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MARJAN SADOUGH

From left, kindergarteners Samantha Garcia, Amy Leon and Niko Morales play Bingo after finishing their classwork at Castro School on Monday.

## Schools caught in testing bind

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND DOOMS MANY STUDENTS TO FAILING STATUS

By Casey Weiss

After administrators in the Mountain View Whisman School District spent last year overhauling their math programs, students scored higher than ever before on standardized tests in the subject.

But the news was not so good in "English language arts," the other subject scrupulously monitored under federal No Child Left Behind legislation. So many subgroups of the district's students — non-English-speakers, disabled students and others — did poorly in English that Mountain View Whisman found its schools among the 2,241 in the state unable to meet the law's standards.

Those 2,241 schools represent about 37 percent of the 6,020 California schools participating in the No Child Left Behind program, and administrators say that percentage is sure to go up.



### LEFT BEHIND Part I of III

Editor's Note: Six years ago Congress enacted No Child Left Behind, which sets ever-increasing standards for public school students. Today, those standards are quickly becoming unrealistic, administrators say, and local schools are in danger of falling short. This is the first in a three-part series on the legislation's effects on local school districts.

NCLB, as it's known among educators, sets universal goals for school districts nationwide, then determines whether those goals are being met through

yearly batteries of tests (called STAR tests in California). But it doesn't stop there: The goals are an upwardly moving target, jumping 10.5 percentage points in the recent school year alone. That rate is far too steep, educators say, when students have been expected to improve scores by 2 to 3 percentage points in previous years.

"In a year or so, no one is going to care, because no one is going to meet the expectations," said Mary Lairon, assistant superintendent in the elementary school district. "NCLB targets become less realistic and useful as they continue to increase at such a rate."

In sweeping legislation proposed by President George W. Bush, Congress first enacted NCLB in 2002 to make schools and teachers accountable for improving student performance,

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## Condo project fails, leaving eyesore behind

CITY INSPECTORS COULD CONDEMN EVANDALE APARTMENT COMPLEX

By Daniel DeBolt

Apparently unable to get a bank loan, the owner of an aging apartment building at 291 Evandale Ave. has given up on a plan to demolish the structure and build 144 condos. Instead, he wants to rent the apartments out again, and quick.

It's a bit of a problem for city staff, who say the buildings are probably unsafe, and for neighbors, who say the apartments are an eyesore. To top it off, the city spent \$125,000 to relocate 250 people from the 64-unit apartment complex last year.

The apartments were some of the cheapest in the city, with monthly rents ranging from \$900 to \$1,200 for two- and three-bedroom units. But there were reasons why the rents were cheap and neighbors wanted it redeveloped: The courtyards were littered with trash, the carport roofs were sagging, code violations were apparent and the buildings would likely be unsafe in an earthquake, said city attorney Michael Martello.

"Part of the reason we approved the project was because the existing one was so dilapidated," Martello said.

Now the owner is making an "end run" to quickly rent out the building, Martello said, adding that he has tried to work on the buildings without the necessary permits, even after the city explained what permits were required. The city issued a stop work order so the buildings could be inspected.

"We're not going to let people go back in there just so they can get a revenue stream," Martello said. "The minimum concern is safety."

The owner's representative, architect Salvatore Caruso, did not return phone calls from the *Voice*.

"I hope that more than minor cosmetic renovation is going to be

done," said Lisa Matichak, president of the Wagon Wheel Neighborhood Association, whose members live in nearby homes.

"Major renovation is needed to upgrade the complex to one that is attractive," she wrote in an e-mail. "And, if it has not already been done, seismic safety should be addressed. It will be nearly impossible to address this once the units have been rented."

"Two of the candidates running for City Council spoke frequently about providing incentives to the apartment owners to completely renovate the complexes," Matichak said. "Perhaps this complex could be the first!"

The city spent \$125,000 to

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## Schools again face drastic cuts

By Casey Weiss

With the mid-year state budget threatening to take more than \$1 million from both local school districts, high school trustees asked during their meeting this week if it is time to start exploring possible cuts.

But administrators in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District said Monday they will not take any action until they know exact numbers from the state, especially since budget

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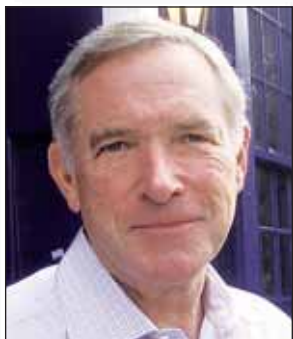
Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Kelly Truong.

## Where do you get your news from?



*"Mostly Chinese newspapers, and the TV — ABC and NBC."*

**Stephen Chien**, Mountain View



*"I read two papers a day — the Chronicle and the Santa Cruz Sentinel — and The Economist, and the Internet."*

**Dann Clark**, Santa Cruz



*"I get it from the Web sites — Yahoo — or I just get it from my friends."*

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700 Block N. Shoreline Bl., 11/7  
200 Block California St., 11/7

**BATTERY**  
Moffett Bl., 11/5  
200 Block Heather Ct., 11/5  
Castro St., 11/9

**CHILD MOLESTATION**  
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**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**  
Moffett Plaza, 11/7

**DISTURBANCE**  
200 Block Benjamin Dr., 11/7

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W. El Camino Real, 11/9  
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W. Dana St., 11/9

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200 Block Vincent Dr., 11/7  
Escuela Ave., 11/10

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Murlagan Ave., 11/6  
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100 Block California St., 11/10

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**VANDALISM**  
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300 Block Escuela Ave., 11/7  
200 Block California St., 11/9

*Editor's Note: The following obituary ran last week with an incorrect date.*

**■ OBITUARY**

**ADRIAN MELENDEZ**

Adrian "Mel" Melendez, descendent of one of the first families to settle in Alta California, died on Nov. 1. He was 92 years old.

Melendez was born on the Morongo Indian Reservation in Palm Springs, California, and went on to become a track and football star at his high school. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, earning a Bronze Star and Purple Heart when he was wounded in action. Afterward, he worked as a highway construction superinten-

dent. Known as "Chief" he worked for 40 years on California freeways, runways, dams and bridges.

Melendez is survived by his wife Lupe of 61 years and his sister Rose, as well as his four children, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He leaves behind a large extended family.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. at St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Road, Los Altos. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to a charity of the donor's own choice.



## Sunset painting

By Don Frances

**L**IFELONG Mountain View resident and esteemed watercolor artist Gladys Robinson is retiring, I'm told. Considering that many people take up painting when they retire, what do painters do?

Maybe you can find out when you see Robinson at the Portola Art Gallery in Menlo Park, where a final reception will be held for the artist on Nov. 22.

According to a press release from the gallery, "Her paintings capture the familiar landmarks of the Peninsula: the old S.P. Railroad stations, the oak-studded pasture lands, the redwoods, the Pacific lighthouses, the missions, in traditional yet impressionistic style." Just reading that makes me want to take a nature walk.

The release also says Robinson received her art training at San Jose State, and now has more than 200 paintings in private collections here and abroad.

The reception is Saturday, Nov. 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Portola Art Gallery, located at 75 Arbor Road at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. Call (650) 321-0220 or visit [www.portolaartgallery.com](http://www.portolaartgallery.com) for more. To contact Robinson, write [RobArt28@comcast.net](mailto:RobArt28@comcast.net). For a taste of her art, visit [GladysRobinsonArt.com](http://GladysRobinsonArt.com).

**GINGER MCCLURE**, site supervisor for the Adult Day Care program in Sunnyvale, wrote to remind me that November is National Caregiver's Month.

Her program, now open a year, "was designed to support caregivers needing help in taking care of their older family members, helping them to age in place and remain independent." She added that "We are here three days a week, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and operate on a sliding scale."

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MARJAN SADOUGHI

Moffett Laundry mat owner Jamil Shaikh shows off his Energy Star rated commercial washing machines.

## Clean laundry, good karma

JAMIL SHAIKH'S MOFFETT LAUNDRYMAT IS FIRST IN COUNTY TO BE CERTIFIED GREEN

By Daniel DeBolt

**L**aundromats, on the surface, may appear to be uninteresting places. But not to Jamil Shaikh.

Shaikh has owned the Moffett Laundrymat, tucked in the shopping center on Moffett Boulevard and Cypress Point Drive, for about 20 years. To this day his enthusiasm about the business — recently certified as a green business by Santa Clara County — is palpable, and he can talk at length about

it and the customers that come through.

Shaikh is a human relations commissioner for the city, and owning a laundry facility is his way to keep in touch with the community. "I do my outreach right here," he says.

Even though he has a day job as an engineering consultant, he is often seen at Moffett Laundrymat, chatting with customers like the Army colonel who liked to clean the place while waiting for his clothes, or the engineer who sketched

out plans for a medical device that Shaikh later read about in a magazine.

Lately, Moffett Laundrymat has earned Shaikh the respect of local environmentalists. On Nov. 17 he will receive an award from the mayor for his efforts.

Shaikh was not even aware of the county's green business certification when he set out to extract every bit of energy efficiency from his operation that he could afford. In fact, he

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## Together again: Mountain View Reads

'THREE CUPS OF TEA' IS THIS YEAR'S CHOICE FOR CITYWIDE PROGRAM

By Kelly Truong

**T**his is the month of Mountain View Reads Together, an annual event that encourages city residents to read the same book and participate in various free events centered around it.

This year, MV Reads has chosen "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. The book chronicles Mortenson's

journey as a mountain climber-turned-humanitarian, who stumbled into an impoverished Pakistani village after a failed climbing attempt. The villagers nursed him back to health, and in return, he promised to build them a school.

"It's a very meaningful book about someone who made a difference in his community — the power of one person," said Mountain View librarian Can-

dace Bowers.

Mortenson wrote more than 580 letters to wealthy celebrities asking for help. He received one response — a \$100 check from Tom Brokaw — and ended up selling all of his possessions and living in his car for months. Since then, he has established more than 78 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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## Military kids alter district's plans

MV WHISMAN MAY SEND MOFFETT STUDENTS TO MONTA LOMA INSTEAD OF BUBB SCHOOL

By Casey Weiss

**N**ow that many families with young children have moved into the 190 units of military housing at Moffett Field, their presence is being felt in local schools — so much so, in fact, that at Bubb Elementary, overcrowded kindergarten classes have forced some students out of what would have been their neighborhood school.

Officials at the Mountain View Whisman School District, who set up a plan to bus Moffett kids to Bubb three and a half years ago, are now suggesting that they instead be sent to Monta Loma Elementary School, which is closer to the base. There are currently 23 students bused from the base to Bubb, but administrators say there are more Moffett students at Bubb who do not use the district's transportation.


If the plan is approved by school trustees at a meeting next Thursday, Monta Loma will receive the bulk of these incoming kindergartners in the 2009-10 school year. The district notified parents this week about the potential changes, which are likely to mean that families whose children now attend Bubb School will stay there, while military students, who live north of U.S. Highway 101, will be bused to Monta Loma.

"We had a situation this year that we didn't know would happen," director of administrative services Stephanie Tatter said of the overcrowding.

Trustees were scheduled to

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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

# Obama moon



**Isaac Kikawada** of Mountain View Avenue provided the following story on this election night shot of the moon.

"My wife Heidi is taking an evening course at Foothill College called 'Astronomy for Poets,' taught by none other than the most informative and entertaining Prof. Andrew Fraknoi, and [Nov. 4] she came home absolutely elated since she learned that Obama has won the presidential race. So immediately I went out and looked at the moon, which was nicely smiling, as though she was singing 'Joy to the World.'"

If you have a photo taken around town which you'd like published in the Voice, please send it (as a jpg attachment) to [editor@mv-voice.com](mailto:editor@mv-voice.com).

## Attacks on sex offenders may be connected

By Daniel DeBolt

Police say two registered sex offenders living in Mountain View have been targeted for attack in recent weeks, apparently by someone who wants to punish them for their crimes.

In the first incident, a sex offender's home was nearly set on fire by a Molotov cocktail on Oct. 19 before a passerby intervened. In the latest incident, on Nov. 6, a suspect broke into a sex offender's home and hit him several times on the head, causing moderate lacerations that required hospital treatment. In both instances, the attacker made it clear that he was targeting a sex offender, said police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

"He is attacking people because they are sex offenders, which is awful," Wylie

said.

Sex offenders are easily tracked because their whereabouts are posted online by law enforcement agencies.

Police are not sure if the two incidents involve the same suspect, but the descriptions from each incident are similar. Police will be releasing a description soon.

Like most of the 80 registered sex offenders in the city, both of the sex offenders in these attacks had been convicted of crimes against children, Wylie said. Each crime happened more than 15 years ago and each of the sex offenders had been law abiding as of late, Wylie said.

Police have not ruled out that the suspect knew the victim in each crime, but the man who was physically beaten said he had "never seen the suspect before in

his life and didn't know why he would attack him," Wylie said.

In both instances the suspect is described by police as about six feet tall, in his early 20s and wearing "all dark clothing, including a dark baseball cap." In the first incident he was described by the passerby as Hispanic and weighing about 175 pounds. But in the second the suspect is described as white.

Sex offenders are urged to report suspicious activity to the police at (650) 903-6344.

"Obviously we're concerned sex offenders will be hesitant to come forward," Wylie said. "But we want to encourage them. If anything is out of place, we really want them to call." ■

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## Couple continues efforts to help Africa's poor

EX-FIRE CHIEF ROBERT BURNS AND HIS WIFE MARY FETED BY VILLAGERS IN MALAWI

By Kelly Truong

Former Mountain View Fire Chief Robert Burns couldn't sleep through the night in Malawi.

"I kept getting awakened at two in the morning, wondering, 'What's that chop-chop-chop?'" said Robert. "It was women in the field, working."

Robert and his wife Mary recently spent three weeks in Manyesa, Malawi, a village they have been helping through philanthropic efforts for two years.

Their mission began in 2006, when they attended a benefit at a church in El Cerrito. The event organizer spoke to the audience about the impoverished conditions of his alma mater, the Kasimu Grammar School in Manyesa. A generous scholarship from a French family had enabled him to continue his education, he said, but most children in the school have little hope of such an opportunity.

"When we heard the story we felt like we had to help," Mary in 2007.

Early that year, the husband-and-wife team founded the Kasimu Education Fund, or KEF, a nonprofit organization supporting Kasimu Grammar School. This summer they decided to see how the efforts were coming, and made their first trip to the southeast African country, meeting with ministry officials and villagers.

"The people were extremely generous," said Mary. "They're the most joyful, beautiful people."

The Burnses arrived to a tumultuous crowd of roughly 150 villagers, who sang and danced as they surrounded the couple's car. "They were singing, 'They have arrived! They have arrived!'" said Robert. "It was impressive. It was humbling."

"I was overwhelmed," Mary said. "They just couldn't stop laughing and singing and shaking our hands. Everywhere we went, they followed us."

Though most villagers go to bed hungry every night, they

continually showed up to the Burns' house with goats, chickens and other gifts. Starvation is an overwhelming problem in the area, Robert said, particularly with the onset of global warming interfering with their food production cycle.

KEF has helped fund fertilizer programs for farmers in order to combat the food shortage problem. It has also started a micro-loan program, which will help create 35 small businesses in the area, and is currently planning the installation of a solar/wind generator to provide electricity and running water.

KEF also is working with One Dollar for Life, a student-based group at Los Altos High School, to build a high school to complement Kasimu Grammar School, which currently enrolls about 1,100 students from eight villages. KEF has raised funds to provide students with a daily meal, scholarships, new classrooms, books, uniforms and teacher training.

"They have a great respect for education," said Mary. For them, "It's a privilege to go to school — this is something they love."

Although KEF provides funding, its main goal is to help the villagers become self-sufficient. "When we walk away, they can look at what happened and say, 'We did these things for ourselves,'" said Robert. By building infrastructure in the area, KEF hopes to reach that point in 10 years' time.

"They're very poor, and they need food, and they definitely want to be educated," said Mary. "But for poor people, they're very joyful. They have something very special: their happiness, their joyousness, that's something I hope they don't lose."

Those interested in donating to KEF may contact the Burnses at (650) 968-0723 or write to them at 1667 Springer Road, Mountain View, CA 94040.

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**EVANDALE**

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relocate 33 of the 64 households last year, said Linda Lauzze, neighborhood services manager. That was “the very least we could do,” said council member Laura Macias at the time. “I hope we don’t have to look at another development like this where 250 people are kicked onto the street.”

The experience led the City Council to approve a policy requiring developers to pay relocation expenses when low-income housing is torn down.

Most members of the council never liked the condo project to begin with. In 2007, a council majority objected to the project’s

unusual density. But the previous council had allowed the “R4” zoning change, and the council did not want to change the direction of a “horse in mid-stream,” as council member Jac Siegel put it.

But now the city has a different problem to contend with: the existing apartment buildings. The city has even considered having the whole complex torn down, Martello said, because at least then the neighborhood would have an open lot instead of a vacant, run-down apartment complex with a cyclone fence around it.

A final verdict on 291 Evandale will come after the building inspectors have completed their examination of the buildings, Martello said. ▀

**READS**

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“There are so many points throughout the book where it seems pointless, but he still puts his heart into everything he does,” said MV Reads coordinator Sharlene Gee. “He continually makes progress.”

Members of the Mountain View Reads committee were unanimous in their choice of “Three Cups of Tea” this year. Bowers cited its themes of community, education and culture as reasons for its selection.

This month will feature a total of 14 free events designed to promote discussion and interaction based on the themes of the novel. Events are located all over the city, from book discussions at Red Rock Cafe to film screenings at the Community School of Music and

Arts. Attendance ranges from a group of five to a crowd of 150, depending on the venue.

“It’s not just a book club, it’s a community-building event,” said Gee.

Gee, a volunteer mediator since 1999, has experience in bringing people together. “A lot of times we discover that we don’t know each other,” she said. By giving residents something in common with the Mountain View Reads project, she hopes that they will be able to learn from each other in the process.

Gee recalled a discussion in the East West Bookstore earlier this month: “People were lingering, talking about the book,” she said. “It’s fun to put together things that build communities through the arts. You’re interpreting things that really matter.”

For more visit [www.mvreads.org](http://www.mvreads.org). ▀

■ NEWS BRIEFS

**PARKS COMMISSION SAYS HISTORY MUSEUM IS TOO TALL**

After reviewing the latest plan for the open space known as the Cuesta Annex last Wednesday, the Parks and Recreation Commission said the city history museum planned for the rear of the Annex is too tall.

Plans show the building at 35 feet, but commissioners wanted it lower, so as not to block the view of the mountains, said commissioner Ed Mussman.

There are other proposals for the 12-acre space next to Cuesta Park, and the com-

mission said those were fine: a landscaped flood basin in the front half and a heritage orchard along with a small community garden in the back.

“Some people say don’t touch it, leave it open space,” Mussman said. But with all the amenities, “more people will be able to use it, not just a few.”

The City Council will approve the final plans for the Annex in the next few months.

— Daniel DeBolt

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**MV READS, CSMA PRESENT ‘OSAMA’**

The Community School of Music and Arts is screening “Osama,” a film about the oppression of women under the Taliban in Afghanistan, on Nov. 19.

“Osama,” which won the 2004 Golden Globe for Best Foreign Language film, tells the story of a young girl who disguises herself as a boy in order to support her family. CSMA is presenting the film in conjunction with Mountain View Reads Together as one of several cultural events throughout the month.

The screening, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19 in CSMA’s Tateuchi Hall, located at 230 San Antonio Circle.

**ISLAMIC GROUP PRESENTS ‘WOMEN IN ISLAM’**

Also among the many events organized this month by Mountain View Reads Together, the Islamic Networks Group will make a presentation on significant Muslim women throughout history, discussing common stereotypes and the place of women in Islam.

The presentation, titled “Women in Islam,” is Nov. 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Library Common Room, 585 Franklin St. Visit [www.mvreads.org](http://www.mvreads.org) for more information.

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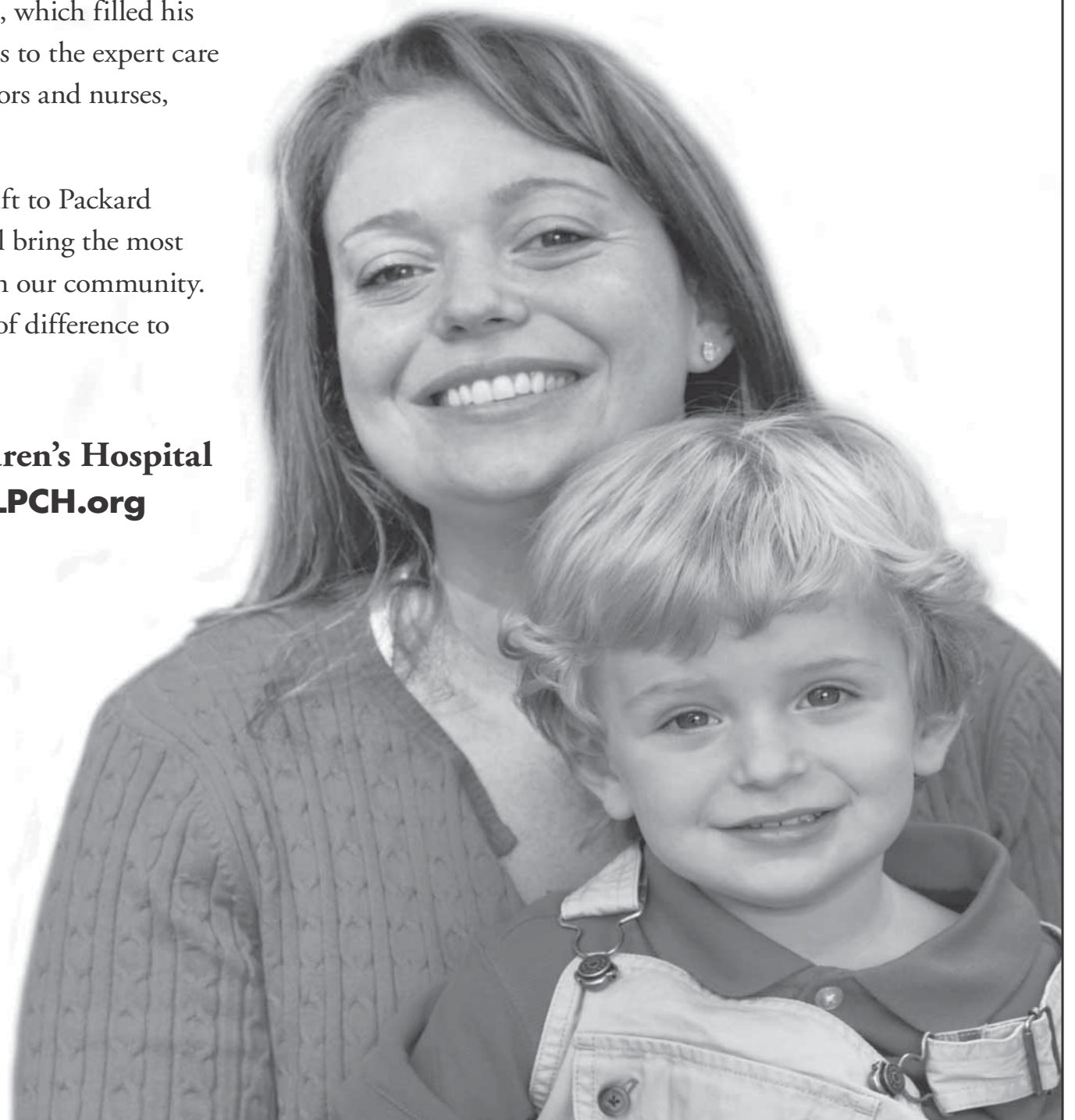
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■ EDUCATION BRIEFS

**FOOTHILL DISTRICT SEEKS TO FILL OPEN SEAT**

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District is looking for applicants to fill a vacancy on the trustee board, which opened up on Nov. 4 after board member Paul Fong was elected to the state Assembly.

Fong will be leaving the board after 15 years of service to represent the 22nd District, which includes Mountain View. He replaces Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, who terms out this year.

The district board is taking applications until Monday, Dec. 1 for the year-long position. Trustees will announce the newest board member during a public meeting on Dec. 8. The new board member will serve until December 2009, and can then run for reelection.

The seven board members meet once or twice a month to set district policies. Trustees are compensated

with health benefits and a small stipend.

Applicants must be registered to vote and live within the district, which serves Mountain View, Cupertino, Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Sunnyvale and parts of San Jose. Those interested must submit a resume and letter "summarizing their experience, education and interest relative to the mission of the board of trustees," according to a district news release.

For more information, call the chancellor's office at (650) 949-6100 or e-mail trustee\_appointment@fhda.edu.

**DISTRICT HIRES NEW AT-RISK INTERVENTION SUPERVISOR**

The elementary school district has hired a new intervention

supervisor to work with at-risk students at Graham Middle School, replacing Marco Garcia, who left to become a Mountain View police officer.

Jose Ordonez started earlier this month. He will work with his counterpart at Crittenden Middle School, Arturo Noriega, a childhood friend, to target students who might be headed in the wrong direction.

The Mountain View Whisman School District started the at-risk intervention supervisor position two years to address gang activity, especially on the middle school campuses. Administrators say the position is critical for reducing behavioral problems at school and in the community.

— Casey Weiss

**BUDGET**

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proposals are changing almost weekly. For now, Joe White, associate superintendent of business services, said he is in "wait and see" mode.

The state Legislature approved a budget in September, but since then California has accumulated a bigger shortfall, and politicians are now looking to cut additional funds from schools.

The state has a deficit of \$11.2 billion, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed this month to slash educational funding starting January 2009 by \$2.5 billion. He is also hoping for an additional \$4.7 billion in new revenue, and is pushing for a sales tax increase of 1.5 cents, according to a press release from The California Association of School Business Officials. The governor hopes to pass these mid-year cuts by Nov. 30.

"One thing is for sure — we have a shortfall, and it is huge," White said of the state deficit.

Under his current proposal, Schwarzenegger wants to significantly reduce average daily attendance funding — money school districts normally receive for each student — cutting \$300 for every student. This would slash more than \$1 million from the high school district, which has approximately 3,478 students.

"It gives us a target number, but it is too early to see what will transpire," White said.

The Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District has around 4,400 students, and would lose \$1.3 million from these average daily attendance cuts. Under the governor's proposal, the district also would not receive cost of living adjustments, even as its expenses increase. The total effect would be about \$1.5 million in cuts to Mountain View Whisman.

The elementary school district is a revenue limit district and receives the majority of its funding from the state, while the high school district is basic aid, meaning most of its funding comes from property taxes.

"There goes our reserve," Mountain View Whisman trustee Ellen Wheeler said during a board meeting last week after she found out about the cuts.

High school administrators say there is one slight upside, since the new proposal would grant more flexibility to school districts as they implement the reductions. Administrators could transfer funds which are traditionally allotted to specific programs, and the flexibility "gives us opportunities," White said.

When politicians passed the state budget in September, they did not cut as much from schools as originally expected, and the high school district was spared nearly \$600,000. The district has not spent this money, and may be able to put it toward mid-year cuts.

Following a budget update during the high school board meeting on Monday, trustees asked if it was time to start preparing a budget advisory committee. During the last budget crisis, they turned to students, teachers, parents and community members to help plan the cuts.

But "For anyone to take action now, that would be short-sighted," White said, especially since state Republicans refused to support the tax increase. Without this extra revenue, the state may have to cut even more.

In the case of "significant" cuts, MVLA Superintendent Barry Groves said the district would form a budget advisory committee to make recommendations to the board. But Groves said he does not want to convene a committee without knowing the state's final numbers. ■

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with the goal of having all students become “proficient” or better in math and language arts by 2014. A ranking system called “Academic Yearly Progress,” or AYP, ranks students as “basic,” “proficient” or “advanced,” partially depending on how they perform on the yearly California Standards Tests.

Each state outlines its own measurement goals, and officials in California decided to start small. They expected each subgroup to increase its performance by only a couple percentage points every year at first. Now, to make up for lost time, the standards are jumping dramatically — increasing 11 percent each year until 2014 — and many local administrators say the new benchmarks are impossible for every subgroup at every school to meet.

Under NCLB rules, students are categorized into subgroups depending on their ethnicity, socio-economic background, language proficiency and any learning disabilities they may have. English language learners and Latinos, in both Mountain View school districts and the state, fall

significantly behind their Asian and white counterparts in math and English testing.

**Close call for MVLA**

For the first time, the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District almost fell short of meeting these standards in each subgroup, with socio-economically disadvantaged students missing the benchmark of 33.4 percent by one-tenth of one point.

High school district administrators said this difference “amounts to one or two students,” and they are checking student demographics to make sure they account for the correct number of disadvantaged students in the district. After this, they said, they will probably just make the cut.

But the district may not be as lucky next year, when 44 percent of all students must be proficient or above in both subjects.

“It is like high jumping at five feet, missing twice, and then going to six feet,” Superintendent Barry Groves said of the legislation.

Both districts have schools which receive Title I funding, which is designated for schools with a relatively large percentage of low-income students. In exchange for the funding, they must meet the federal bench-

marks. (Districts which forgo Title I funding do not need to participate in all of the NCLB programs.)

**Playing catch-up**

In the 2002-03 academic year, 16 percent of middle and elementary school students were expected to be proficient in math, and 13.6 percent were expected to be proficient in English language arts. In 2007-08, 37 percent of California elementary and middle school students were expected to be proficient in math and 35.2 percent in English arts. Next year, the benchmarks will jump to 47.5 percent in math and 46 percent in English. The numbers are similar for high school districts.

A district is put on probation after its first year of not meeting these targets. If it falls behind two years in a row, it is designated a “Program Improvement” school, and has two years to catch up. Local administrators predict all California schools will become Program Improvement schools by 2014.

“By this time, playing the catch-up game is going to be difficult,” said Brigitte Sarraf, associate superintendent of educational services in the high school district.



MARJAN SADOUGHI

**Third grader** Jodye Rivera, right, and her classmate Jose Aguirre read books as part of the independent reading program at Castro School.

If a school does not make the Academic Yearly Progress expectations after two years, punishments begin to increase, with pressure on both the district and the school.

Program Improvement schools and their districts may have to extend the academic year, while also offering students the choice of changing schools or attending supplemental programs. At that point, the school begins concentrating on replacing teachers and developing its staff.

After schools have been labeled

Program Improvement schools for five years, punishments are enacted, and “after that there is no year six, and the schools just collect,” said Pam Slater, spokesperson for the California Department of Education.

The elementary school district’s Lairon, in an interview earlier this year, wondered how such severe measures will improve education.

“If everyone becomes Program Improvement, what is the point?”

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never really thought of himself as an environmentalist. Growing up in Pakistan, where he couldn't afford to waste the water he carried home, conservation was a way of life.

"I was just brought up that way," he says.

Many of his conservation efforts are commonplace. By installing more efficient fluorescent lights and fixtures, he's cut electricity use for lighting by a third. He put timers on the lights and the water heaters so that the place "goes to sleep" at night and no energy is wasted. "Every little bit adds up," he said.

Despite major price hikes in energy over the last five years, Moffett Laundrymat's energy costs have risen only slightly because of his improvements.

Shaikh doesn't use window cleaner to wash his windows. Instead, he uses old newspapers soaked in water, then recycles the newspaper. He said the ammonia from the news print provides all the cleaning power needed, and pointed to the clean windows as proof. He's even talked the neighboring busi-

nesses into doing it.

The outreach doesn't end there. Shaikh has been going to other laundromats, one as far away as Redwood City, to teach the owners there how to save money, energy and water. He says he doesn't subscribe to the "every man for himself" business philosophy. Whatever you do, he says, "it comes right back to you."

The philosophy seems to be working, because Shaikh has never had a major crime occur at his laundromat, even after it was left unattended late at night with the doors open. The two liquor store owners next door, appreciative of the help he's given them over the years, will call him if they see anything going on.

Customers appreciate Moffett Laundrymat too, and not just for its energy efficiency. Scott Pankonen, washing his clothes there on Monday, said he's found no other machines that remove detergent as thoroughly as Shaikh's do. That's because they're high-tech machines that spin over 1,000 times per minute.

That's important to Pankonen, because he has an allergic reaction to the traces of detergent left by other machines. "I used to break out with hives," he said.

## Mentioned in task force report

In the recent 300-page report by the city's Environmental Sustainability Task Force, member Julie Lovins used Moffett Laundrymat as an example of how much money and carbon emissions could be saved by solar water heating.

Shaikh is hoping to install a \$10,000 system of roof-mounted water pipes and reservoirs that collect the sun's energy to heat the laundromat's water. It would save him an estimated \$120,000 in gas bills over 20 years, while cutting 280 metric tons of carbon emissions. Even though his roof isn't oriented well enough with the sun's path to justify expensive electric solar panels, Shaikh says he wants to pursue solar water heating.

According to the task force report, solar water heating is the cheapest, quickest way to reduce natural gas consumption in the city. The city of Santa Clara already has a program to incentivize the use of such systems for homes and businesses.

See [www.moffettlaundrymat.com](http://www.moffettlaundrymat.com) for more information. ▣

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## MOUNTAIN VIEW MAN KILLED BY TRAIN IS ID'D

A man who died after being struck by a train on Friday morning has been identified by the Santa Clara County medical examiner's office as Mountain View resident John Dulaney.

Dulaney, 30, was crossing the tracks south of the Mountain View station, near a state Highway 85 overpass, when he was hit by a northbound train around 5:15 a.m.

He was taken to Stanford Hospital where he died around 9:30 a.m.

There is no legal crossing at the spot where Dulaney was hit and it is unclear what he was doing on the tracks, said Detective Victor Lopez of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office transit bureau.

— Bay City News

## CULPRITS TURN FLAG UPSIDE DOWN

Someone turned the U.S. flag upside down last Thurs-

day on the flagpole at the Cuesta fire station, according to Battalion Chief John Owen. Although the motive is unclear, political protest by those opposed to President-elect Barack Obama is one possibility.

"I think somebody essentially vandalized the flag," Owen said. Firefighters righted the flag as soon as they could.

Flying the flag upside down is a symbol of distress. According to numerous news reports, people and businesses all over the U.S. have been flying the flag upside-down as a statement against the incoming president.

"Sure smells like political protest to me," said Ken Chaney, who was standing in front of the station on Thursday afternoon.

The U.S. Flag Code states that the flag "should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property."

— Daniel DeBolt



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**MOFFETT**

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vote on the policies last week, but delayed their decision to allow time to inform families from both schools and the base. However, the trustees agreed the board needed to approve new enrollment policies that would guarantee students who live in the Bubb neighborhood a seat at their local school.

“When people buy houses across from a school, they expect to go to the school,” trustee Ellen Wheeler said. “I think we should give property rights.”

The board has been talking about ways to reduce overcrowding for the last couple months, ever since the district reached 4,400 students, a number it did not expect to see until 2011. Overcrowding is especially a problem at Bubb, which waitlisted 32 students living within the school’s neighborhood boundaries this school year.

The district hired a consultant to perform a new demographic study, but until then, administrators say these new enrollment boundaries would at least alleviate overcrowding at Bubb.

Board trustees originally discussed hiring a private investigator to assure that all students are attending the appropriate schools, but administrators now say the additional families living on Moffett Field help to explain the overcrowding at Bubb.

“Are we going to fix it all? No,” Totter said. “I don’t know if it will totally do what we want, but it is an attempt.”

When board members decided to send military students to Bubb, “we had no kids coming off of the base,” Totter said.

The military is currently building a new training and command center for Army Reserves at Moffett Field, and all 190 houses on the base are now occupied. These families want their students to attend the same school, according to a government official who wished to remain anonymous.

According to Craig Goldman, the district’s chief financial officer, there are 85 students bused from the base to Mountain View elementary schools. Administrators and trustees have not yet decided if these new policies will also affect students living in military housing south of highway 101.

Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said the boundary change would only temporarily fix the overcrowding, and the district would “wait until the demographic study comes out before making any bigger decisions.” ▽

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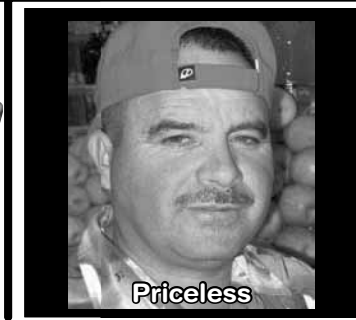
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■ GUEST OPINION

# Take a pass on Chilean sea bass

By Patricia Albers

Late last July, I opened the *Voice* to find a picture of a moist, flaky, delicious-looking chunk of fish atop a bed of garlic noodles studded with mushrooms and garnished with bok choy. This alluring shot illustrated a review of a new Castro Street restaurant whose signature dish was miso glazed Chilean wild sea bass.

Three weeks earlier, I had received an e-mail from Greenpeace: Chilean sea bass, I read, ranks among the planet's most vulnerable species of edible fish. Not only is it at risk of commercial extinction within five years (meaning no longer plentiful enough to harvest, though not necessarily biologically extinct), but its dire situation signals the possible collapse of an entire ecosystem.

How did the Chilean sea bass get into such deep trouble? Thirty years ago, Chilean strongman Augusto Pinochet gave foreign fishing concerns cheap access to his nation's waters. Eventually they tapped into the frigid Humboldt current around Antarctica where, in the eternal night half a mile below the earth's surface, the Patagonian toothfish flourished. This species' unusual fattiness made it not only tasty but also forgiving of overcooking and other culinary blunders. The fishing industry went into a get-rich-quick frenzy, and marketers too got busy. By the time this Alfred E. Neuman look-alike hit the menus of upscale restaurants in the early 1980s, it had undergone a celebrity make-over into the glamorous Chilean sea bass.

Although this species takes 10 years to reach sexual maturity, most of the catch consists of spawning and reproductive-age fish. Moreover, for every pound harvested legally, some five pounds are harvested illegally. The National Environmental Trust's Take a Pass on Chilean Sea Bass campaign, endorsed by various celebrity

chefs, has barely slowed the slaughter.

The Castro Street restaurant isn't alone in serving Chilean sea bass. A quick survey of local menus reveals Chilean sea bass with coconut green curry sauce, Chilean sea bass tikka, banana leaf Chilean sea bass, and so on. Nor is it the only popular endangered fish. The bluefin tuna, for instance, a megaspecies on the brink of biological extinction, frequently shows up as a chalkboard special at local sushi restaurants.

According to Science, 90 percent of the oceans' major predators have vanished, and marine species diversity has collapsed. Managing the ocean responsibly will require unparalleled international cooperation. Yet consumers too can take significant action.

Diners, for instance, can use the Monterey Bay Aquarium's credit-card-sized Seafood Watch guide to help them responsible

choices. The card can be downloaded at [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org), or checked using a mobile device by logging on to [mobile.seafood-watch.org](http://mobile.seafood-watch.org).

Diners can also ask questions. For example, a number of local eateries offer something called "sea bass." But is it the red-lighted Chilean sea bass or green-lighted white sea bass?

Meanwhile, chefs and restaurant owners can check the Web site of the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions, which helps businesses move toward sustainable practices. See [www.solutionsforseafood.org/forbusiness](http://www.solutionsforseafood.org/forbusiness).

With Mountain View a dining destination, we have a role to play in helping to spare our children the terrible day when the last wild fish has been caught, frozen, shipped, sliced, marinated, steamed, glazed, consumed, digested and forgotten. And the ocean is dead.

Patricia Albers lives on Orchard Avenue.

**Chilean sea bass, I read, ranks among the planet's most vulnerable species of edible fish.**

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### LETTERS

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Many students in our public schools are Latino or black, and those students do not do as well academically as white and Asian students. Her solution is to get more money into those schools which have large numbers of these minority students.

I believe it would be good to examine the root cause of the problems of minority students. I have been involved in tutoring minority students for about 15 years, and, as Ms. Lieber explains, many Latinos do not speak English at home. Also, many parents of Latino students cannot help their kids with academic studies. If we amended our state constitution to require illegal aliens to pay non-resident tuition, many parents would take their kids back to their home countries for schooling and we would have less funding needs.

A second means to improve this situation would be to amend the federal Constitution so that babies born to illegal aliens are not automatically U.S. citizens, but citizens of their mothers' countries. These are some things that Ms. Lieber could initiate.

The majority of black kids are born to unwed mothers, and many such mothers have several kids. They are too busy working and raising kids to help with homework. If we could convince black girls in our schools to get married before having kids that would alleviate that problem.

It would be a great help to schools with minority kids if the above solutions were enacted and the need for more school funding would be lessened.

**Charlie Larson**  
Sylvan Avenue

### FORMER STUDENT FINDS TEACHER ON ZEPPELIN

Editor:

I enjoyed Daniel DeBolt's Zeppelin piece in the Oct. 31 *Voice* ("Zeppelin touches down at Moffett"). I hope that Ben DeBolt is the same man who taught third or fourth grade at Green Gables Elementary School in Palo Alto and ran the

after-school electronics club.

If so, please say hello and thanks for being a wonderful teacher and really nice guy. I have very fond memories of trying to wind that wire around the cylinder for my crystal set.

In any event, your article is exactly what we need and enjoy in a local newspaper.

**Byron Mellberg**  
Hamilton Avenue

### NO HOPE FOR AFFORDABLE RENT

Editor:

I know a lot of Mountain View people are pleased with Barack Obama's election, and it has brought them hope. My Mexican neighbor (and friend) pays about \$1,800 a month rent on his townhouse, and he thinks (hopes) Obama will bring his rent down.

I was a successful "affordable rent" landlord for 35 years in three cities (including Mountain View) and two counties. Trust me — there is no hope coming in Mountain View.

Obama, like any other reasonable government leader, wants to keep Google employing 10,000-plus people here. Jobs, right now, are far more important than keeping the unemployed, retired or subsidized citizens in high-quality medium density housing.

The City Council has been wise in tearing out the older, cheaper, less desirable housing units that prevent the younger, more educated people with far more financial potential from displacing the "dead wood" people (like me) who have lived here and stood in the way of "progress" for years.

Mountain View needs higher rents, more tax revenue, higher utility rates, less services and much higher resident turnover.

Just ask our city manager, our mayors (past and future), our city staff members or any of the City Council candidates. I think they would all agree with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and President-elect Obama: former residents should get out and make room for the future. Go Google.

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A view of Sprout Cafe, where Juan Tapia serves a meal to a customer.

MARJAN SADOUGH

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## University greens

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By Dale F. Bentson

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The build-your-own salad concept was easily the most popular option during my visits. The concept is not new. It is similar to how The Counter operates its burger haven on California Avenue, and how Pluto's offers its salads elsewhere on University. What is new is the application to organic salads and mostly vegetarian fare. There are other items from which to choose as well: Sprout's "signature" salads, a "small bites" grouping, and soups and sandwiches.

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Chef Jabi Ueta prepares a salad at Sprout Cafe.

## SPROUT

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Sprout is the brainchild of Vinh Vi, a graduate of the California Culinary Academy. However, opening a greens cafe wasn't quite that simple. He was first a civil engineer in San Francisco, measuring, calculating and advising on physical properties. While his parents owned Windy's Chinese restaurant in Palo Alto, he had a genetic passion for food that could not be denied. No more civil engineer.

After completing study at the Culinary Academy in San Fran-

cisco, he gained experience cooking in New York, Hawaii and Los Angeles. When his parents decided to retire, he took over the Windy's space, remodeled it and, in late August, opened Sprout.

"I always loved salads and am very excited about this concept," he said. "Cooking in different parts of the country, I learned new combinations and about herbs and spices.

"We try to buy everything we can from local, certified organic growers. It's often more expensive, and costs fluctuate, but it's worth it and we try to maintain

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I liked the tuna nicoise, one of the “signature salads” (\$9.95). The sashimi-quality ahi tuna was crusted with a peppery, almost wasabi-like paste, not too hot, but just enough to leave a kiss on the lips. The salad was completed with green beans, pitted kalamata olives, cherry tomatoes and hard-boiled egg and glistened with a tangy lemon-tarragon vinaigrette. Sprout offers a dozen “signature salads” ranging from \$6.25 to \$10.95.

Size-wise, the so-called “small bites” are about what I would expect as a first course in most restaurants, except for the large-portioned chicken lettuce wraps (\$7.95). Tender slices of chicken breast sat astride a stack of butter lettuce, trimmed to the perfect size for wrapping shredded carrot, cabbage, bean sprouts, cucumber, mint, peanuts and a heap of somen noodles (thin white Japanese-style noodles made from wheat flour). The accompanying tangy Thai dipping sauce united the wrap.

While I enjoyed the wraps, I made a mess trying to envelop the ingredients inside an uncooperative lettuce leaf. I haven’t played enough video games to have mastered that kind of manual dexterity. I ended up mixing the ingredients and eating it as a salad. It was delicious nonetheless.

Another small bite was deep-fried calamari (\$7.95). Tender and fresh-tasting, the calamari were presented with the same tasty Thai dipping sauce but



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Chicken lettuce wraps, top, salad nicoise, left, and apples and pears.

served in a conical frame, all the rage in many restaurants today.

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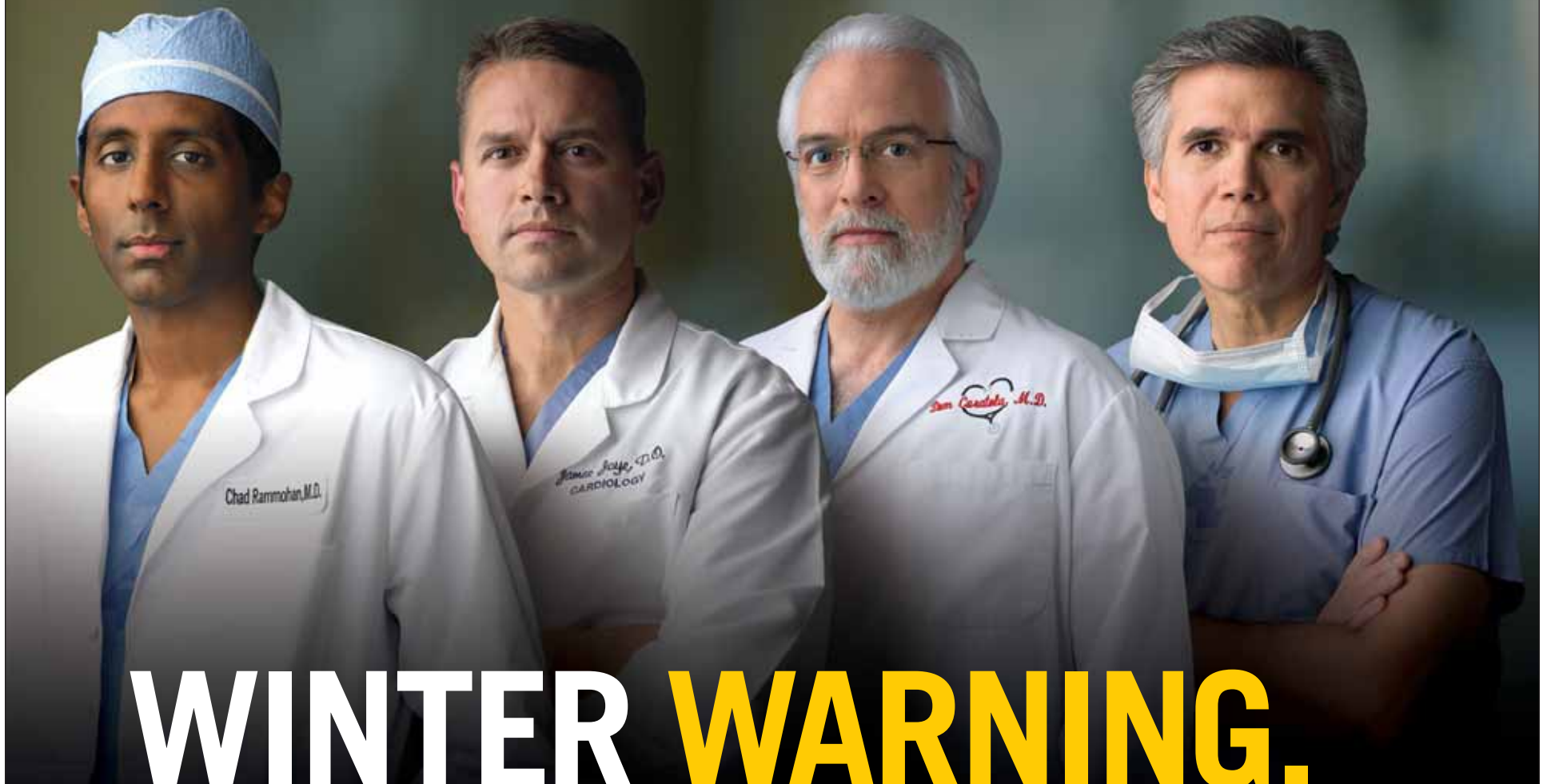
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*From left: Chad Rammohan, MD, Medical Director, Chest Pain Center; James Joye, DO, Director of Research and Education, Heart & Vascular Institute; Dominick Curatola, MD, Medical Director, Heart & Vascular Institute; César Molina, MD, Medical Director, South Asian Heart Center*

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\*Sources: *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*;  
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