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City spends big for hybrid wheels

MORE EFFICIENT CARS AND TRUCKS
EXPECTED TO LOWER FUEL COSTS

By Daniel DeBolt

Within the next year, the city is set to receive the largest order of new vehicles ever, adding to its fleet an array of some of the most eco-friendly trucks, tractors and hybrid cars available.

"We are purchasing more new equipment now than we ever have," said Steve Miller, fleet manager and 25-year city employee.

In the 2008-09 budget alone, \$4.3 million is budgeted for 52 new vehicles and pieces of motorized equipment, not including eight new fire trucks totaling \$4.5 million that were a part of last year's budget. The most expensive vehicle budgeted this year is a \$630,000 fire truck equipped to deal with hazardous materials.

Pulitzer winner recalls his roots

JOSE VARGAS PAYS TRIBUTE
TO MENTOR RICH FISCHER,
OTHERS IN LOCAL TALK

By Casey Weiss

Back when he was a student at Mountain View High School and a lowly intern at the *Voice*, Jose Antonio Vargas relied heavily on his friend and mentor Rich Fischer, who was superintendent of the school district at the time.

Even after he won a Pulitzer Prize for his innovative coverage of the Virginia Tech massacre and had moved on to a coveted political beat at the *Washington Post*, Vargas relied on Fischer, calling him for advice on what to wear on a pheasant-hunting trip with then-Republican candidate Mike Huckabee.

Fischer would know just what to wear hunting, Vargas told a small audience attending a

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**"We will be reducing
emissions from our
city equipment by a
substantial amount."**

STEVE MILLER

Miller is responsible for the city's 278 vehicles and over 300 other pieces of equipment. "We wanted to get the big polluters under control first," he said, referring to dozens of large diesel-powered vehicles with low emissions diesel technology that are due to arrive within a year. The purchase includes four tractors, all eight of the city's fire trucks, 10 other large trucks, street sweepers, dump trucks, a bucket truck for street-light maintenance and a truck used when patching asphalt. The city's diesels, new and old, will

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VERONICA WEBER

Joshua with a selection of some of the 19 children's books he has created and published.

Novel communication

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD JOSHUA SMITH OVERCOMES ASPERGER'S
THROUGH WRITING AND ILLUSTRATING HIS OWN BOOKS

By Casey Weiss

At age 8, Joshua Smith already knows he wants to be an artist when he grows up. And with 19 published books and his own business card, the soon-to-be third grader is well on his way.

Joshua, who attends Bubb Elementary School, started writing and illustrating books when he was 5, his father Craig Smith said. The books are inspired by his everyday life — subjects include visits to the doctor and a trip to Hawaii. They amount to an important outlet for Joshua, whose autism keeps him from communicating in other, more

typical ways.

"He does this," his father said, indicating the books, "but when it comes to reading in class, it is hard."

Sitting in his family home near Moffett Field, Joshua buries his head in a pillow, avoiding eye contact at first. He often takes cues from his dad, repeating sentences and ideas.

Joshua has Asperger's Syndrome, which is one of several so-called "autism spectrum disorders." According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the neurological condition is characterized by repetitive actions and certain problems

with communication and speech.

"These are [kids] who have some features of autism" which cause "difficulties socially," explained Steve Gingras, director of special education with the Mountain View Whisman School District.

So Joshua uses writing and pictures to communicate more fully, says his dad, an engineer. Although writing out so many stories demonstrates real narrative skill, Joshua's true passion is drawing.

"I am going to write more books and then sell them all," he said.

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A R O U N D T O W N

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

Do you know any couples who met online?



"My mother and her latest boyfriend met online. She signed up with Yahoo personals and met a guy named Tom. They dated for five months."
Laura Brown, Mountain View



"A friend has tried it. He was successful in that they dated for a couple years. ... It brings together people from different places and different cultures."
Markus Benzenhofer, Santa Clara



"Many. [Some] met through a message board. A lot of people we know use OKCupid.com."
Sephanie and Justyn Black, San Jose



"Tons. I know a baby who is a product of Match.com. He's eight years old. He was an early result."
Sharon McClintock, Mountain View



"It depends on how you define 'couple.' I know people who are dating that met online, but no one who has stayed together long term."
Hannah Friedman, Sunnyvale



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■ CRIMEWATCH

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE, 200 BLOCK CASTRO STREET, 7/26

A woman's live-in boyfriend bit her tongue outside of the Monte Carlo Club on Castro Street. The bite left a significant circular contusion as well as visible teeth marks that required medical attention. The boyfriend was located quickly and arrested.

GRAND THEFT, TARGET, 7/25

A person stole over \$600 of video games and video game merchandise from Target, fleeing the scene quickly after. Authorities picked up the suspect near the corner of Showers Drive and El Camino Real.

■ POLICELOG

SUICIDE AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Sladky Ave./Springer Rd., 7/22

AUTO BURGLARY

170 Block Crane Ave., 7/22
100 Block Fairchild Dr., 7/22
1000 Block Boranda Ave., 7/22
In-N-Out, 7/23
50 Block W. El Camino Real, 7/24
100 Block Calderon Ave., 7/24
70 Block Mariposa Ave., 7/24
700 Block Continental Cl., 7/28

ASSAULT

200 Block Easy St., 7/22

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

50 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 7/28

BATTERY

2700 Block Winfield Dr., 7/23
Castro St./Villa St., 7/25
Shoreline Amphitheatre 7/25
200 Block Castro St., 7/26
Molly Magee's, 7/26
Amphitheatre, 7/26

EMBEZZLEMENT

1900 Block W. El Camino Real, 7/28

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Shoreline Amphitheatre, 7/25
40 Block Chiquita Ave., 7/28

DISTURBANCE

Sears Department Store, 7/24
90 Block Clark Ave., 7/27
50 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 7/28

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

50 Block Mariposa Ave., 7/23
500 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 7/25
Shoreline Amphitheatre, 7/25
Monte Carlo Club, 7/27

GRAND THEFT

YMCA, 7/24
Amphitheatre Parkway, 7/26
1600 Block Amphitheatre Parkway, 7/28

IDENTITY THEFT

1700 Block Mayflower Ct., 7/25
2200 Block Showers Dr., 7/28

PETTY THEFT

300 Block Easy St., 7/22
Safeway, 7/22
60 Block Calderon Ave., 7/24
1000 Block Miramonte Ave., 7/25
Shoreline Amphitheatre, 7/25
Eagle Park 7/26
Wal-Mart, 7/26
Safeway, 7/27
Longs, 7/27
Shoreline Amphitheatre, 7/28

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

1900 Block Latham St., 7/25

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

2400 Block Whitney Dr., 7/27
1400 Block Phyllis Ave., 7/27

STOLEN VEHICLE

100 Block Fairchild Dr., 7/24
100 Block Wright Ave., 7/26
100 Block Wright Ave., 7/27
1700 Block Peacock Ave., 7/28
700 Block W. Middlefield Rd., 7/28

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

60 Block Escuela Ave., 7/23
230 Block California St., 7/24

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

100 Block W. El Camino Real, 7/22
600 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 7/23
50 Block Walker Dr., 7/24
200 Block Latham St., 7/24
100 Block Boranda Ave., 7/24
Target, 7/24
60 Block Rainbow Dr., 7/24
700 Block Leong Dr., 7/26
400 Block Tyrella Ave., 7/27
50 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 7/27
50 Block Walker Dr., 7/27

VANDALISM

600 Block Willowgate St., 7/22
50 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 7/23
70 Block E. El Camino Real, 7/23
50 Block Walker Dr., 7/23
1900 Block California St., 7/23
500 Block Walker Dr., 7/23
80 Block Cuesta Dr., 7/24
50 Block Walker Dr., 7/24
Library, 7/25
Continental Cl./The Americana, 7/26
City Lot 3, 7/26
Colony St./N. Rengstorff Ave., 7/27

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The party of big issues

By Don Frances

ONE OF MY favorite local sources — and hands-down my favorite local children's book author — is Diana Reynolds Roome, who was kind enough to fill us in after attending a little gathering last Sunday at Mike Kasperzak's house.

Kasperzak, a former (and, he hopes, future) City Council member, hosted the "Democratic platform meeting" on Sunday. Initiated by MoveOn.org, the meeting was held "to identify some issues the group (about 30 people) felt most strongly about and to send a message to [Sen. Barack] Obama about priorities."

Diana said that after two hours of brainstorming, three of the biggest issues facing the party were selected and whittled down by the participants, honed into "a sentence or two that expressed the issue as comprehensively yet concisely as possible. This is what Obama will hear from Mountain View."

Here are the three issues which arose from the group's discussions:

"Energy and Climate Change: Our No. 1 recommendation is to adopt Al Gore's challenge, and include in the Democratic platform a commitment to obtain 100 percent of our electricity from clean, cheap renewable energy sources ... within the next 10 years."

"Education: Reform teaching practices and methods to achieve globally competitive outcomes."

"Health care: Reform the health care system to provide comprehensive services to 100 percent of Americans, regardless of income, family, employment or health status, and guarantee its sound financial footing."

Diana also listed 12 other issues which didn't make the cut, and although some of them overlapped

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MARJAN SADOUGHI

"Brain Freeze" (from left) Thomas Greenley, Brent McCoy, and Zach Fox, all 13, perform 3at the Community School of Music and Arts last Saturday.

Local kids rock the house at CSMA

By Kelsey Mesher

Twenty-two students rocked out last week at the Community School of Music and Art's annual School of Rock workshop.

The young musicians, ranging in age from 10 to 16, were divided into four different bands, and worked on writing original music, playing in an ensemble, digitizing their tunes and sprucing up their band's

"image."

In addition to fine-tuning their individual skills, "the goal of the workshop was to develop the ability to play in a group," said Mary Holmes, assistant director of the music school. "They just were fantastic. They really did a good job."

The week culminated Saturday with a concert for family and friends. Each band was showcased, playing two cover songs ("Foxy Lady" by Jimi

Hendrix was a favorite) and an original track the group wrote together.

Holmes said the workshop's fifth year was so successful that the school plans to offer two School of Rock sessions next summer. She added that faculty members are cooking up ideas for a future kid/parent workshop. ■

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Second life for city's old computers

FORTY-SEVEN MACHINES GIVEN TO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

By Casey Weiss

Nearly four-dozen local high school students will start the new school year with their first computer, courtesy of the city of Mountain View.

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District received 47 used computers from the city to loan out to low-income students who do not have the machines at home. District administrators do not know the exact number of students who qualify for the loans, but Los Altos High School Principal Wynne Satterwhite said there are many students who need the computers to work on at home.

"This donation is important in ending the 'computer divide'

and giving students equal access to grades, lectures and assigned reading, which teachers often post online," Superintendent Barry Groves said. Administrators hope the students will be able to access the Internet from home via the free Google WiFi network.

"They can work at school if they need to, but it makes it easier if they can do it at home," said Steve Hope, associate superintendent of personnel and technology.

Every year the city recycles its older computers, but this is the first time computers were donated to the district.

"They are no longer at their best for our use, but it is great to see them reused," said city manager Kevin Duggan.

Groves said the district will probably find students who need the three-year-old computers through Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), a college preparation program for underrepresented students. Teachers help these participants with studying, academics and technological skills.

Although the district often receives old computers from local residents, this is the largest single donation it has ever received.

"Normally we have to beg, borrow and steal," Satterwhite said. "We normally don't have this opportunity." ■

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Strike reaches an end at BMW

UNION SAYS IT COULDN'T COMPETE WITH SO MANY REPLACEMENT WORKERS

By Daniel DeBolt

After eight weeks of picketing along El Camino Real with no pay, striking service writers and mechanics at BMW of Mountain View have come to an agreement with owner AutoNation.

The workers were forced to compromise when a large number of replacement workers began crossing the picket line to take the union jobs. The replacement workers will stay, but many who stood faithfully on the picket line will have to go — a total of 22 mechanics and three service writers.

Needless to say, many of the union workers were infuriated by the situation.

"I walked on the sidewalk for eight weeks without a paycheck and I got a contract for those guys inside," said mechanic Mike Romano.

The new contract was voted in last Tuesday by a slim margin among the 66 workers, with some wanting to continue the strike and hold out for a better deal. But shop foreman Gary Jones said he and others "didn't have the heart" to see more jobs lost to the replacement workers, who the workers often refer to as "strike-breakers" or "scabs."

The contract is a major improvement on what AutoNation had been offering previously, Jones said.

"If they would have offered us this deal in the first place maybe we wouldn't have had to go through all this," he

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■ A VIEW ON HISTORY

Bank move



Doug Johnson, historian for the Mountain View Police Department, has sent in some photographs for the Voice's monthly feature, *A View on History*. This photo depicts some activity in front of one of Castro Street's oldest buildings.

"You will recognize the Red Rock," he wrote, "but in the mid 1950s, it was a bank. On this particular evening the contents of the bank were being moved to a new bank building down the street, and future police chief (then sergeant) Bob Schatz provided security."

A View on History runs the first week of the month. Seen Around Town runs all other weeks in this space. Please send your photo (as a jpg attachment) to editor@mv-voice.com.

■ NEWS BRIEFS

**FIRE CONTROLLED QUICKLY
 AT FILIPINO RESTAURANT**

Firefighters arrived quickly at the scene of a one-alarm fire Tuesday evening that burned a Filipino restaurant in Mountain View that used to be an A&W Restaurant.

Fire spokesman Lynn Brown said the fire was reported at 260 Moffett Blvd. around 4:45 p.m. When firefighters arrived, they found heavy smoke and flames but were able to extinguish the fire by 5:05 p.m., he said.

Brown said he didn't know if

there were any customers in the restaurant at the time the blaze began, but employees were present. There were no injuries to either firefighters or employees, Brown said.

Investigators are working to determine the cause of the fire but an initial estimated damage is \$50,000.

— *Bay City News*

**POLICE RULE LIGHT RAIL
 DEATH A SUICIDE**

The early morning death last

week of a man on the VTA light rail tracks near the downtown train station was apparently a suicide, police say.

Timoteo Garcia, 31, of San Jose, was struck and killed on the last train of night at 12:30 a.m. on July 21.

"Some things that came to light indicate that suicide was best thing to call it," said Mountain View police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

— *Daniel DeBolt*

EDITOR'S DESK

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— such as "excessive influence of lobbyists" and "campaign finance reform" — all seemed plenty pertinent. (I did notice one issue missing from the list, however: immigration. Sooner or later, Democrats are going to have to tackle this head-on.)

I'm curious if local Republican Party leaders hold a similar ses-

sion, or if they plan to let Sen. John McCain know their priorities. If anybody can shed light on that question, please do write in.

"IT IS WITH great pleasure that I share this with you ... Our driver Alison Parman of Mountain View took fifth in the *world* in the 2008 All American Soap Box Derby this past weekend."

So wrote Joe Sparaco, owner of the Clocktower coffee shops, who also sent a photo of a victorious

Alison standing, trophy in hand, behind her pink racer (see page 11).

"This was the largest gathering of racers from around the world (608 in total) in the 71 years of Soap Box Derby racing history. Alison eliminated our neighboring Vallejo race car in her second heat, and went on to the elimination heats later in the day." ▀

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Community Services Agency adjusts to rough economy

By Kelsey Mesher

Citing the rising cost of food and fuel, the Community Services Agency said last week that it is launching new projects to cope with the difficult times, which have come with an 8 percent increase in its client load.

The agency, which serves Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, released its annual report with updates on how its programs are faring, and organizers announced plans for new services to be implemented in the coming fiscal year.

"It comes as no surprise," wrote Jim Boin, CSA's development director, in a letter to supporters, "that our client numbers are going up again."

The report indicates that that the number of clients participating in CSA's emergency assistance program, which provides financial assistance and services for low-income individuals and families, is up 20 percent — the first increase since 2003.

In response, the CSA will launch a case management

strategy pilot program to advise its clients on how to navigate programs and services to achieve greater financial stability.

In addition to its emphasis on training and hiring new case managers, the CSA will launch two other programs in its senior services sector. In anticipation of serving aging Baby Boomers, case managers will help assess risk factors associated with falling, and refer clients to their primary care physicians as a preventative measure for falls and fall related injuries.

The CSA also said it plans to play a larger role in outpatient assessment. The agency hopes to alleviate costs by monitoring the readmission of patients until outside resources have been exhausted.

The CSA expects its new programs to be beneficial to low-income individuals, families and seniors. Boin wrote that they "look forward to reporting positive outcomes at the end of this year." ▀

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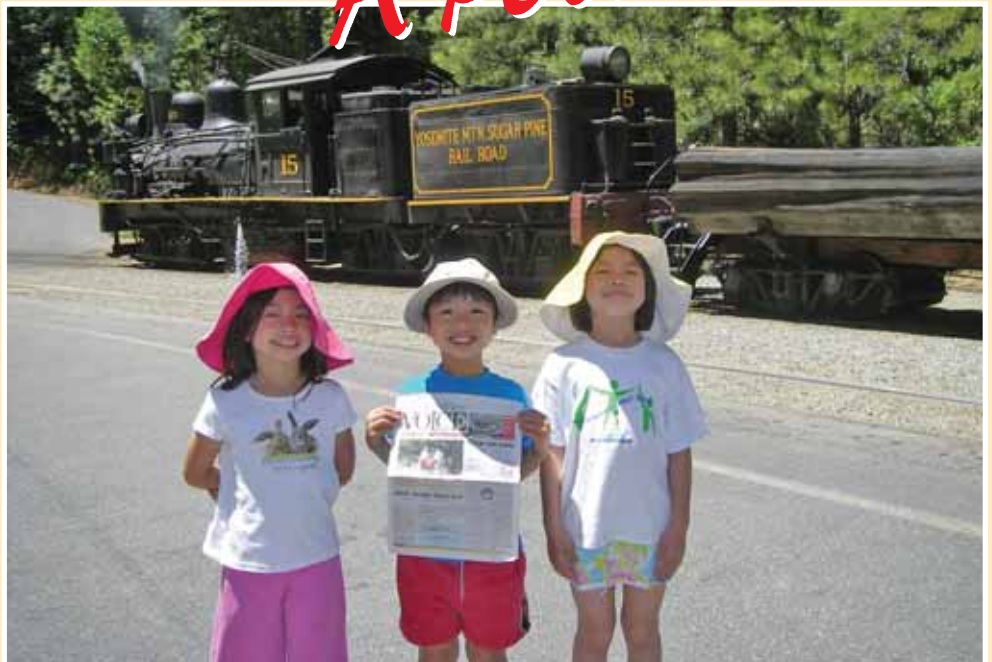


Photo of Astoria, Jada and Ethan Ho in front of a century old, steam-powered train used in logging the Yosemite Mountain, Yosemite National Park, California.

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Signs of the times

CITY TO ADOPT NEW DOWNTOWN PARKING ARROWS; FOUR DESIGNS VIE FOR APPROVAL

By Daniel DeBolt

On Aug. 5, the city's downtown committee will choose between four new parking signs for the downtown that should help visitors find a parking spot.

The development review committee discussed the signs last Friday, with members saying they liked the colors and that they preferred a modern look over a historical look.

"We have Google here and high tech," said committee member Larry Cannon. Downtown signs "should say what we are about."

Jessica Von Borck, economic development director, said

the downtown's "hipper, indie vibe" was due to companies like Google.

The City Council complained last year that downtown visitors were not always aware of the city's new parking garage on California and Bryant streets. The signs will help with "way finding," Von Borck said.

The signs were designed by Tom Donnelly of the Donnelly Design Group. The council will have final approval on the design, but is likely to give them a rubber stamp through the consent calendar. ▣

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VARGAS

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Mountain View Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week.

Phone calls like that are not unusual, Vargas said. On another occasion, Fischer received a call after Vargas had a problem pumping gas into his rental car, somehow costing the *Post* \$2,000.

"My first phone call was to Rich after I put \$25 worth of diesel in a rental car," Vargas said during his July 23 talk in Palo Alto. "He has been a father in a city that has been my community," he added.

After the Virginia Tech massacre last spring, Vargas was watching the news and saw a short interview with a student who had witnessed the shootings. Vargas found the student on Facebook, a social networking site that allows users to search people's personal profiles. The two started chatting online, and then on the phone. This coverage helped the *Post* win a Pulitzer for its collective coverage of how students used the Internet to communicate during the massacre.

"I felt a little dirty, but I am a reporter, I am supposed to connect people," Vargas said.

Former Superintendent Fischer introduced Vargas before the talk, saying he had "become part of the Fischer family."

"He has been on numerous Fischer vacations," he said.

The two met after Vargas joined the Mountain View-Los Altos district school board as a student representative. Judy Hannemann, who is now the president of the school board, said she sat next to Vargas during the meetings, and she and Fischer were both impressed with the adversity Vargas had overcome to be there.

As a boy, he arrived here from the Philippines, speaking no English. His language restrictions placed him in first grade, several grade levels behind his age group, but he quickly accelerated.

"I told Rich, I think we have our poster boy for English language learners, and how things can change for one person," Hannemann told the

Voice. "We have been friends ever since."

Vargas, who calls Mountain View his home, returned last week to discuss a different type of community: online social networking. He has appeared on CNN and elsewhere, but said he was very nervous to be up in front of former classmates and educators.

"I think about this whenever I am on TV — OK, relax your eyebrows," Vargas said. "But everyone who made Mountain View home is here." ■

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"I felt a little dirty, but I am a reporter, I am supposed to connect people."

Vargas: The Internet is 'a tool of democracy'

By Nicole Baldocchi

Former Mountain View resident Jose Antonio Vargas returned home last week to tell a group of local entrepreneurs about how he used the social networking site Facebook to win a Pulitzer Prize.

The Internet, he said, has become "a tool of democracy," and online resources are now essential forms of communication.

"We're living at the dawn of a new time where with the click of a mouse, we can be isolated and connected at the same time," Vargas said.

The talk, given during a luncheon last Wednesday in Palo Alto, was organized by the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce for its new program, Young Innovative Professional Entrepreneur, Etc., or YIPEE, which is a networking program designed for the region's younger entrepreneurs.

During the shootings last spring, other reporters drove from Wash-

ington to the Virginia Tech campus, but Vargas found more information by simply going online. The resulting reports included some of the first eyewitness accounts of the tragedy.

Although printed newspapers are dying, Vargas said, young people are becoming more interested in the world they live in — but they're using online resources to explore it, and to socialize with their peers.

"Everyone has decreed the newspaper dead, and what happened to the *San Jose Mercury News* and *San Francisco Chronicle* is devastating," Vargas said with regards to major staffing cuts at those papers. However, he added, "The paper side may be nearing extinction, but the news side is still news."

"Readers want more news, not less," he said. "They care."

Vargas noted that a larger online world can cater to different uses an personalities, and that it's not much different than any other clique or social group. ■

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be equipped with special particulate exhaust filters to reduce emissions by 98 percent.

"We will be reducing emissions from our city equipment by a substantial amount," Miller said. "Later we will address things like the small lawn mower that only burns 100 gallons a year."

It took Miller three years to specify the order of the new fire trucks. While a new car has maybe 10 options, a fire truck has 11,000.

It wouldn't make financial sense to replace all of the city's diesel trucks, Miller said, because many still have lots of life left in them. Instead, the city is spending \$25,000 per truck to retrofit the special particulate exhaust filters.

"Do I spend \$25,000 on a truck worth \$10,000 that has considerable life left in it?" Miller said. "These are the decisions I had to make."

The city is also replacing its gasoline-powered cars with hybrids. A dozen more are on the way this

year, adding to the 29 already in service, Miller said.

"Of the 70 units that could be hybrid, approximately 41 to 43 will be hybrid next year," Miller said. "A lot of this is going to be handled through attrition," he added, meaning that cars will be

itself costs an extra \$75,000. But the upside is that its massive battery pack and electric motor can provide a 60 percent increase in fuel mileage, especially when its battery pack is used to elevate workers on its lift arm.

"The City Council will look at it from a cost-benefit perspective," said Kathy Lazarus, public works director.

With gas prices on the rise, the city hopes to reduce its fuel costs with the new vehicles.

"In the last year the price of fuel went up 20 percent higher than we budgeted," Miller said. "We had a budget shortfall of considerable amount."

The cost of the alternative biodiesel fuel the city has been experimenting with has gone up even higher than other fuels, now over a dollar per gallon more than regular diesel. Miller said that over the past year, the city has been using a 5 percent mix successfully, with no links to mechanical problems from the low-emissions, vegetable-oil-based fuel. ▀

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STEVE MILLER

replaced with hybrids when they get too old to be of service.

The city's standard hybrid vehicles have been the Toyota Prius sedan and the Ford Escape SUV. The police department will be using a few Chevy Malibu hybrids as well. But the City Council will soon be asked to consider something new: a large, state of the art hybrid diesel-electric work truck, equipped for street light maintenance.

Built by International and called the DuraStar, the truck exemplifies the sort of technology that could replace large diesel guzzlers in the future, but right now it's a bit expensive — the hybrid option

STRIKE

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said.

While there may be slight raises for top level mechanics, the new contract brings substantial increases in health care costs, cuts to holidays and sick days, and a controversial flat rate pay system where mechanics are paid per assignment. The system already exists at all the rest of AutoNation's 300 dealerships nationwide.

Workers had voted 66-0 to go on strike, partly to preserve the dealership's hourly pay system which they said allows mechanics to take the time to do quality work.

"This was the last of the hourly shops, we were the final ones to hold out," Romano said. "This was Custer's last stand."

Flat rate also has been blamed for causing tension among mechanics when it comes to deciding who gets assignments when work is slow. When there is no work, the company doesn't have to pay the mechanics.

Two weekends ago, union negotiators and AutoNation representatives spent 16 hours coming up with the contract, starting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and not taking a break until it was all over at 8 a.m.

Sunday. Union members ratified the deal the following Tuesday.

On Aug. 4 the workers will return to the dealership, where there likely will be tension between union men and those who crossed the picket line.

"I have to work there with I don't know how many scabs," Romano said. "Now they will be a part of the union."

There is also some anxiety about who will assign work in the new flat rate shop between the strike-breakers and loyal union workers. Unless a good system exists for distributing the work fairly, Romano said, mechanics might stay late into the evening or arrive early in the morning to catch work that comes in after hours.

Workers displaced by the strike-breakers may get jobs at other dealerships, said Jones, but it is uncertain. Jones and Romano blamed the situation on changes to federal labor law during the Reagan era.

"It doesn't seem fair to me that someone can cross the line and get a job and somebody with a lot of seniority is out on the street," Jones said. "There is something wrong with that picture." ▀

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Local girl takes fifth at Soap Box Derby finals

ALISON PARMAN MAKES MOUNTAIN VIEW PROUD IN AKRON, OHIO

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View resident Alison Parman took fifth place among hundreds of drivers at the 2008 All American Soap Box Derby, the largest soap box race in the world, held last weekend in Akron, Ohio.

Racing her pink car in the stock class, the Saint Simons student won race after race before being eliminated in the final rounds.

The Akron event was the largest such gathering in the 71-year history of the sport, with 608 drivers, according to local organizer Joe Sparaco, who owns coffee shops in Mountain View. Sparaco is a former Palo Alto police officer and fireman who organized Soap Box trial races in Palo Alto in the early 1970s.

"We had five cars representing the Silicon Valley Soap Box Derby Club there, and we truly made our mark," Sparaco said in an e-mail.

Sponsors of the Silicon Valley Soap Box Derby Club's trip to



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Mountain View resident Alison Parman poses with her trophy in Akron.

Akron include the Palo Alto Elks Lodge and Air Systems, Inc. The Palo Alto Lions Club also has been a sponsor of resurrecting the Soap Box races in the Mountain View/Palo Alto area.

The club's Web site, www.svs-bd.com, includes information on

upcoming races, how to get involved, and a daily blog about the kids' trip to Akron. More information on the All American race is at www.aasbd.com.

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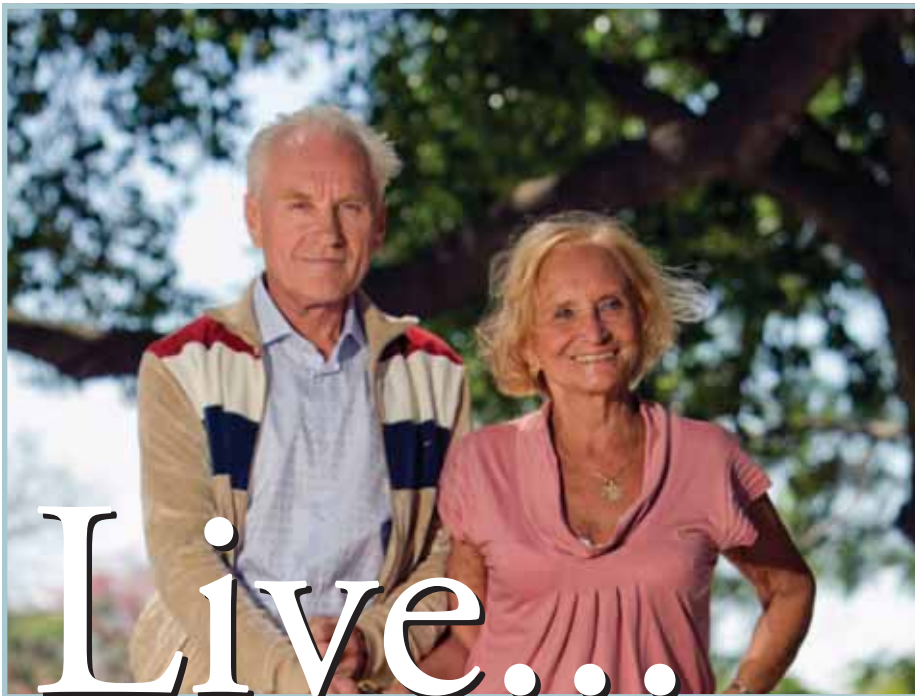
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JOSHUA

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Joshua first started drawing and writing three years ago after seeing an animated movie called "Flushed Away." He was so excited by the film that he wanted to recreate it on the page.

His parents have been encouraging the practice ever since, helping to upload his 19 books onto Lulu, a Web site where he can publish and sell each story for about \$2 in PDF or for about \$13 for paperback. One woman from London saw Joshua's work online and now wants him to illustrate her books.

He rewrites versions of already famous stories, such as "The Three Little Pigs" and "Charlotte's Web." But he also makes up his own stories, usually depicting the life of his favorite character: Frog.

In "Frog Goes to the Dentist," Joshua draws amazingly detailed pictures of Frog and the dentist's equipment. His books are easy to follow, especially considering they were written by an incoming third grader.

With Asperger's syndrome, "You will see a skill, some skill will excel," Craig Smith said. "He needs visual cues or he will get lost."

"We will use this as an avenue to give him skills he can use in the future."

At Bubb, Joshua has a tutor and speech therapist to help him with his studies. Local administrators say there has been an increase in special education students,



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Pages from Joshua's books, above, demonstrate his talent for detailed illustration.

especially those on the autistic spectrum, nationally. To accommodate these students, the elementary school district just started two new special day classes, and the high school will open a new special education building in the fall.

Joshua has sold 19 books so far, and except for the tithing he regularly gives

to his church, he has saved most of the money. The pace of his writing is only increasing: He has five books under his belt from this summer alone, and hopes to write one more before school begins.

All that money puts him closer to affording his ultimate goal: a school bus. Suddenly less shy, Joshua smiles as he

describes his dream vehicle.

"Inside it is going to have a bathroom, video games and a parents' room." ▼

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Better safe than sorry on immigration

The disclosure in last week's *Voice* that when making an arrest, in most cases Mountain View police officers do not inquire about a suspect's immigration status, raises some serious questions about undocumented immigrants who break local laws.

The issue came up after a 21-year-old undocumented immigrant from El Salvador, who allegedly killed a father and two sons in cold blood, was reported to have benefited from San Francisco's "sanctuary" policy, which kept him from being deported despite having committed prior offenses that would have sent him home. San Francisco has rescinded that policy, so police and prosecutors are now free to turn serious criminals over to immigration authorities after their jail sentence is complete.

But in Mountain View, and all of Santa Clara County, immigration status is not taken into account by arresting officers unless a suspect is going to be charged with murder, robbery, sexual assault, assault with serious bodily injury, multiple burglaries or major fraud. Otherwise, as police spokesperson Liz Wylie said, the immigration status question isn't even on the county booking form.

The problem, as illustrated in the San Francisco case, is that the system in place today can unwittingly protect violent criminals who otherwise might be deported.

Mountain View Mayor Tom Means told the *Voice* that "Every city has the same issue as San Francisco. I don't think we are going to go around and ask, 'Are you legal or not?'" He added that the immigration question would be determined by "what type of crime is being committed. You would have to look at that and come up with a policy in terms of severity."

The "what type of crime" litmus test is what's being used today, yet there is no official policy on the matter. We believe there should be. It may be a political hot potato, but the county District Attorney's office should adopt a firm policy — ratified by the county Board of Supervisors — to guide local police departments on this critical issue, particularly for juveniles who have joined local gangs and are committing lesser offenses.

Until such time as our federal government gains the courage to enact just and comprehensive immigration legislation, such a policy would help local police decide if a suspected undocumented immigrant involved in criminal activity should be turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE.

Mountain View and several other local cities have significant immigrant populations, including many who are undocumented. The large majority are good people who want to work and lead productive lives in this country, despite living in fear that a petty offense could lead to their immediate deportation (again underscoring the need for federal immigration reform). These illegal immigrants, who are otherwise law-abiding people, should not be the focus of a stepped-up policy to turn known criminals over to ICE.

Santa Clara County needs to make it more difficult, not easier, for an undocumented criminal to operate here. A better policy of tracking and referring such criminals for deportation is a good idea that we hope will find traction with county officials.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

COPS SHOULD ASK IMMIGRATION STATUS

Editor:

Regarding last week's front-page article about law enforcement and violent immigrants, I was disappointed to read that the Mountain View police do not ask all arrested people about their legal residence. They only do that in special cases, including murder and robbery.

I believe that when a person commits a crime he should be punished. If he commits two crimes, he should be punished more severely. People living in our community illegally have already committed an immigration crime. It seems to me very simple to ask anyone arrested, "Can you show me that you are a legal resident in the U.S.?"

For those who will not or cannot show their legal status, the arresting officer could simply notify the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) people and let them take care of that problem.

I agree that Mountain View police are not responsible for immigration enforcement, but it would be simple and not expensive to report suspected people to ICE. If some of the illegal immigrants in our area were to be deported, or simply move away because of the relationship between our police

and ICE, that might take many illegal students out of our schools and greatly reduce the education costs of our city.

Charlie Larson
Sylvan Avenue

DAY WORKERS LOOKING FOR BETTER LIFE

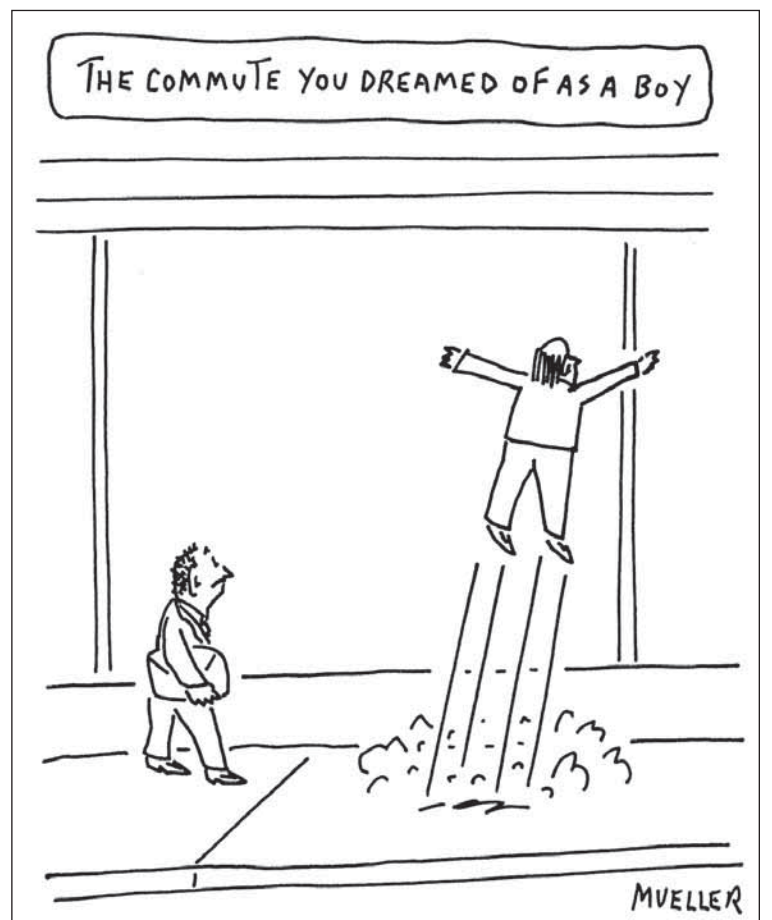
Editor:

I support the new Day Worker Center. And I support undocumented workers who risk their lives despite the possibility that they will never see their families again, all for the possibility of a better life here in California. They are not here to feed off our system — they work their fingers to the bone with two or three jobs and send most of the money back home.

We need to find a way to legitimize their presence here. Yes, the cost of their health care is an issue, but we need fundamental reform of that system anyway. Unemployment is low, so they're not taking our jobs. Racism has always been a factor toward new immigrant populations.

Let's take this opportunity to welcome hard-working, new Americans into our fold, as was done for all of our families when they first immigrated to America.

Diana Galbraith
Granada Drive





Victor Gonzalez, left, sells Acme bread at the weekly farmers market in Mountain View.

DANIELLE VERNON

Acme is a busy bakery

MOUNTAIN VIEW PLANT HELPS POPULAR BREADMAKER MEET LOCAL DEMAND

By Daniel DeBolt

At the Mountain View farmers market on Sundays, the longest line, by far, is at the Acme Bread booth.

Acme Bread is based in Berkeley, but local demand for its specialty breads prompted owner Steve Sullivan to open a baking facility on Independence Avenue in Mountain View in the early 1990s. The plant here employs more than 60 bakers and drivers, who work in shifts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Thanks to their diligence, the bread is delivered fresh every day to hundreds of restaurants and grocery stores in Silicon Valley, including the Milk Pail Market and Whole Foods.

Acme was founded in 1981 with the help of \$90,000 in seed money from Doobie Brothers guitarist Patrick Simmons. In all its years, Sullivan said, the com-

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YIPEE, it's time to network

CHAMBER LAUNCHES EVENTS FOR YOUNGER ENTREPRENEURS

By Casey Weiss

Move over 'old boys,' the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce has started reaching out to another, younger club of entrepreneurs.

The Chamber's newest program, called Young Innovative Professional Entrepreneurs, Etc., or YIPEE, introduces these younger entrepreneurs to their peers and more established business leaders, and also helps them get involved with philanthropic and political work.

Launched in April, YIPEE offers locals between the ages of 21 and 39 the opportunity to network during mixers and a speakers' series.

"We are making sure we are addressing the needs of young entrepreneurs," said Jacqui Marchessini, director of program

and events. "We are introducing them to the validity of networking. It is about who you know."

The program is sponsored by local businesses, including the Business Journal, Google, Microsoft, Symantec and Synopsys. Marchessini and her advisory board hope to expand it throughout Silicon Valley.

YIPEE participants do not have to join the Chamber, and instead pay for each individual event. They can also buy a \$120 pass to the monthly mixers, which YIPEE holds at various Mountain View locations.

Most recently, Jose Vargas, a Mountain View High School graduate, spoke to the young entrepreneurs about how social networking helped him earn a Pulitzer Prize (see story, page 1). During the Virginia Tech massacre last spring, Vargas, a writer

for the *Washington Post*, used Facebook to contact a student who had witnessed the shootings.

Other YIPEE events include tours of Silicon Valley businesses and nonprofits and a mentor program, which pairs young entrepreneurs with more "more seasoned" business leaders, Marchessini said. Recently, for example, YIPEE took five members on a docent walk at Shoreline Park.

"We are looking for the opportunity to give back to the community, and get young people interested in doing it," Marchessini said. ▣

INFORMATION:

For more on the YIPEE program, visit www.chambermv.org/the-chamber/chamber-yipee.html

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DeeDee's moves to Santa Clara

INDIAN STORE STRUGGLED WITH CITY PERMIT PROCESS

By Daniel DeBolt

After getting the boot last December to make way for a housing project, the owners of DeeDee's spent thousands on city permits and rent in search of a new space locally. Eventually, however, it came down to what the Desai family feared most: leaving Mountain View.

The restaurant and Indian grocery store finally re-opened last week at 341 Lafayette St. in southern Santa Clara.

DeeDee's was slated to move into a space on Moffett Boulevard, but even after installing signs and spending \$4,000 a month in rent for four months, the family was still waiting on a building permit a few weeks ago. Though the new store will

be miles away from its loyal Mountain View customers, Daksha Desai said she is very happy with the new location, situated a few blocks from Santa Clara University. To top it off, she said, she had the necessary permits in her hands within a month.

The Desai family arrived from India in 1991, and DeeDee's opened its doors in Mountain View in 1998. The restaurant soon became a destination for Indians, including executives at Hewlett Packard. Performances from local Indian musicians and speakers were also a draw.

For more, see www.mydeedees.com. ▣

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Cybercrime busters

By Angela Hey

Twenty-five years ago I visited my first Mountain View startup, Pyramid Technology, on Charleston Road. I was in awe of their first product, the Pyramid 90x. The serious mini-computer stood in the middle of an almost empty office. It ran the UNIX operating system and had 128 RS-232 computer terminal connections.



Pyramid gave me one of my favorite tchotchkes (knick-knacks) which I still use to this day — a magnetic paper-clip holder in the shape of a pyramid. Why do I like this tchotchke? It reflects the company name, it's useful, it shows a company slogan and it's clearly visible. Pyramid moved to San Jose and was absorbed first into Nixdorf, then Siemens, then Fujitsu.

Today, Pyramid's old offices house CyberSource, a fast growing company that makes online payments secure, safe and reliable. CyberSource's network processes millions of online transactions daily. An operations center, somewhat like NASA's Mission Control, reports network activity on large screens.

Although online payments should be automatic, 82 percent of merchants check their orders manually. In some cases, they reject genuine buyers because they want to avoid fraud. CyberSource helps merchants automate customer interactions and pick out fraudulent purchasers more reliably.

The company has traditionally served large companies like British Airways, Eastman Kodak, Home Depot, Nike and Microsoft. In 2007, CyberSource acquired Authorize.net to help smaller businesses deal with Internet payments. As fraudsters find new ways to deceive merchants, even the smallest vendor can benefit from CyberSource's technologies.

Michael Orlando, vice president of strategic markets, tells me that companies come to CyberSource to expand their resources, keep on top of cybercriminals, deal with multiple banks, accept multiple currencies and transfer funds securely.

According to CyberSource's 2008 Online Fraud Report,

North American companies lost about \$3.6 billion in 2007 because of bad transactions, up from \$3 billion in 2006. Although Internet fraud is growing, the percentage of bad transactions, estimated at 1.4 percent, is declining. CyberSource has suites of tests to determine whether a transaction seems authentic. They are particularly useful for overseas transactions, which are 2 1/2 times more likely to be fraudulent.

CyberSource (CYBS) recently announced financials for 2Q08, ending June 30. Revenue for the quarter was \$55.7 million, up 143 percent over 2Q07, which was \$22.9 million before the Authorize.net acquisition. Annual revenues for 2007 were \$117 million, up 63 percent over 2006. CyberSource sees growth opportunities in small businesses and global markets. Currently the company supports 190 different currencies and 160 countries. Almost a quarter of a million companies use CyberSource, which estimates that it processes \$1 in every \$4 of North American online trade.

Another Mountain View company, VeriSign, with roughly 13 times the revenues of CyberSource, is also keeping buyers and sellers safe on the Web. VeriSign (which, back in the late 1990s, also had an office on Charleston Road) certifies over a million Web sites and has 95 percent of the Fortune 500 as customers, as well as the world's top 40 largest banks.

So how can you be safe as a buyer? For one, if you see the "VeriSign Secured" sign then you know that site's security has been verified by VeriSign. Meanwhile, Truste.org lists more seals, like the Better Business Bureau icon, that online vendors put on their sites to increase trust. The government Web site OnGuardOnline.gov also lists many ways to protect yourself online. And if you're browsing with Internet Explorer and have Fraud Monitoring turned on, you'll see a thick green line at the top of your browser window whenever Microsoft believes the site is genuine.

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Serving the seniors

Jennifer Pence

Like the rest of the country, Mountain View faces the challenge of how to care for an aging population and keep seniors engaged in the community. Many seniors wish to stay in their homes as they age, but need help in order to do so. The Community Services Agency on Stierlin Road aims to provide this help.

“Helping seniors remain in their homes is not only the humane thing to do but also makes financial sense,” says Maureen Wadiak, associate director of CSA. “One year in a nursing home paid for by Medicare or Medicaid, which most seniors that we help could qualify for, costs \$43,000.” In contrast, CSA’s senior case management program costs \$1,117 per person per year.

Currently, 204 seniors are enrolled in CSA’s case management program. The program starts by providing and installing equipment such as grab bars in the home and walkers or canes. It then provides ongoing support in the form of housekeeping, cooking and transportation. CSA volunteers will even go to doctors’ appointments with seniors if

they need moral support or an extra set of ears to absorb information.

The senior nutrition program provides an affordable lunch (a \$2 donation is suggested) and an opportunity for socializing each weekday at the Mountain View Senior Center at 266 Escuela Ave. starting at 11:30 a.m. Two

grams for seniors are themselves seniors. The nutrition program is run almost entirely by seniors, who check people in, greet and seat them, distribute the meals and clean up. Even the cook is a senior. For the case management volunteers, the percentage is somewhat lower, but still significant — of the 187 regular program

volunteers, 35 percent are over 60. Having seniors help is convenient since they are more likely to have free time during the day. Unfortunately, CSA’s insurance does not allow volunteers over 75 to provide transportation to others, but older volunteers

can help in other ways. The senior volunteers generally find the program a fulfilling way to stay active. “I started volunteering here after I retired,” says Flora Olvera, senior nutrition program volunteer. “Coming here just makes my day, and this is why I think the seniors enjoy it so much, too.”

What can you do to help? First, if you know a senior who might benefit from CSA’s services, help this person contact CSA at (650) 968-0836. Also, if you have a flexible schedule, volunteers are especially needed during the day to drive seniors to doctors’ appointments. Volunteers who are free in the evening can help seniors with grocery shopping and other errands.

Of course, financial contributions are always welcome too, especially as CSA faces cuts in government funding. One fun way to make a contribution is to dine at Amarin Thai on Castro Street on Aug. 18 and 19, since 50 percent of the ticket price (\$24 in advance, \$26 at the door) will go to CSA. See www.csacares.org for more info.

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days a week, musicians come in to perform, and other days feature dancing and informative talks on topics such as disaster preparedness and avoiding scams targeted at seniors. The program serves 33,000 meals per year to more than 1,400 different seniors.

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grams for seniors are themselves seniors. The nutrition program is run almost entirely by seniors, who check people in, greet and seat them, distribute the meals and clean up. Even the cook is a senior. For the case management volunteers, the percentage is somewhat lower, but still significant — of the 187 regular program volunteers, 35 percent are over 60. Having seniors help is convenient since they are more likely to have free time during the day. Unfortunately, CSA’s insurance does not allow volunteers over 75 to provide transportation to others, but older volunteers can help in other ways.

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The list of 53 positions includes dozens of engineers and software programmers, as well as 16 management-level employees including the vice president of marketing.

CEO Brad Smith had reportedly asked managers to list positions that could be cut because Intuit's users, through "social media," were contributing more to the company's product development than many paid employees were.

The company is laying off 575 employees globally, about 7 percent of its workforce. Employees will receive a 60-day notice.

Intuit is headquartered at 2632 Marin Way in Mountain View.

— Daniel DeBolt

COSTS UP, WAGES DOWN

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released a report recently showing an increase of 4.2 percent in consumer prices in the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area from June 2007 to June 2008, largely due to rising transportation prices.

Transportation prices rose 13.2 percent over the 12-month period, the highest year-over-year increase in the area since December 1980.

Gasoline prices have increased 36.4 percent since June 2007, and 18 percent in the past two months alone. Meanwhile, grocery prices rose 4.7 percent, household fuels and utilities rose 4.1 percent and medical care prices rose 3.9 percent.

Wages have not kept up with increasing consumer prices, with earnings increasing just 3.8 percent nationally over the past 12 months.

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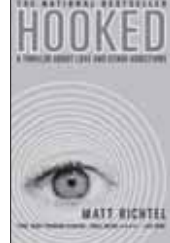
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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

New kebob on the block

MEDITERRANEAN GRILL HOUSE OFFERS NO-NONSENSE FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY

By Andrew MacLeod Doerschuk

The face of Castro Street changes ever faster these days. Few people blinked earlier this year when Mountain View's lone tobacconist, Castro's Fine Cigars, closed its doors after 10 years in business and, following a couple months of construction, was replaced by the Mediterranean Grill House at 650 Castro St.

A dish with chicken shish kebob, salad, rice and hummus with paprika sauce served at Mediterranean Grill House in downtown Mountain View.

MARJAN SADOUGH

One of the former co-owners of the cigar shop, Hasan Ibrahim, is co-proprietor of the new restaurant along with his son Mohammed. While the senior Ibrahim has worked in the biotech field for the past 15 years, he also has a long history as a restaurateur, having owned various dining establishments in the Midwest and California since the 1970s.

His newest effort has a rather austere decor, dominated by a long counter housing various kebobs and salads awaiting final preparation, and where diners place their orders. Polished wood tables line floor-to-ceiling windows, and a single painting adorns the far wall.

Mediterranean Grill House offers a small selection of soup, salads and appetizers as starters. We lapped up the red lentil soup (\$2.75), which was served in a large bowl with chopped parsley sprinkled over the top. Unlike other lentil soups I've tried, its texture was creamy and the broth rich, which offered a nice complement to the soup's faintly spicy undertone.

We also sampled the baba ghanoush (\$2.99 small/\$5.99 large), which is offered as an appetizer or a side dish with plated entrees. Mediterranean Grill House mashed charbroiled

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Pedro Chavez serves the chicken shish kebob at Mediterranean Grill House in downtown Mountain View.

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eggplant into a thick paste that was punched up with mint leaves, lemon juice and tahini (sauce made from ground sesame seeds). The smoky and sweet eggplant flavor was delectable.

When a restaurateur spotlights a selection as the "house special plate" (\$9.99), I have to give it a whirl. Mediterranean Grill's house special consisted of

a choice of marinated beef/lamb or chicken shawerma, all thinly sliced from a rotating vertical skewer. Heaped atop a plateful of hummus (garbanzo bean dip), the dish was served with pickles and sliced pita. We opted for the beef/lamb combo, but found the cool hummus had noticeably lowered the warmth of the

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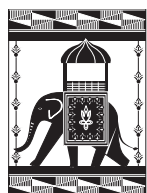
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meat by the time it reached our table. Unfortunately, due to its tepid temperature it wasn't very appetizing.

But we enjoyed the delightful assortment of tastes and textures featured on the veggie delight plate (\$8.99). Two falafel balls made of deep fried garbanzo bean batter sat aside a pair of plump dolma stuffed with rice, onions, mint and spices. Accompanying these were generous scoops of hummus, baba ghanoush, tabbouleh (cracked wheat salad with parsley, tomatoes, onions, lemon juice and olive oil), tahini and a serving of delicious garlic potatoes. Our only criticism was that the falafel seemed to have been cooked too long, leaving the

crust hard rather than crunchy. The lamb kebob plate (\$13.99), a simple dish of marinated chunks of lamb charbroiled on a skewer, was delicious. It was served with plenty of basmati rice and choice of salad or hummus, and proved to be a meat lover's dream. We

Ibrahim guarantees that his meats are halal.

also ordered the chicken kebob (\$13.99), which was similarly plated, and were struck by the tenderness of the pieces and the tanginess of their marinade.

Due to the sheer amount of food on the plate, the feta cheese salad was rightfully listed as a

plated entree, and at a mere \$5.99, it was the best deal on the menu. The restaurant also offers a wide selection of wraps that are perfect for the lunch crowd. We tried the falafel wrap (\$5.99) and chicken shish kebob wrap (\$8.99). Both are offered with either a whole wheat or spinach tortilla stuffed with broiled tomato chunks, lettuce, pickles, onions and parsley.

Being of Palestinian descent, Ibrahim guarantees that his meats are *halal* — the Islamic version of kosher — in which the animals are slaughtered using only the most humane methods.

His dessert selection is limited and he does not serve alcohol, nor does he intend to. But Ibrahim does offer hearty food at reasonable prices, and his customer service is attentive and hospitable, which makes Mediterranean Grill House well worth a visit next time you're in the mood for kebob. ▣

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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.

HELLBOY 2: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)

Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:55, 4:50, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.

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

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) ★★★ Century 12: 7:05 & 10 p.m.

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG-13) ★★1/2

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.

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) ★★

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.

KIT KITTREDGE: AN AMERICAN GIRL (G) (Not Reviewed)

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

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) ★★★1/2

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

THE LAST MISTRESS (NOT RATED) (Not Reviewed)

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

LES TRIPLETTES DE BELLEVILLE (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 16: Sat. at 10 p.m.

MAMMA MIA! (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 12:30, 2:15, 3:40, 5:05, 6:30, 7:45, 9:15 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 12:50, 2, 3:25, 4:35, 6, 7:15, 8:45 & 9:55 p.m.

MEET DAVE (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 20: 1:20 & 3:45 p.m.

MONGOL (R) (Not Reviewed)

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

PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) ★★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. at 10 p.m.

SEX AND THE CITY (R) ★★1/2 Century 12: 12:30, 4, 7:20, 10:30 p.m.

SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Not Reviewed)

Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:20, 3:30, 5:35 & 7:40 p.m.

Century 12: 12:10, 1:30*, 2:30, 3:50*, 4:50, 6*, 7, 8:30* & 9:15 p.m.

*Spanish subtitles

STEP BROTHERS (R) (Not Reviewed)

Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7, 7:50, 9:30 & 10:15 p.m.

Century 12: Noon, 1, 2, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8, 9, 9:50 & 10:25 p.m.

TELL NO ONE (NOT RATED) ★★★1/2 Guild: 1, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m.

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.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE DARK KNIGHT ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Christian Bale reprises his role as Gotham's ultimate vigilante, a conflicted superhero who moonlights as suave billionaire Bruce Wayne. Having dispensed with Wayne's moody origins in "Batman Begins," 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 Joker insinuates his evil into the Gotham mob (led by Eric Roberts) and a Hong Kong crime organization while Gotham's shining star (Aaron Eckhart as District Attorney Harvey Dent) puts baddies behind bars and keeps his head above water. 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 (Michael Caine) and genius inventor Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman) to maintain his murky masquerade. Ambitious, flawed and erratically visionary, Batman is back. *Rated: PG-13 for language, action violence and mature themes. 2 hours, 32 minutes.* — J.A.

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 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.

MOVIE CRITICS

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Klaus Meine (center) and the Scorpions: rocking you like a hurricane this Saturday.

Scorpions invade Shoreline

SINGER KLAUS MEINE STILL ROCKING AFTER 30 YEARS ON TOUR

By Andrew MacLeod Doerschuk

The Scorpions — the hard rock band from Germany that dominated MTV during the '80s — will appear at Shoreline Amphitheater this Saturday, Aug. 2, co-headlining with former Van Halen vocalist Sammy Hagar.

We spoke with Scorpions lead singer Klaus Meine while he and his bandmates were in the midst of a world tour to support their new album "Humanity Hour, Vol. 1." Though now a ripe 60 years old, Meine still wields the patented buzz-saw voice that once drove huge hits like "Rock You Like a Hurricane" and "Big City Nights" up the charts, and offers a unique perspective on the rock scene drawn from more than three decades of experience.

VOICE: How has touring changed since the early days of the Scorpions?

MEINE: Well, in the old days we made records and went on tour to promote the album. These days it's the other way around [laughs]. The whole music industry changed. It's still important to make a new album, but in the days of downloading the touring part became the major part of the business. So in that respect it has changed a lot. But it hasn't changed for the Scorpions — we always were a live band, even in the early '70s before we were offered a record deal. That hasn't changed at all.

But talking about the really early days, for a German band trying to find your own musi-

cal DNA, your own style, and to find your way out of Germany and become a global band, was difficult. Of course, in all those decades a lot of things changed. We have a worldwide audience. We go through places like Siberia and the Amazon in the jungle — to the end of the world and back, and it's

where the world of music was dominated by alternative music and grunge music. Most classic rock bands on this planet didn't survive. So we stuck together for all those years and made it up to the point where it turned all around. Rock music — it's all classic rock now.

V: Is there anything you miss about the early days of playing clubs in Germany?

M: Not really, because you never forget how tough it was, especially in the early '70s, and how difficult it was at first to find the right musicians. We had quite a few changes of musicians in the '70s.

V: Is there an era that you consider to be the "classic" Scorpions lineup?

M: Well, of course the classic lineup was probably [guitarist] Rudolph Schenker, [guitarist] Matthias Jabs, [bassist] Francis Bucholtz, [drummer] Herman Rarebell and myself. Throughout the '80s we had all those big hits, classic rock albums that made us so successful all over the world — especially in America, with platinum, double-platinum records like "Blackout," and "Love at First Sting."

But since [then] some members retired, and for 12 years now we have James Kottack on drums — an amazing American drummer. Since 2004 we have a new bass player — Pawel Maciwoda from Krakow, Poland. This band is still a very powerful unit. We still go out there and rock you like a hurricane, San Francisco. ▀

"You never forget how tough it was, especially in the early '70s, and how difficult it was at first to find the right musicians."

KLAUS MEINE

still fascinating. Wherever we jump out of the airplane there are lots of fans and they know all the words to our songs, and it's fantastic.

V: Only a handful of your contemporaries, like Judas Priest and Iron Maiden, remain as active as Scorpions. How do you explain your longevity?

M: I think one of the keys is the chemistry in the band and that it was always based on friendship, and that proves [true] especially in times when you're not on top of the world. Especially talking about the '90s,

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ART GALLERIES

Gallery House New Members Show New artists Jeff Emmerichs, Dan McClean, Carolyn Shaw, Mary Stahl, Eric Stepling and Karen White. Media include landscape and still life in both oil and pastel, photography and ceramic sculpture as well as Raku. Through Aug. 2, 5-7 p.m. Free. Gallery House in Printer's Ink Cafe, 320 California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-326-1668.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Beginning French Learn to speak the "language of love." Register online at jwebb@avenidas.org or in person at the front desk. Wednesdays through Aug 27, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$35 members/\$45 non-members, 1-2:30 p.m. \$35 members/\$45 non-members. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St, Palo Alto. Call 650-247-5436. www.avenidas.org

Great Mountain Bike Rides in the San Francisco Bay Area An avid mountain biker since age 12, Bay Area native Skye Kraft will give a slide presentation on some of his favorite off-road rides featured in his new guidebook, "Mountain Bike! San Francisco and the Bay Area." Wed., Aug. 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. REI Mountain View, 2450 Charleston Road, Mountain View. Call 650-969-1938. www.rei.com/mountainview

Photo Play, One-day Art Workshop Use inkjet prints and other types of originals to transform photo images into entirely new works of art without using Photoshop. Learn ways to combine the computer with hands-on art to create images to use alone or as part of mixed media. For teens and adults. Sun., Aug. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$95. 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

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

Women in Business Luncheon "Financial Intimacy and the Family." Guest Speaker: Helga Hayse, author of "Don't Worry About a Thing Dear." How to make marital finances transparent and understandable, how to plan for the unexpected, in case the marriage ends. Tue., Aug. 12, 11:30 a.m. \$28 members; \$33 non-members. Michael's at Shoreline, 2690 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-968-8378. www.chambermv.org

CONCERTS

Twilight Concert Series Tommy Castro Band performs blues and Memphis-style soul music. Tue., Aug. 5, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. California Avenue, Between Ash and Birch St., Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4940. www.cityofpalocalto.org/concerts

DANCE

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>

ENVIRONMENT

Edible Landscaping Tour Organic garden tour featuring vegetables from asparagus to

zucchini, fruit-tree varieties, chickens and innovative garden structures that facilitate integrated edible landscaping design. Host gardeners will share what motivates them to grow their own food. Sat., Aug. 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$35 benefits Conexions and Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center. Common Ground Garden Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-938-9300 ext. 11. [sstansbury@conexions.org](mailto:ssstansbury@conexions.org)

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>

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.

Rengstorff House Arts Festival Mixed media fine-arts exhibition of works by local artists including juried works by the Arts in Action students through the Community School of Music and Arts. Open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Through Aug. 31, Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.r-house.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Yoga for Kids Shyamoli Banerjee tells stories about different poses as she instructs the children. For ages 3 and up. Sun., Aug. 3, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Free. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4962.

FILM

Free Irish Film Series Free film series presents an array of films from and/or about

Ireland: "The Crying Game" (Aug. 4), "In the Name of the Father" (August 11), "The Commitments" (Aug. 18). 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Cumberley 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

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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

Rengstorff House Arts Festival The Peninsula Banjo Band presents toe-tapping music in the gardens. Lawn seating. Sun., Aug. 10, 2-3 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline

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ON STAGE

Rengstorff House Arts Month Woman's Will presents Bertold Brecht's "The Good Person of Sezuán" 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

Twilight Hike Discover the changes in the preserve as the day ends: see who is going to bed and who is just starting out. A hike guided by a Palo Alto ranger and an Acterra naturalist. Fri., Aug. 8, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. 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

Wednesday Night Meditation Guided meditation in the Fireside Room. Wednesdays, ongoing, 7-7:30 p.m. Offering accepted. Unity Palo Alto, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-7222. www.UnityPaloAlto.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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

DBSA Bipolar/Unipolar Support Group DBSA Bipolar and Depression Support Group for consumers only. First, second and third Wednesdays of month, ongoing. Katherine Lerer, Facilitator. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. DBSA Bipolar/Unipolar Support Group, 4153A El Camino Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-6313. www.DBSPaloAlto.org

TALKS/AUTHORS

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Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Joseph Bochner, a Menlo Park-based real estate attorney, describes his four-year experience understanding, investigating and pursuing the perpetrators behind a malware (malicious software) scam. "Ghosts in the Browser: a Personal Account of Internet Crime," will be held on Tue., Aug. 12, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$11, \$12 for non-members. Hangen Szechuan restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. http://tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

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.

VOLUNTEERS

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This business is owned by a corporation. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 06/05/2001. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 21, 2008. (Voice Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 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.1-08-PR-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 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
35485-B Dumbarton Ct.
Newark, CA 94560
(510)494-1188
(Voice July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2008)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application:
June 24, 2008
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are:
LIU WAYNE

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
500 CASTRO ST
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041-2010
Type of license(s) Applied for:
41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE
(Voice Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2008)

County of Santa Clara
Registrar of Voters Office

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Pursuant to Education Code 5322 and Elections Code Section 13307, Notice is hereby given that on November 4, 2008, Governing Board Member and Director Elections will be held in the Districts and School Districts named below, and that office for which candidates may be nominated are set forth after the name and business address

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. 108-PR-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.

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/s/ Vivian Lu
35485-B Dumbarton Ct.
Newark, CA 94560
(510)494-1188
(Voice July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2008)

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of each District, Area or School District.

Also pursuant to Education Code Section 5342 and Elections Code Section 10400, the Districts, Areas or School Districts named below requested the services of the Registrar of Voters in consolidating such elections.

District/School District
Mr. View-Los Altos Union High School District
1299 Bryant Avenue
Mt. View, CA 94040
Trustee Area
Members To Be Elected
2

1-Short Term
District/School District
Mt. View-Whisman School District
750-A San Pierre Way
Mt. View, CA 94043
Trustee Area
Members To Be Elected
3

District/School District
El Camino Hospital District
2500 Grant Road
Mt. View, CA 94040
Trustee Area
Members To Be Elected
3

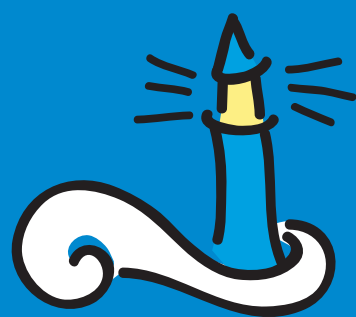
Qualifications: Candidates must be 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the State, a registered voter & resident of the District, and Trustee Area if applicable, and must not be disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the State from holding a civil office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Declarations of Candidacy for eligible candidates desiring to file for elective office may be obtained from the District office shown above or from the Office of the Registrar of Voters, 1555 Berger Drive, Building #2, San Jose, California, 95112. Declarations of candidacy must be filed with the Registrar of Voters at the above address no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 8, 2008; that appointment to each elective office will be made in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for such office and a petition for an election, signed by ten percent (10%) of the voters or 50 voters, whichever is the smaller number, in the District, has not been filed by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, 2008 as provided by law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that processing of absentee ballots to be counted will commence on Friday, October 24, 2008.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that on the day of the election, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and that the ballots cast at said election will be publicly counted at the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building #2, San Jose, California, commencing at 8:00 p.m., November 7, 2006.

Dated this 21st day of July 2008
Jesse Durazo, Registrar of Voters
8/1/08
CNS-1393470#
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CRANE STREET ■ MOUNTAIN VIEW



Charming house in Blossom Valley neighborhood. 3BD/1BA, refinished hardwood floors, spacious backyard with beautiful rose gardens. Walk to Cuesta Park, Starbucks, and popular shopping centers. Perfect starter or retirement home in a desired Mountain View location. 998sf living/5227sf lot.

OFFERED AT \$898,000

834 W. REMINGTON DRIVE ■ SUNNYVALE



Wonderful 3BD/2BA Brown & Kauffmann home in Cherry Chase with magnificent gardens. Updated kitchen and master bath. Oak and bamboo flooring. Flexible living accommodations with large dining room and living room. Private office in garage. Gorgeous gardens. 1472sf living/7405sf lot.

OFFERED AT \$898,000

1240 THURSTON AVENUE ■ LOS ALTOS



Enjoy fine sophistication with this brand new home. 4BD/3.5BA with elegant coffered ceilings, impressive skylights, hewn Brazilian Cherry wood and travertine tile flooring. Formal entry, granite kitchen, 2 fireplaces. Bonus room great for den or office. 3,330sf living/9752sf lot.

OFFERED AT \$2,388,000

1931 DEODARA DRIVE ■ LOS ALTOS

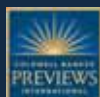


Turn the key and move into this rebuilt home in the Highlands! 5BD/3.5BA, high ceilings, granite kitchen and baths, Teak floors, 2 fireplaces, & great room. Blocks to Montclair Elementary. Oppt'y to join the Woodlands Vista Swim and Racquet club. 3,061sf living/ 10,018sf lot.

OFFERED AT \$2,398,000



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2 ZACHARY COURT **\$2,695,000**
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PALO ALTO

4331 CESANO CT **\$1,398,000**
 Beautiful 3BR/2BA contemporary home in quiet cul-de-sac featuring newer decked backyard & pool. Recently remodeled kitchen & baths, family room, sep. dining room, master bedroom with walk-in closet. Newer A/C & heating.

LOS ALTOS HILLS

12100 OLD SNAKEY ROAD **\$4,998,000**
 Newer custom built Mediterranean estate w/Old World details throughout. 5BR incl large master suite w/sep sitting rm, 5 bathrooms, library/office. Chef's gourmet kitchen & large breakfast nook opens to spacious family room.



15466 VISTA SERENA **\$4,295,000**
 Nestled on 1.35AC, this lovely residence features nearly 4,135sq.ft. of living space including 4+BR/3.5BA, living room w/high ceilings, step-up formal dining room, master bedroom suite w/FP, sep. office/den.

SAN JOSE

401 HIGUERA ROAD **\$1,079,000**
 Spectacular views of city and mountains, wrap around decks, huge 5 bedroom home with extra game/pool room, soaring ceilings, crown moldings, hardwood floors, office, 3 car garage, completely separate Horse stall with tack room, work shop and carport, well supplies irrigation systems.

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LOS ALTOS

1476 FAIRWAY DR. **\$4,195,000**
 Newly constructed 5 BR home on approximately half AC flat lot. Beautiful gourmet kitchen, open family room, soaring ceilings, crown moldings, hardwood floors, office, 3 car garage.

423 ARBOLEDA DR. **\$2,068,998**
 Desirable well-located home has 4BR/3BA, spacious living rm, bright family rm, formal dining rm, eat-in country kitchen, hwd flrs, double pane windows, sparkling pool & sun-swept patio perfect for entertaining.

614 S. EL MONTE **\$1,299,000**
 Wonderful deep lot to build your dream home or remodel the existing home of 3BR/2BA plus office. Convenient access to shopping and the Los Altos Village.

▼ BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

PALO ALTO

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME **\$4,395,000**
 Private drive leads to wonderful secluded setting of approx. 1.3AC bordered by meandering creek. Lot has existing 2BR/2BA home + sep. cottage. Rare opportunity to build your dream estate.

LOS ALTOS HILLS

THE ULTIMATE SETTING **\$4,795,000**
 Private estate with views of the bay & city lights from almost every room. Features include: 5BR/3.5BA, chef's gourmet kitchen which opens to spacious family room w/views, formal dining room, sep. step-down living room, indoor laundry room, exercise room, & wine storage.

PARK-LIKE SETTING **\$2,395,000**
 Gorgeous lot! Preliminary plans available for European estate with approx. 11,000 SF plus a sep. guest house & 4-car garage. Lot may be purchased separately. MDA: 110,051 / MFA: 8,477

CREATE YOUR OWN PRIVATE ESTATE **\$2,395,000**
 This ideal 1.18AC cul-de-sac lot is graced with luscious mature trees. The property offers privacy & tranquility. Sewer & water available at the property. PG&E & cable available near property line. MDA: 6,611 / MFA: 15,861.

SANTA CLARA

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- Pergo Floor in Entryway
- Upgraded Light Fixtures
- Beautiful Balcony Overlooking Park
- Refrigerator, Washer and Dryer Included
- Premium location
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- Rare 2 Levels of Living Space
- And Much More!

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162 Holly Court, Mountain View



NEW LISTING!

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1-4 p.m.

- 3 BR/ 2.5 Baths
- Approx. 1,244 Sq. Ft.
- Granite Kitchen Counter Tops with Full Backsplash Including Island
- Hanging Rack in Kitchen for Pans
- Stainless Steel Kitchen Appliances
- Marble Fireplace
- Pergo Floors in Entryway, Powder Room, Living Room, Dining Room and Kitchen
- Family Room Wired for Surround Sound
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- Upgraded Light Fixtures
- Wireless Thermostat Option
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Oversized living room features vaulted ceiling, 2 sliding doors to balcony and wood burning fireplace
Attached 2 car garage w/ full size washer/dryer hook ups
Central A/C & forced air heating
Priced at: \$630,000

1474 Topar Avenue Los Altos

Open Saturday 1:30 to 4:30



Rare opportunity in prime Country Club area
Remodeled 3 bd, 3 ba home on 19,800 sq ft lot
Eat-in kitchen showcases granite counters & skylights
Living room adorned with fireplace and vaulted ceiling
Spacious & "park-like" backyard
Oversized 2 car garage
Priced at: \$2,088,000

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: \$325,000

422 E. Evelyn Ave. #204 Sunnyvale

Open Sunday 1:30 to 4:30



Dramatic 3 bd, 3 ba 3 yr. old condo top floor, end unit in secure bldg w/ underground parking
Wood laminate floors, crown molding, dual pane windows
All baths w/ tile floor, granite counter, maple cabinets, shower/tub combo w/ granite surround
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2BR | 2.5BA

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\$679,000

Fantastic end unit. Beautiful kitchen, s/s appliances, granite counters, recessed lights, maple cabinets & a big walk-in pantry. Generous master suite
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Open Sunday

CAMPBELL

5BR | 3.5BA

1548 MCCOY AVE

\$1,199,888

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CAMPBELL	LOS ALTOS	MOUNTAIN VIEW	PALO ALTO	SAN JOSE
HEART OF DOWNTOWN \$799,000 3 BR 2.5 BA Light & airy Ainsley Square home. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, plantation shutters. Inside laundry. Two car garage. Close to shopping & Light Rail. Sylvia Seufferlein 650.941.7040	664 OAKRIDGE DR \$1,128,888 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 3 BA 4 beds, 3 updated baths. Newly finished kitchen. Walls of windows. Extra lg family room w/ bar. Pool, hot tub and deck. Over 20,000 sq ft lot. Aileen La Bouff 650.948.0456	2306 JANE LN \$799,800 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA Upgraded thru-out w/reces'd lighting, bay win's, dbl pn win's, new carpets, fresh paint, skylites, remod kit w/pantry, nice back yd, extra storage Aileen La Bouff 650.948.0456	2432 SOUTH CT \$1,895,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 3 BA Come view this spacious Hm w/stone entry/living room w/fireplace, separate dining & family rooms, kitchen w/center island & eating area. Partial basement Alan Bien 650.948.0456	324 N. 16TH STREET \$469,950 2 BR 1 BA Recent paint with newer carpet. Spacious living room with fireplace & built-ins. Formal dining room has built-in hutch. Updated bath. Landscaped yard. The Levy Team 650.941.7040
630 W SUNNYOAKS AV \$684,888 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA Almost new, hrdwd flrs, Gourmet kit w/gas & stainless steel appliances, gas fp. Fully landscaped yd. Separate laundry + approx 1620sqft. Marge Bosetti 650.948.0456	656 PALM AV \$1,799,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 3 BA Updated 100 yr old craftsman. Stunning master suite. Guest cottage large studio with full bath and kitchen. Beautiful wrap around brick patio. Leslie Pappas 650.325.6161	1528 LILAC LANE \$698,000 OPEN SUNDAY Fabulous Townhome. Spacious 4 bed t/home. Fabulous Updtd Kit & baths. 1 whirlpool. Laminate/wood floors Laurissa Clemens 650.948.0456	334 HAWTHORNE AVE \$1,795,000 3 BR 2.5 BA Unique opportunity to own a stunning contemporary home in Downtown PA. Top of the line appliances, concrete flrs, slate patio, Natural light thruout R. Brendan Leary 650.325.6161	534 CITYSCAPE PL \$465,000 SUN 1 - 4 2 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful Condo in Blossom Hill, approx. 1285sf (as per Metrosan). Duplex w/ 2-car gar, balcony off master suite & patio off dining area. Short Sale! Sandy Ramirez 650.325.6161
CUPERTINO	GILROY	LOS GATOS	SAN JOSE	SANTA CLARA
EXCELLENT SCHOOLS! \$1,299,000 4 BR 2.5 BA Exquisitely remodeled in 2004. Cupertino schools. Peaceful area. Double pane windows, hardwood floors & skylights. Newer cabinets & granite counters. Debra Ahn 650.941.7040	1194 SPRIG WY \$719,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 5 BR 3 BA New construction! One of three hms. Granite kit, 2 fp, 2 mstr closets. Hardwd, tile, alarm. Carpet, light fixrs. Lndscpd front & rear yds w/sprinklers. Steel Frame New Construction 650.948.0456	54 CITATION DR \$968,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA Among 16 + secluded wooded acres. 1 level Thm exquisitely remodeled w/top of the line amenities. Brazilian cherry hrdwd flrs, marble baths. Ellie Zias 650.948.0456	4149 WILKIE WY \$1,475,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 2 BA Beautiful recently remodeled contemporary home with vaulted ceilings and walls of glass, leading to a lovely flagstone patio/backyard. Great location Tessie Anderson 650.325.6161	354 PINEVIEW DR \$648,950 SAT 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA Fantastic home in desirable Santa Clara. B'ful landscaping, clean and sparkling interior w/remodeled kitchen, dual pane windows and att. 2 car garage. Robert Branden 650.948.0456
22968 CRICKET HILL RD \$899,880 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA Spacious w/vault cell, hrdwd flrs in liv & din rm, fam rm, 2 car att gar, deck overlooks open space, end unit w/plenty of guest pking, near pool Aileen La Bouff 650.948.0456	1164 SPRIGWAY \$699,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 5 BR 3 BA Granite kit, prep sink, 2 sided bdrm, fireplace in Master & retreat. 2 master closet, hrdwd, carpet, tile, alarm, side walkway, front rear yd incl. Steel Frame New Construction 650.948.0456	271 CORONET DR \$1,288,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 2.5 BA Huge backyard with patio & rolling lawn area. Hardwood floors. Family room w/fireplace & built-ins. Dual pane. Central A/C. Attached 2 car garage. Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456	314 POE ST \$1,295,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2.5 BA 1692sf. Stunningly remodeled in 2004. All the finest materials & appliances. Beautiful eucalyptus hardwood flrs, spa-like master ste, outdoor patio. Barbara Sawyer 650.325.6161	314 PINEVIEW DR \$648,950 SAT 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA Fantastic home in desirable Santa Clara. B'ful landscaping, clean and sparkling interior w/remodeled kitchen, dual pane windows and att. 2 car garage. Robert Branden 650.948.0456
LOS ALTOS	MOUNTAIN VIEW	PALO ALTO	SAN JOSE	SUNNYVALE
LUXURY IN LOS ALTOS \$3,495,000 5 BR 3.5 BA A combination of luxury and everyday functionality, an exceptional place to reside. Each room is a masterpiece of detail and originality. R. Brendan Leary 650.325.6161	567 HALE ST \$7,750,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 4.5 BA Historic Crescent Park home features exceptional wood detailing, magnificent staircase, grand reception hall, formal dining and updated kitchen. Linda Fahn 650.325.6161	TOP NAGLEE PARK STREET \$1,088,000 4 BR 3 BA Elegance & modern amenities, move-in cond., 2600sf, high ceilings, bright & open. Lush garden, patio, 2-car garage, 6300sf lot, near park. Susanne Bohl 650.948.0456	4873 LAGO VISTA CT \$735,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA Cupertino schls, low HOA dues. Kit w/ new stnls applnces, granite cntertps & tile flr. Prvt patio & yd. Spacious Mstr Suite. Updtd baths/fixtures. Paige Gienger 650.948.0456	BROWN & KAUFFMANN \$898,000 3 BR 2 BA Desired Cherry Chase. Updated kitchen with granite counters. Master suite has updated bath. Large dining room. Covered patio & magnificent gardens. Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040
1551 PLATEAU AVE \$2,998,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 5 BR 5.5 BA w/High Quality Finishes on Lg Lot Nr Country Club/Luxury Mstr Suite/Living & Dining Rms w/Coved Ceilings/Gourmet Kitchen Family Room w/Home Theater Alan Bien 650.948.0456	523 SERRA SAN BRUNO \$899,000 SAT 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA With enclosed patio. Eat-in kitchen. Living room with fireplace. Master suite with walk in closet. 2 car garage. Deck with hot tub! Mandana Nejad 650.325.6161	4873 LAGO VISTA CT \$735,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA Cupertino schls, low HOA dues. Kit w/ new stnls applnces, granite cntertps & tile flr. Prvt patio & yd. Spacious Mstr Suite. Updtd baths/fixtures. Paige Gienger 650.948.0456	405 WILLIS AV \$525,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA One story close to Downtown! Remod kit w/granite counters & maple cabinets. Updated baths. High ceilings & wood flrs. Lrg basement. Laundry. Garage Ric Parker 650.948.0456	314 SCHROETER STREET \$629,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 1 BA Lovely, bright 3 br/1 bath home-Hardwood floors-Freshly painted-Dual pane windows-Private backyard w/fruit trees-Att 1 car gar Fran Papapietro 650.948.0456
391 MARIPOSA AV \$2,495,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 4 BA Charming home close to Downtown. Lush landscaping with a vast level lawn, relaxing pool & spa. 2 Mstr suites, spacious living rm, separate family rm. Helen Kuckens 650.948.0456	567 HALE ST \$7,750,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 4.5 BA Historic Crescent Park home features exceptional wood detailing, magnificent staircase, grand reception hall, formal dining and updated kitchen. Linda Fahn 650.325.6161	405 WILLIS AV \$525,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA One story close to Downtown! Remod kit w/granite counters & maple cabinets. Updated baths. High ceilings & wood flrs. Lrg basement. Laundry. Garage Ric Parker 650.948.0456	405 WILLIS AV \$525,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA One story close to Downtown! Remod kit w/granite counters & maple cabinets. Updated baths. High ceilings & wood flrs. Lrg basement. Laundry. Garage Ric Parker 650.948.0456	314 SCHROETER STREET \$629,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 1 BA Lovely, bright 3 br/1 bath home-Hardwood floors-Freshly painted-Dual pane windows-Private backyard w/fruit trees-Att 1 car gar Fran Papapietro 650.948.0456
BRAND NEW! \$2,388,000 4 BR 3.5 BA Brazilian cherry floors, travertine tiles & gourmet granite kitchen. High coffered ceilings & impressive skylights. Family room. Bonus room for den. Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040	567 HALE ST \$7,750,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 4.5 BA Historic Crescent Park home features exceptional wood detailing, magnificent staircase, grand reception hall, formal dining and updated kitchen. Linda Fahn 650.325.6161	405 WILLIS AV \$525,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA One story close to Downtown! Remod kit w/granite counters & maple cabinets. Updated baths. High ceilings & wood flrs. Lrg basement. Laundry. Garage Ric Parker 650.948.0456	405 WILLIS AV \$525,000 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA One story close to Downtown! Remod kit w/granite counters & maple cabinets. Updated baths. High ceilings & wood flrs. Lrg basement. Laundry. Garage Ric Parker 650.948.0456	314 SCHROETER STREET \$629,000 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 1 BA Lovely, bright 3 br/1 bath home-Hardwood floors-Freshly painted-Dual pane windows-Private backyard w/fruit trees-Att 1 car gar Fran Papapietro 650.948.0456



CUPERTINO

OPEN SUNDAY

22968 CRICKET HILL ROAD

3BR/2BA \$899,880

Spacious w/vault ceilings, hrdwd floors in living & dining rm, family rm, 2 car att garage, deck overlooks open space, end unit w/plenty of guest parking, nr pool.



Aileen LaBouff

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LOS ALTOS

SOLD WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

661 VERA CRUZ AVENUE

3BR/2BA \$1,549,000

Charm! Updates with style. Remodeled kitchen opens to family room. with fireplace. Hardwood floors, crown moldings, double pane windows & newer roof.



Bea Waller

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

1755 PEACOCK AVENUE

4BR/3BA \$1,380,000

Clear lot w/ plans & permits in place for 2730 Sq Ft home, 2730 Sqft home w/ grt rm, ground flr den & bath. 2 car gar & more.



Eppie Lam

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

COMING SOON!

1758 CRANE STREET

3BR/1BA \$898,000

Charming house in Blossom Valley neighborhood. Refinished hardwood floors. Spacious backyard with beautiful rose gardens. Walk to Cuesta Park & popular shopping centers. Desired Mountain View location!



Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

2456 PORTERFIELD COURT

4BR/3BA \$1,395,000

Beautiful home plus office on private approx. 10,000 sq. ft. lot. High beam ceilings, expansive remodeled kitchen with granite island, two fireplaces. Three car garage with workshop. Completely fenced patio area. Solar heated pool & spa. Prime cul-de-sac location.



Karin Clark

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www.karinclark.com



LOS ALTOS

391 MARIPOSA AVENUE

4BR/4BA \$2,495,000

Charming approx. 2,900sf home close to downtown. Lot is approx. 12,200 sq.ft. Lush landscaping boasting a vast level lawn, relaxing pool and spa in a park-like setting. An entertainer's dream! Spacious living room, family room. Hardwood floors. Updated kitchen with granite counters. Los Altos schools.



Kirk Mahncke

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www.kirkmahncke.com



SAN JOSE

OPEN SUNDAY!

4873 LAGO VISTA

3BR/2.5BA \$735,000

Remod townhouse w/Cupertino schools. Low HOA dues, only \$66 per month. Kitchen w/new stainless appliances, new granite countertops Private fenced yard and patio. Spacious Master Suite w/updated bath. New paint, new carpet, newer roof. Move right in!



Paige Gienger

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

SOLD!

500 MIDDLEFIELD RD, #107

1BR/1BA Sale Price Upon Request

This condo sold in the shortest amount of time with an above average sale price for a 1bed/1bath condo in the Shoreline area in the last 12 months. Please give me a call for a free consultation and assessment of your property for a swift and hassle free selling experience.



Sara Ahsan

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