theatre in Mountain View. The women call their group Suburban Squirrel Productions.

As for the subject matter of their sketches, that's under debate. "People who saw the preview show said the overarching theme was sex," Franco said. "I think it's about emotional problems and neuroses."

Whatever the subject, there's no mistaking the fact that women wrote it. Sketch titles include "Menopausal Anniver-



sary," "Womb with a View" and "Emotional Stunt Doubles."

It all sounds like fun and games until everyone realizes the truth behind the comedy: The absurd neuroticism that seems too over-the-top to be real actually dwells within.

"We're trying to unmask neuroses and obsessions and put them out there," Fusfeld said. "Everything goes back ultimately to things that don't seem so earthshaking, but they really are."

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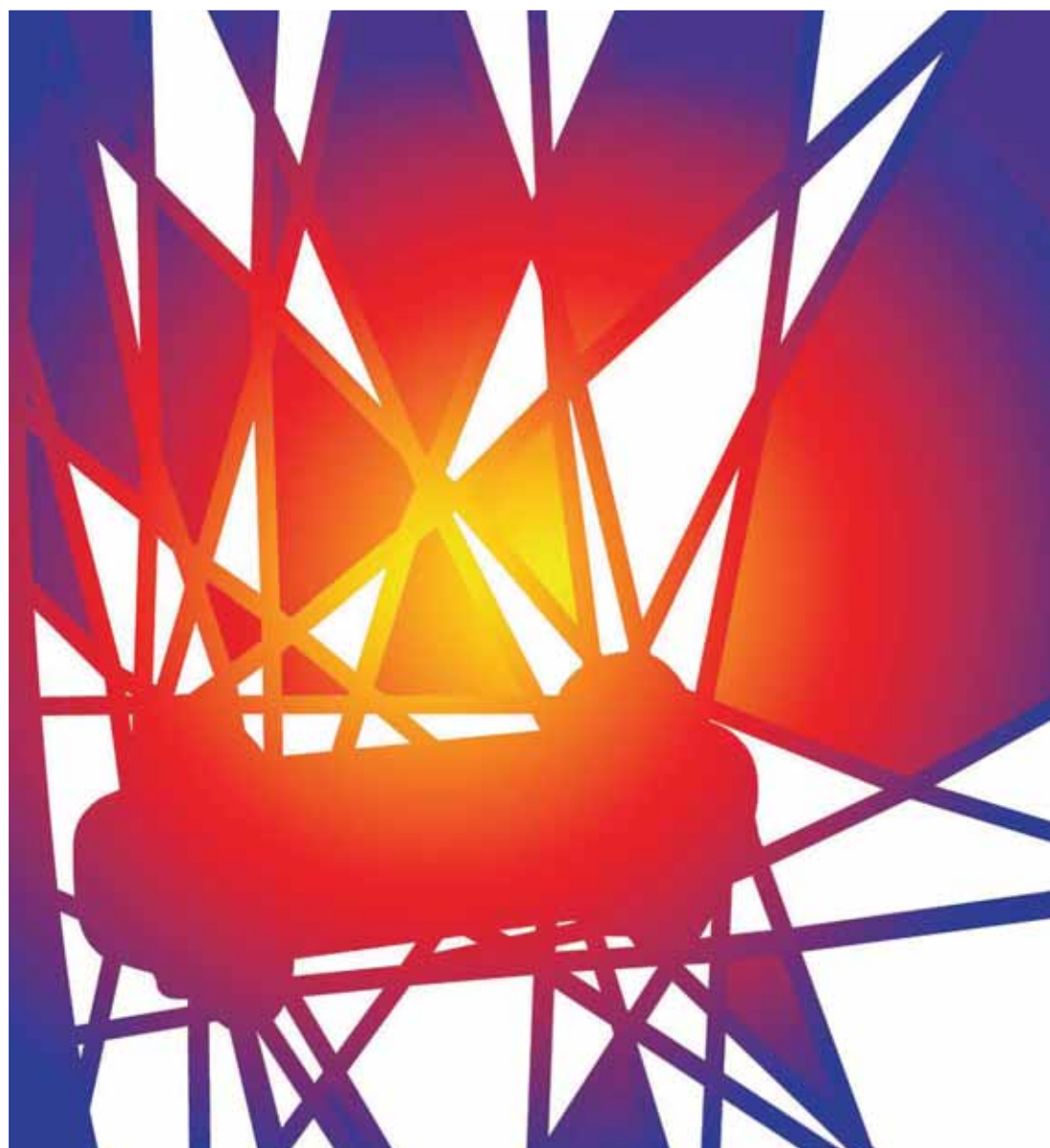
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By Kelsey Mesher

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Live performances will take place Sunday afternoons throughout the month in the Rengstorff gardens. Planned performers include Woman's Will, the Peninsula Banjo Band, the Cling Baker Jazz Ensemble and the New Millennium Quartet. All performances are free, though donations are suggested. Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and grass-sitters are invited to bring blankets.

The festival will kick off next Friday, Aug. 1 and run through the end of the month. It is open to the public every Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.r-house.org or call (650) 903-6073. ■

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unswerving tale — “Doubt” is presented as a 90-minute one-act — in which the need for concrete proof is weighed against the need for immediate action to protect the truly innocent.

Kimberly King is brilliant as Sister Aloysius. She makes an extremely sympathetic character of the doctrinaire nun, railing against ball point pens, permissive education and Frosty the Snowman with a deeply felt conviction that is never parodic and often nearly persuasive. Shanley has also given her all the best zingers, which King delivers with a lethal staccato. Her resolve in dealing with Father Flynn’s apparent misdeeds is equally formidable.

Unfortunately for the show as a whole, King’s performance is by far the strongest thing on stage. It’s not that the other actors are bad, merely that their characters are not as compelling as Sister Aloysius. This creates a significant difficulty for the show insofar as it unbalances the intended ambiguity in the playwright’s scenario.

Shanley has spoken, in interviews, of the show’s “second act” occurring after the curtain goes down, when the audience leaves the theater and begins discussing the play amongst themselves, taking sides with either Sister Aloysius or Father Flynn. But it’s hard, in TheatreWorks’ production, not to surrender all one’s doubt in the face of King’s fervent conviction.

While Cassidy Brown’s portrayal of the progressive Father Flynn is generally solid, he does not give it adequate power or depth until far too late in the

play. It is only in the penultimate scene, when he finally goes head-to-head with Sister Aloysius, that Brown seems to fully own the role. The actor seems uneasy in earlier scenes, especially in his monologues, where his blue-collar New York accent — at least on opening night — flirted briefly with an Irish lilt and/or a hint of Virginia drawl.

Sister James is played by one of TheatreWorks’ favorite young actresses, Kristin Stokes. Stokes is delightful in the opening scene, embodying the sister’s enthusiasm for teaching as well as her flustered acquiescence to Sister Aloysius’ professional critique. As Aloysius begins her crusade against Flynn, however, Stokes is unable to provide sufficient counterpoint. Perhaps the real blame for this lies with Shanley, who has ceded the innocence vs. wisdom argument too early in the play; James’ willingness to believe Father Flynn’s explanations comes across as nothing but willful (and inexcusably foolish) credulity, and the audience is loath to follow her example.

The final member of the cast is Tamiya White as Mrs. Muller, Donald’s mother. Called into the principal’s office to discuss Flynn’s alleged improper conduct with her son, Mrs. Muller has an unexpected response, to say the least, although it is clearly motivated by a desire to protect the boy. While her parting shot at Sister Aloysius is strong, White’s performance as a whole is not quite convincing. Her uneasy smile and distant gaze are too firmly fixed, her reactions a bit too uniform.

The bulk of the action alternates between Sister Aloysius’ office and the courtyard that separates the school from the rectory. Tom Langguth’s set captures the

weight and the slight mustiness of the old stone structures, as well as the institutional color palette of the era: battleship grey, taupe, and the faded aqua hue of early color photos. Scene changes are accomplished smoothly, with the interior walls of Aloysius’ office pivoting open to form the exterior walls that bound the courtyard, revealing the iron courtyard gate and the dim tenements beyond.

Sounds and lighting design are well executed to the point of unobtrusiveness, with the free-floating stained glass windows that back Father Flynn’s sermons worth a special nod.

One hopes that the performances even out in coming weeks, giving fair weight to all perspectives. But questions of dramatic balance aside, “Doubt” is clearly an important play. It raises issues that are just as applicable to the Bush Administration’s war of terror as to the sex scandals within the Catholic Church: issues of due process, suspicion, proof, presumption of innocence, and measuring the greatest good. ■

■ INFORMATION

What: “Doubt: A Parable,” a play presented by TheatreWorks
Where: Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m., through Aug. 10
Cost: Tickets are \$26-\$64, with discounts for students and seniors
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do something stupid.”

Kostopoulos suggested that the group of actors she kept seeing in class rent out a local theater and create their own show, Fوسفeld said. It seemed appropriate — Fوسفeld is a screenwriter, Franco and Yacowitz are both published young adult fiction writers, and all three share a passion for acting and comedy — so they came to the Pear to write and perform “Door #3.”

All three drew ideas from comedians they revere — Woody Allen, Goldie Hawn and Lily Tomlin were just a few of the names they dropped — but most of their inspiration came from their own daily lives.

For example, Yacowitz channeled her frustration with a Global Positioning System device in her car: “I have a difficult relationship with my GPS,” she said, primarily because its voice is a

woman’s. “As the other female in the car, I have problems dealing with her. I don’t have technical problems, just deep emotional problems.” ■

■ INFORMATION

What: “Door #3,” a series of comedic sketches written and produced by Caryn Huberman Yacowitz, Betsy Franco and Louise Fوسفeld
Where: The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View
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Unveiling their hidden neuroses through writing and performance has been therapeutic for them. Yacowitz, quiet and contained in real life, “could be anything I wanted when I got onstage.”

Performing comedy wasn’t necessarily second nature for any of them, though. They say they owe much of their knowledge to Kay Kostopoulos, an acting professor at Stanford University. The three became close friends in one of Kostopoulos’ classes and kept coming back for more.

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THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 12:05, 12:45, 1:15, 2:40, 3:25, 4, 4:40, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 8, 9:35, 10:05 & 10:30 p.m.

Century 20: 11 & 11:40 a.m.; 12:10, 12:40, 1:15, 1:45, 2:20, 3:05, 3:35, 4:05, 4:40, 5:10, 5:45, 6:25, 7, 7:30, 8:05, 8:35, 9:10, 9:50 & 10:25 p.m.

GET SMART (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 12: 12:40, 3:30, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m.

HANCOCK (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 2:25, 3:45, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.

Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 12:15, 1:30, 2:35, 3:55, 4:55, 6:15, 7:25, 8:50 & 10 p.m.

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Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 12:25, 2, 3:30, 4:50, 6:20, 7:35, 9:10 & 10:30 p.m.

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Century 12: 7:05 & 10 p.m.

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

IRON MAN (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 12: 1:10, 4:20, 7:25 & 10:20 p.m.

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Century 16: 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m.

Century 12: 12:20, 3, 5:30, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m.

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Century 12: 1:40, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m.

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Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 1:40, 4:10, 6:45 & 9:05 p.m.

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Aquarius: 1:30, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

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Century 16: Sat. at 10 p.m.

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Century 20: 1:20 & 3:45 p.m.

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Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 1:55, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.

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THE WACKNESS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: Noon, 2:30, 5, 7:30 & 10 p.m.

WALL-E (G) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:35, 4:10, 6:55 & 9:25 p.m.

Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 12:55, 1:50, 3:25, 4:25, 5:55, 7, 8:25 & 9:35 p.m.

WANTED (R) ★★★★★

Century 16: Sun.-Wed. at 9:50 p.m.

Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.

THE X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:10, 2, 2:50, 4:35, 5:20, 7:05, 7:55, 9:45 & 10:30 p.m.

Century 20: 11:05 a.m.; noon, 12:45, 1:35, 2:30, 3:15, 4:15, 5:05, 5:50, 6:50, 7:40, 8:25, 9:25 & 10:15 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

For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit www.mv-voice.com and click on movies.



MOVIE REVIEWS

HANCOCK ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Will Smith delivers a pitch-perfect performance as John Hancock: a grungy, sodden superhero whose dubious rescue tactics are not looked upon kindly by the increasingly aggravated residents of Los Angeles. Hancock is faster than a speeding bullet and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound but suffers from deep feelings of rejection stemming from an 80-year-long bout of amnesia and the fact that he was abandoned at a Miami hospital in the mid-1920s. As the tetchy Angelenos rebuff Hancock he rebuffs back, his slipshod do-gooding resulting in felony destruction and some 600 subpoenas for civil suits. Not your run-of-the-mill superhero. There's a core of vulnerability under that hefty psychological armor and image consultant Ray Embrey (Jason Bateman) is determined to polish Hancock to an amicable shine. Humor is laced with sorrow as Hancock strives to interface with the community and mold himself into an upbeat people person, losing his emotional footing time and time again. *Rated: PG-13 for intense action, violence and language. 1 hour, 35 minutes.* — J.A.

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Bruce Banner (Edward Norton) works at a bottling plant in South America; his 500-pound alter ego has forced him into hiding: The U.S. Army and specifically General Thunderbolt Ross (William Hurt) want to capture and dissect Banner to weaponize his gamma-radiated blood. The chase is on when Ross discovers Banner's whereabouts and sends a team of soldiers led by Emil Blonsky (Tim Roth) to apprehend him. Banner's narrow escape leads him back to New York where he hopes to see his old flame Betty Ross (Liv Tyler) and connect with a quirky researcher (Tim Blake Nelson) who may hold the formula for controlling the Hulk. Meanwhile, Blonsky begins "super soldier" treatments that increase his agility, speed and strength. Unfortunately for Blonsky, the procedure has side effects that eventually transform him into a beastly abomination not unlike the Hulk himself. Marvel Comics fans — and superhero fans in general — will be riveted by an ending that promises an unparalleled cinematic collaboration to come. *Rated: PG-13 for sequences of intense action violence, some frightening sci-fi images, and brief suggestive content. 1 hour, 54 minutes.* — T.H.

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Jules Verne's classic science-fiction novel gets an upgrade for the digital age with this effects-laden family film. Professor Trevor Anderson (Brendan Fraser) and his nephew, Sean (Josh Hutcherson), travel to Iceland to find clues to the disappearance of Sean's father, a scientist who believed the writings of Jules Verne were factual. While in Iceland, Trevor, Sean

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Dark and stormy

'THE DARK KNIGHT' BRINGS BATMAN BACK WITH A BOOM

By Jeanne Aufmuth

Christopher Nolan crafts a worthy successor to his temperamental classic "Batman Begins."

Finally, a Caped Crusader who merits a repeat performance: Christian Bale reprising his role as Gotham's ultimate vigilante, a conflicted superhero who moonlights as suave billionaire Bruce Wayne. Or is it the other way around? Having dispensed with Wayne's moody origins in Round One (not to mention dispatching archenemy The Scarecrow), Nolan's Batman is now faced with a more diabolical fiend in the form of The Joker (Heath Ledger).

The Joker isn't in it for the money, nor is he necessarily seeking control of Gotham. He's just a twisted sicko who wants to watch the world burn. And burn it does while the clown-faced villain insinuates his evil into the Gotham mob (led by mouth o' marbles Eric Roberts) and a Hong Kong crime organization.

Meanwhile, Gotham's shining star (Aaron Eckhart as District Attorney Harvey Dent) puts baddies behind bars and keeps his head above water. He's the Great White Hope, awash with the glow of professional success and a flush of affection for Wayne's secret love Rachel Dawes (Maggie Gyllenhaal in the role played by Mrs. Tom Cruise in "Batman Begins").

But Dent alone can't control the axis of evil the Joker has fashioned, seeking the help of loyal Gothamites Lt. Jim Gordon (Gary Oldman), Dawes, and of course Batman himself. Who in turn depends on trusty butler Alfred (dry-as-a-martini Michael Caine) and genius inventor Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman) to

maintain his murky masquerade.

The action pulsates with adrenaline, sadistically stylized with vanguard graphics and things that go boom in the night. The film's major action sequences are lensed with IMAX cameras, large, looming and overpowering to a fault. Perhaps some streamlining is in order; a 30-minute trim would make for a smoother ride.

Can't fault the performances; each and every one is keenly observed. "Knight" invokes the DC Com-

ics vibe and leaves the more penetrating character development on the cutting room floor, rendering the mix a bit popcorn, if you will. Bale knows his Batman inside and out: a black-glove fit. Gyllenhaal shimmers, Oldman is aces and Eckhart is perfectly milquetoast as the ubiquitous brown-noser — but, as you've undoubtedly heard, the show belongs to Ledger, malevolently mischievous and psychologically toxic.

The buzz about Ledger is huge and frankly it gets in the way. Let time be the judge of his Joker's notorious posturing, and whether or not he deserves a posthumous Oscar for his exaggerated tomfoolery.

Ambitious, flawed and erratically visionary, Batman is back. ■

■ MOVIE REVIEW

■ MOVIE NOTES

Stars: ***

Rating: PG-13 for language, action violence and mature themes

Run Time: 2 hour, 32 minutes



Christian Bale as Batman and Heath Ledger as The Joker in "The Dark Knight."

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and their mountain guide (Anita Briem as Hannah) literally fall to the center of the earth — to a world flooded with strange creatures and environmental anomalies. But being trapped miles beneath the earth's surface is no vacation. The temperature consistently rises and carnivorous beasts seem to be waiting at every turn. It will take teamwork, ingenuity and notes from Verne's novel to free the wayward travelers from the bowels of the planet. Presented in 3-D, "Journey" is the Willy Wonka of cinematic eye candy. Plot, dialogue and acting are buried beneath a visual barrage that may stimulate children but dizzy adults. **Rated:** PG for intense adventure action and some scary moments. 1 hour, 32 minutes. — T.H.

KUNG FU PANDA ★★½

(Century 16, Century 20) Suspension of disbelief is a technique filmmakers use to resolve actions or plot points that do not quite fit into our version of reality. "Kung Fu Panda" does not make this requirement of the audience. At no point are we asked to even remotely believe any of the scenarios involving a talking, martial-arts-fighting, noodle-selling panda whose father is a duck. And that's what makes the movie so much fun. The panda, Po (voiced by Jack Black), is reluctantly thrust into the spotlight when he is told he must fulfill an ancient prophecy to become one of the greatest kung fu mas-

ters of all time. A kung fu fanatic, Po is excited to study among his idols, a collection of animals representing forms used in Shen Lung kung fu: Tigress (Angelina Jolie), Crane (David Cross), Mantis (Seth Rogen), Viper (Lucy Liu), and Monkey (Jackie Chan). When an evil snow leopard (Ian McShane) threatens their world, Po and his mentor, Master Shifu (Dustin Hoffman), must find a way to turn the panda's special talents (which seem to be laziness and gluttony) into strengths. If you're looking for a fun romp and a good story, Kung Fu Panda will not disappoint. **Rated:** PG for sequences of martial-arts action. 92 minutes. — D.D.

MAMMA MIA! ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Director Phyllida Lloyd ramps up the kitsch in a delightfully irresistible silver-screen version of the ABBA-ized stage musical of the same name. Amanda Seyfried is a youthful, glowing Sophie, a Greek island innkeeper's daughter on the eve of her fantasy wedding day. Naturally there's a hitch: Sophie won't feel whole until she's discovered the true identity of her real dad. Her amateur sleuthing uncovers mom's diary of yore and three potential candidates to walk her down the aisle. To cover her bases Sophie secretly invites the entire trio of ex-suitors to her island nuptials: New York banker Sam (Pierce Brosnan), English stuffed-shirt Harry (Colin Firth) and erstwhile adventurer Bill (Stellan Skarsgard). Stress the A in Awkward as beleaguered mom Donna (Meryl Streep) catches wind of the plan and faces her buried past head-

on. All the shenanigans are part a of sketchy tableau supporting the real star: the music. There's a baker's dozen-plus of toe-tapping ABBA tunes that propel the "narrative" forward with something akin to manic glee. Wanna get away from it all? "Mamma Mia!" is the ultimate summer escape. **Rated:** PG-13 for sexual innuendo and mature themes. 1 hour, 43 minutes. — J.A.

TELL NO ONE ★★½

(Guild) Guillaume Canet adapts Harlan Coben's bestselling crime novel of the same name with whip-smart technique and a tetchy undercurrent of anxiety. Pediatric surgeon Alex Beck (Francois Cluzet) is going through the motions since his wife Margot (Marie-Josée Croze) was savagely murdered at their lake home near Paris over eight years before. Out of the blue Alex receives a cryptic e-mail with a provocative link: a grainy real-time video showing Margot's face and a message telling him that she's still alive. "Tell no one," it says. Quick as a wink the police re-open the investigation — or is it Pandora's Box? — as Alex is fingered for the murder at the same time as he's trying to solve it. Thriller, love story, whodunit: It's an unwieldy trio made whole by an up-and-coming mastermind. **Not rated but should be R for violence and adult situations.** 2 hours, 5 minutes. In French with English subtitles. — J.A.

WALL-E ★★½

(Century 16, Century 20) WALL-E (a.k.a. Waste Allocation Load Lifter

Earth-Class) is the last robot left on the depressing dystopia that is Earth, steadily cleaning up superfluous trash while the population has lifted off on Axiom, a state-of-the-art home away from home. WALL-E's days are spent crushing mountains of garbage into controllable cubes, collecting intriguing curiosities and watching and re-watching a battered VHS copy of "Hello Dolly!" That tiresome routine is turned upside down with the arrival of EVE, a fetching, egg-shaped probe sent to Earth to determine its tenuous life-sustaining status. Sparks fly, and how. WALL-E shows off his collection to impress the impenetrable EVE, all beautifully sans dialogue. High-tech hell breaks loose when EVE is beamed back up to the Axiom and a lovesick WALL-E stows away on her transport. As seen from his eyes, the Mother Ship is the ultimate nightmare in technologically advanced. It's best not to dig too deep into "WALL-E's" narrative as much goes unexplained and its dramatic mysteries are shrouded in stunning visuals and the titular hero's search for the perfect love match. But "WALL-E" isn't lacking a social conscience; it passes politically correct judgment on waste, gluttony, instant gratification and global warming. Beautifully executed with a wink and a nudge, "WALL-E" is a film with heart. **Rated:** G for good for all audiences. 1 hour, 37 minutes. — J.A.

WANTED ★★★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) The humdrum life is starting to wear on Wesley Gibson (James McAvoy). His boss berates him at

every turn, he suffers from overpowering headaches, and his girlfriend is having an affair with his best pal. Wesley desperately needs an injection of adventure. Enter Fox (Angelina Jolie), a tattooed assassin who disrupts Wesley's monotony to tell him about the murder of his estranged father, one of the world's most dangerous killers. In a flash, Wesley's life goes from mundane to deadly as he's introduced to a secretive assassins' guild called the Fraternity and its leader, Sloan (Morgan Freeman). What's more, it looks like Wesley has inherited some of the almost-paranormal skills his father was known for. But a rogue member of the Fraternity (Thomas Kretschmann as Cross) seems intent on eliminating the world's elite assassins, and he appears to have Wesley directly in his crosshairs. Simultaneously groundbreaking and breathtaking, "Wanted" is more than just one of the best films of 2008 — it's one of the best action movies ever made. **Rated:** R for strong bloody violence throughout, pervasive language and some sexuality. 1 hour, 53 minutes. — T.H.)

■ MOVIE CRITICS

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

■ MOVIE REVIEWS

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Villa Siena Annual Festival of Wine and Roses

With wine, punch, hors d'oeuvres, music and prizes. Sun., July 27, 3-5 p.m. \$20 donation (includes souvenir wine glass). Villa Siena Auxiliary, 1855 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. www.villasiena.org

ART GALLERIES

"Landscape: America the Beautiful" More than 60 works by member artists of Pacific Art League are on exhibition this month in the Main Gallery this month. See variations on the theme Landscapes from photography to Chinese brush painting, monoprint to paint and pencil, embroidery to mosaic. Through July 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-3891. www.pacificartleague.org

AUDITIONS

Schola Cantorum auditions Auditions for Schola Cantorum are open to all vocal ranges. Must be able to sight-read. Singers ages 18 and over from all cultural traditions are welcome. Download audition information from Web site. Appointments are required. Auditions take about 15 minutes and are held at Stanford. Thu., Aug. 7, 7-9 p.m. Free. Braun Music Center, Stanford University, Stanford. Call 650-254-1700. www.scholacantorum.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Kayaking Technique Paddling coach and six-time National Kayaking Champion Brent Reitz has spent 30 years perfecting his technique for moving a kayak through the water. Wed., July 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. REI Mountain View, 2450 Charleston Road, Mountain View. Call 650-969-1938. www.rei.com/mountainview

Understanding Your Child's Temperament (2 - 7 years) Learn the nine traits that make up temperament and how to modify parenting skills and change the environment to help support a child's growth and development. This parenting class is led by Heidi Emberling, MA. Thu. July 31, 7-8:30 p.m. \$30. Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-688-3040. www.parentspplaceonline.org

Batik & Tie-Dye, One-day Workshop Learn the traditional Indian art of batik and make decorative fabric pieces for the home. Work with designs on cloth using wax and then dye fabrics to create works of art. For teens and adults. Sun., July 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$85. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 308. www.arts4all.org/artworkshops

I'm Talking - They're Not Listening (3 - 8 years) Ideas for improving parent-child communication, and how the language you use affects a child's behavior. This parenting workshop is led by Sue Dinwiddie, MA. Mon., July 28, 7-9 p.m. \$35. Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-688-3040. www.parentspplaceonline.org

Raising a Strong-Willed Child (2-7 years) This two-session parenting workshop will foster an understanding of children who are persistent and intense. Learn how to avoid power struggles and improve communication. With Karen Friedland-Brown, MA. Tuesdays, Aug. 5 and 12. Pre-registration is required. noon-1:30 p.m. \$60 for 2 sessions. Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-688-3040. www.parentspplaceonline.org

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Leads Club - Leads to Success Chapter Founded in 1978, Leads Club is a referral-based marketing organization for small businesses. Wednesdays, 7:30-8:45 a.m. \$5. St. Timothy's Church, 2084 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 408-768-6000. www.leadsclub.com

Mountain View Historical Association BBQ BBQ hosted by the Mountain View Historical Association. Sun., Aug. 3, 2-4 p.m. Free. Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-969-1454.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cheerleading Summer Camp For Youth Participants learn cheers, dances, stunts and participate in life-skill development workshops. Learn from the LAHS cheerleaders and staff. 50% of profits benefit LAHS spirit team. Aug. 4-8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. \$200-\$300. Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-796-1749.

Summer Sings - Bach and Mozart Join choral singers from all over the Bay Area to sing Bach's "Cantata #4" and the Mozart "Requiem" under the direction of Galen Marshall, founder of Masterworks Chorale. Scores available on loan that evening. Mon., Aug. 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors/\$7 students. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-254-1700. www.scholacantorum.org

Summer Sings - Mozart and Brahms Join choral enthusiasts to sing the "Mozart C minor Mass" and Brahms' "Schicksalslied," under the direction of Dr. Bryan Baker, music director of Masterworks Chorale. Music available on loan for that evening. Mon., July 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15/\$10 for seniors/\$7 students. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-254-1700. www.scholacantorum.org

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.

Stanford International Dancers Stanford International Folk dancers, a recreational dance group, will feature an evening of dance from many lands. Informal teaching will be available on request and a small sound system will be available for musicians who would like to play a few dance tunes. Fri., Aug. 1, 8-11 p.m. \$6 regular, \$3 students. Flexit Aerobics Studio, 425 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-733-5529. <http://dance.blochg.com>

Tuesday Evening Dance Playshops -- Couples and Partnered Dances Eight-part series: lead-and-follow (couples dances) and choreographed partnered dances, 9:05-9:50 p.m., taught by Hedy McAdams and Rick Even-skaas. Take series or drop-in. Singles welcome. Tuesdays through Aug. 19, All Saints' Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-325-3371. www.DanceAdventures.com

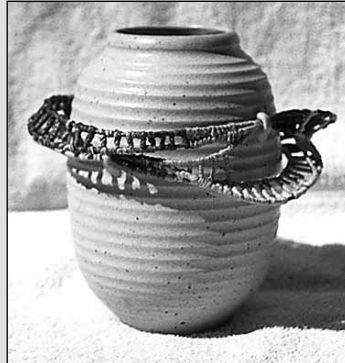
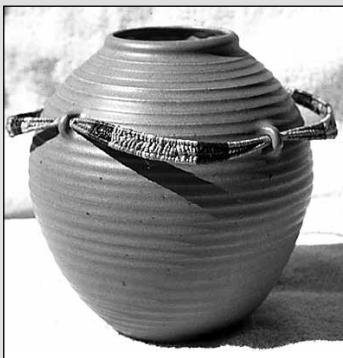
Tuesday Evening LineDance Plus Eight-part evening series features 2 skill levels, with lots of practice time. Basics 7:05-8:15 p.m., intermediate 7:45-9 p.m.; overlap provides practice for both classes in a social-dance format. Take series or drop-in. Full description and information on Web site. Singles welcome; no partners necessary. Tuesdays through Aug. 19, All Saints' Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-325-3371. www.DanceAdventures.com

EXHIBITS

"Motherhood in the Developing World" Menlo Park based photographer Mark Tuschman presents photos of mothers and children in Africa and Asia. Through Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Clayman Institute, Serra House, 589 Capistrano Way, Stanford. Call 650-725-0371. <http://gender.stanford.edu>

Bonfires and Bugs The history, science and art of camping. Through Aug. 8, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

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.



"Sally Kunstadter: A Retrospective"

The ceramic works created by the late Bay Area artist Sally Kunstadter. The exhibit features many of her vases, bowls and other sculptural vessels. The public is invited to a reception honoring the artist July 18, 5-7:30 p.m. Exhibit runs through Aug. 3, Gallery 9 hours: Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Spared from the Storm: Masterworks from the New Orleans Museum of Art

The New Orleans Museum of Art has gathered approximately 80 works of European and American art from the late-16th to the mid-20th century for this exhibition at the Cantor Arts Center. Featured artists include: Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso and Georgia O'Keeffe. Through Oct. 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, Lomita Drive and Museum Way, Stanford. <http://museum.stanford.edu>

Stanford Technology and Learning Expo Stanford's Learning, Design and Technology program will host its annual Master's Project Exposition. This tech expo will feature 17 master's students showing and discussing their projects demonstrating the latest designs of technology-based learning products and environments. Fri., July 25, 3-6 p.m. Free. Wallenberg Hall, Building 160, Main Quad, Stanford. Call 650-380-3408. <http://ed.stanford.edu>

FAMILY AND KIDS

Family Yoga Jackie Longs leads a family yoga workshop. For parents with children 5-12. Beginners welcome. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a towel or mat for each person. Mon., July 28, 7:15-8 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

FILM

Free Irish Film Series Free film series presents an array of films from and/or about Ireland: "Odd Man Out" (July 28), "The Crying Game" (Aug. 4), "In the Name of the Father" (Aug. 11), "The Commitments" (August 18). 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Cubberley Auditorium, School of Education (the July 23 screening only will take place in Kresge Audi, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-725-5838. summertheater.stanford.edu

HEALTH

Diabetes Management Program Six-week class for those recently diagnosed diabetic (Type 2) who want to learn how to better manage health. K. Berra, MSN, NP & S. Hyde, RD, CDE. Wednesdays, Aug. 6-Sept. 17, noon-1:15 p.m. \$60. Hoover Pavilion #400, 211 Quarry Road, Stanford. Call 650-725-4416. <http://hip.stanford.edu>

Reiki Open House Every Monday is open for introductory sessions with one or more Reiki practitioners. 7-8:45 p.m. Free/donation based. Camelot Center, 1000 Fremont Ave., Los Altos.

Call 650-949-3332. www.camelotcenter.net

LIVE MUSIC

House Rockers The House Rockers play a blend of rock & roll and rhythm & blues tunes. Thu., July 31, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Cuesta Park, Located on Cuesta Dr between Grant Rd & Miramonte Ave, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov

Pamela Rose Band Pamela Rose is a San Francisco jazz and blues vocalist. Thu., Aug. 7, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Intersection of Castro & California Streets, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov

ON STAGE

"Doubt, a Parable" John Patrick Shanley's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play. July 16-Aug. 10, Tue.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m., Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$21-64. TheatreWorks at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org
"The Emperor's New Clothes" at Palo Alto Children's Theatre "Emperor Marcus wonders how he can run an empire when he's only 14 years old. In an attempt to appear more mature to his people, he attempts to acquire new clothes, but soon finds himself the center of a hoax." Bring a picnic or buy hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken burgers, veggie burgers, chips or soda. July 22-25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$8 adult, \$4 child. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930. www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

Door #3 - Live Sketch Comedy Original live sketch comedy. DJ'd jazz, garage band rock and world music during breaks (Lenny Carlson, Grounds for Dismissal, Las Pulgas, Word of Mouth, etc.), 8-10 p.m. \$15 general/\$10 students & seniors (cash only at the door). The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Avenue Unit K, Mountain View. Call 650 917-0651.

LAYT presents "Lucky Duck" This musical will open at the Bus Barn Theatre on Fri., July 11, at 8 p.m. Also showing July 12,13,17,18, 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. Matinees July 19 and 20 at 2 p.m. \$10 students/seniors; \$15 adults. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-947-2796. www.ci.los-altos.ca.us/recreation/layt

Rengstorff House Arts Month Woman's Will presents Bertold Brecht's "The Good Person of Sezuam" in the gardens. Lawn seating. Sun., Aug. 3, 1-3 p.m. Free.

Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.r-house.org

OUTDOORS

Fire in the Foothills Join rangers at the Boronda Lake campfire circle to learn about the foothills ecosystem and the fire process, then play games pumping water from the ranger trucks. Open to Palo Alto residents and their accompanied guests. Sat., July 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Foothills Park, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-329-2423. enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org

RELIGION/ SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings every Tuesday, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View., Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.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.

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Teen Outdoor Movie Nights Sponsored by the City of Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee and the City of Los Altos Youth Commission. Fri., Aug. 1, 8-10:30 p.m. Free. Heritage Oaks Park, Portland / Miramonte Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-903-6331.

Teen Outdoor Movie Nights Sponsored by the City of Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee and the City of Los Altos Youth Commission. Fri., July 25, 8-10:30 p.m. Free. Eagle Park, 652 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331.

VOLUNTEERS

37th Annual Mountain View Art & Wine Festival Volunteers needed for the 37th Annual Chamber of Commerce Mountain View Art and Wine Festival. Sept. 6-7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mountain View. Call 650-968-8378. chambermv.org

Interpretive Tour Leaders Develop and lead outdoor nature walks, this spring and beyond. City of Mountain View, 3070 N. Shoreline, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6073. <http://www.ci.mountainview.ca.us/>

Music Instruction for Children Music for Minors is looking for people interested in helping to bring music education in our local elementary schools. Join a diverse team of dedicated volunteers who visit K-3rd grade classrooms once a week. 7-8 p.m. Music for Minors Volunteer Info Meeting, 883 N. Shoreline Blvd.C120, Mountain View. Call 650-237-9150. www.mfm.org

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 511102
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Trade Group International, 817 Runningwood Circle, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:
WASSIM TAWBI
817 Runningwood Circle
Mountain View, CA 94040
WALTER PEZZINI
544 Thompson Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94043
This business is owned by a general partnership.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 23, 2008.
(Voice July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008)

LADYBUG EXCLUSIVE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 511129
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Ladybug Exclusive, 2110 - I. W. Middlefield Rd., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County:
FAIRLANE KANAMORI
2110 W. Middlefield Rd., Apt. I
CA, 94043
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 06/23/08. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 23, 2008.
(Voice July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008)

HMP PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 511171
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, HMP Properties, 565 Leona Lane, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:
HUGO M. PENAFIEL
565 Leona Lane
Mountain View, CA 94040
LAURA R. PENAFIEL
565 Leona Lane
Mountain View, CA 94040
This business is owned by husband & wife.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 24, 2008.
(Voice July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008)

BACKSTAGE RENTALS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 510568
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Backstage Rentals, 600 Rainbow Drive Apt. 126, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County:
MARK GENTRUP
600 Rainbow Dr. Apt. 126
Mountain View, CA 94041
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 9, 2008.
(Voice July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008)

EARLY COMMERCIAL SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 511626
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Early Commercial

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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1988.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 8, 2008.
(Voice July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2008)

PRO-ACTIVE EHS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 510966
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Pro-Active EHS, 1234 Sunnyvale Saratoga Road # 8, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County:
MICHAEL DEAN
1234 Sunnyvale Saratoga Road # 8
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 5/23/2008. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 19, 2008.
(Voice July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2008)

CAPTIVATING DANCE BY NONA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 511117
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Captivating Dance By Nona, 1350 Grant Rd., Mt. View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:
FONONGA YBARRA
1869 Bexley Landing
SJ, CA 95132
ERIK YBARRA
1869 Bexley Landing
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This business is owned by husband and wife.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 23, 2008.
(Voice July 18, 25, Aug., 1, 8, 2008)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ERIC TIEDEMANN
a/k/a
ERIC S. TIEDEMANN
a/k/a
ERIC SCOTT TIEDEMANN
NO.1-08PR-163592
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ERIC TIEDEMANN, a/k/a ERIC S. TIEDEMANN, a/k/a ERIC SCOTT TIEDEMANN.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: KARL TIEDEMANN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KARL TIEDEMANN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on AUGUST 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before

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Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Richard L. Ehrman - SBN 156335
Two Palo Alto Square, Suite 500
3000 El Camino Real
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650)327-4200
(Voice July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2008)

AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
HANG LONG SHAY
NO. 108PR-163502
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HANG LONG SHAY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: CHING PIN YU in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHING PIN YU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on AUGUST 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Vivian Lu
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(Voice July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2008)

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NE SANDY BLVD., SUITE 300, City of PORTLAND, County of MULTNOMAH, State of Oregon, 97213, that a bulk transfer is about to be made to: KUMAR MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s), whose business(es) address is: 817 LURLINE DRIVE, City of FOSTER CITY, County of SAN MATEO, State of California, 94404. The properties to be transferred are located at: 1. 1370 BLOSSOM HILL ROAD, City of SAN JOSE, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California 2. 1069 E. CAPITOL EXPRESSWAY, City of SAN JOSE, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California 3. 950 W. EL CAMINO REAL, City of MOUNTAIN VIEW, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California 4. 1298 WINCHESTER BLVD., City of SAN JOSE, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California 5. 10710 S. DEANZA BLVD., City of CUPERTINO, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California 6. 3690 STEVENS CREEK BLVD., City of SAN JOSE, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California 7. 1680 EL CAMINO REAL, City of SANTA CLARA, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California 8. 2555 THE ALAMEDA, City of SANTA CLARA, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California ESCROW NO. 128688-LC Said properties are described in general as: All stock in trade, fixtures, equipment, goodwill and other property of those FAST FOOD FRANCHISE businesses known as: 1. TACO BELL #3010 LOCATED AT 1370 BLOSSOM HILL ROAD, CITY OF SAN JOSE, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2. TACO BELL #3034 LOCATED AT 1069 E. CAPITOL EXPRESSWAY, CITY OF SAN JOSE, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA 3. TACO BELL #3047 LOCATED AT 950 W. EL CAMINO REAL, CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA 4. TACO BELL #4390 LOCATED AT 1298 WINCHESTER BLVD., CITY OF SAN JOSE, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA 5. TACO BELL #4606 LOCATED AT 10710 S. DEANZA BLVD., CITY OF CUPERTINO, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA 6. TACO BELL #5626 LOCATED AT 3690 STEVENS CREEK BLVD., CITY OF SAN JOSE, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA 7. TACO BELL #16482 LOCATED AT 1680 EL CAMINO REAL, CITY OF SANTA CLARA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8. TACO BELL #307 LOCATED AT 2555 THE ALAMEDA, CITY OF SANTA CLARA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA The bulk transfer will be consummated on or after the 12TH day of AUGUST, 2008. This bulk transfer is subject to Section 6106.2 of the California Commercial Code. If Section 6106.2 applies, claims may be filed at FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, Escrow Division, Escrow No: 128688-LC, 50 California Street, Suite 3550, San Francisco, County of San Francisco, State of California, 94111. ESCROW NO: 128688-LC X This bulk transfer does NOT include a liquor license transfer. All claims must be received at this address by the 11TH day of AUGUST, 2008. So far as known to the Buyer(s), all business names and addresses used by the Seller(s) for the three years last past, if different from the above, are: NONE
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Mountain View** **Open Sat & Sun 1:30 to 4:30**



Desirable West Court 3 bd, 2.5 ba townhome end unit
Soaring ceilings
Eat-in kitchen w/ granite counter
Living room features fireplace
Spacious master suite
Inside washer/dryer hook-ups
Central A/C
Freshly painted & new carpet
Attached 2 car garage
Priced at: \$738,000

**325 Serra San Bruno
Mountain View** **Open Saturday 1:30 to 4:00**



Lovely 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath
10 yr old home on cul-de-sac lot
Large living room with fireplace
Eat-in kitchen
Master suite with walk-in closet
Full size washer/dryer hook-ups
Attached 2 car garage
Central A/C & forced air heating
Enclosed patio
Large backyard & deck w/ hot tub
Priced at: \$898,000

**505 Cypress Point Drive #212
Mountain View** **Shown by Appointment**



Enchanting 1 bedroom, 1 bath top floor condo in desirable complex
Large living room w/ vaulted ceiling, fireplace & sliding door to deck w/ extra storage
Spacious bedroom w/ sliding mirror closet doors
Assigned carport plus guest parking
Complex with pools & tennis courts
Close to downtown Mountain View, Cal Train & Steven's Creek Trail
Priced at: \$335,000

**984 Belmont Terrace #6
Sunnyvale** **Open Saturday 1:30 to 4:30**



Attractive 3 bd, 2.5 bath townhome w/ courtyard & wood deck
Wood laminate floor
Living room with fireplace
Open Euro-style kitchen
Dual master suites plus 1st flr bdrm
Updated baths
Full size washer/dryer hook-ups
Attached 2 car garage
Central A/C
Sparkling swimming pool
Priced at: \$585,000

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175 Eldora Drive
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Walk to everything! Downtown Castro Street, the Performing Arts Center, Cal-Train (Baby Bullet!!!), Light Rail, the incredible Stevens Creek Trail, Landels School and numerous local parks and attractions!

This spacious 2 bedroom home offers great curb appeal, charm & character, quality living, tasteful updating, an attached garage, generous size kitchen, gorgeous hardwood floors, a cozy fireplace you'll love curling next to for a romantic or serene evening at home, dining area for intimate gatherings with friends and family, and a lovely back yard with flag stone patio that is just the right size for the wanna be gardener who doesn't have time for too much work!

Whether you're a single person, a couple, are downsizing or just starting a family and want a great place to live: this is truly a place you'll love to call home.



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Asking price: \$915,000



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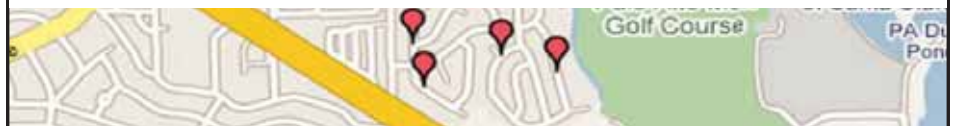


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3450 BRUCKNER CIRCLE **\$1,649,000**
 4BR/2.5BA. Charming home w/ Los Altos schools. MBR w/ fp. Bonus Rm for home office. Sep. DR. Kitchen/Family room combination. Great Backyard w/ mature landscaping and pool. Ideal for entertaining. 2 car garage. Close to schools and parks.



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3BR/2BA **\$648,950**
 Fantastic home in desirable Santa Clara. Beautiful landscaping, clean and sparkling interior w/remodeled kitchen, dual pane windows and attached 2 car garage.



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2BR/2BA **\$632,000**
 Beautiful 1 Story Townhome. Bordering Los Altos. Large Living Room, Separate Dining Room. Remodeled Kitchen & 2 full Baths. Bright open floor plan. Feels like single Family Home. Inside laundry. Cherry Chase & Homestead HS.



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3BR/2.5BA **\$1,249,900**
 Absolutely charming home with park-size backyard. Remodeled bathrooms. Beautiful random plank floors. New doors, trim & bronze hardware. Double paned windows. Professionally landscaped. Pull down ladder with extensive storage.



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2BR/2.5BA **Offered at \$598,000**
 Fantastic townhome with designer upgrades throughout! Bamboo flooring, new carpet & a custom kitchen. Two master suites. Slider to generous rear patio with new Spanish tiles. Bike to Google & other businesses on Stevens Creek Trail. Moments to Castro Street.



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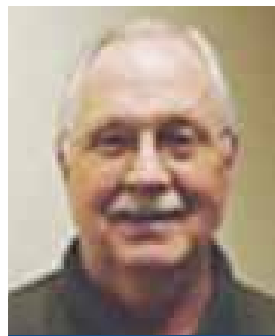
4BR/4BA **\$2,498,000**
 Stunning home w/great room & lg dedicated office/library. Only minutes from the Village, this gorgeous home has been completely remodeled. Rich & elegant finishes thruout include granite, marble & walnut floors. All new kitchen cabinets & appliances. New landscaping. Three car garage. There is just too much to mention!



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5BR/3BA **\$718,900**
 Steel Frame New Construction. Granite kit, prep sink, 2 sided bedrooms, fireplace in Master & retreat. 2 master closet, hardwood floors, carpet, tile, alarm, side walkway, front rear yard included!



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4BR/3BA **\$1,395,000**
 Situated in desired Waverly Park, this beautifully updated & remodeled home is a delight to view! 5th bedroom converted to office. Elegant living room, dining room overlooks patio & pool. Inviting family room. Three car garage. Mature landscaping & lovely gardens accent the approx. 10,000 sq. ft. lot.



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