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## LONG MAY IT WAVE:

A member of a U.S. Air National Guard jazz quartet, right, plays the National Anthem during Moffett Field's 75th Anniversary celebration last Friday. For a story on the festivities, see page 6.

## The future of NCLB

By Casey Weiss

Despite a six-year effort to overhaul education at the state and federal levels, the country is still "in trouble" educationally, says Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, with persistently low graduation rates and underfunded schools.

But she added that this could all change early next year, after the House of Representatives returns in January and the Committee on Education and Labor moves forward with its draft to revise the legislation. A newly elected Democratic president in the White House could sign the bill.

In 2001, President George W. Bush proposed the bipartisan legislation No Child Left Behind, and Congress enacted it in 2002 in an effort to make schools and teachers more accountable. Under the law, each state sets its own benchmarks, with the same ulti-



## LEFT BEHIND Part III 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 third in a three-part series on the legislation's effects on local school districts.

mate goal of all students scoring at the level of "proficient" or above on math and English standardized tests by 2014.

California started out slowly, raising its benchmarks by two or three percentage points per year. But to meet the final goal, the state is now expecting students to

improve by over 10 percent each year. This year, nearly 40 percent of California's schools have received the equivalent of failing grades.

Local administrators say it is basically impossible to keep up without additional funding for underperforming schools. Students in the Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District are struggling to meet benchmarks in English, and for the first time, the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District may fail to reach one of its benchmarks.

"They created a bunch of rules and provided no funding," said MVLA Superintendent Barry Groves.

The difficulties are no surprise, Eshoo said, given the lack of flexibility, or any extra funding, in the law. Eshoo supported the original bill, but now says it lacks adequate

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## Home sales buck downward trend

LARGER MARKET TURMOIL FAILS TO DETER REAL ESTATE BUYERS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Daniel DeBolt

While the median price of a home has decreased in Mountain View over the last year, the number of home sales has gone up.

In October of last year there were 48 home sales. This October there were 53, four of which were foreclosures.

Strangely, the sales are happening in a very shaky market, says broker Nick French.

"Talk about uncertainty," French said. "There's job market uncertainty, economic uncertainty, stock market uncertainty."

But it's times like these that are the best time to buy, he says, when fewer people are looking. He added that he's been buying up property himself. Others apparently have been, too.

French likes to quote the character Ricky Roma in the movie "Glengarry Glen Ross": "I subscribe to the law of contrary public opinion. ... If everyone thinks one thing, then I say, bet the other way."

The public's opinion may be reflected in Mountain View's median home prices for October: \$971,858 for single family homes and \$646,803 for condos, compared to \$1,037,654 for single family homes and \$561,604 for condos during the same month last year.

The significant price drop is because there are fewer buyers, partly because it's harder to get a loan. French said he was surprised recently when the prospective buyers of a \$1.5 million house couldn't qualify for a loan even with a 40 percent down payment.

Homes in good neighborhoods worth over \$700,000 are maintaining their value quite well, French said, as people in that income bracket can still buy homes. Some buyers have lots of cash from dumping their tech stock options as the market crashed. And interest rates on

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## Vandalism or hate crime?

'NO MORE ALIENS' MESSAGE APPEARED ON STOLEN SIGNS JUST PRIOR TO ELECTION

By Casey Weiss

Elementary school district officials are angry over the act of a vandal or vandals who stole some of the district's Spanish-language signs and re-posted them on Shoreline Boulevard last month with the words "No More Aliens" spray-painted in red.

Whether the act is technically a hate crime depends on whether there was hate in the mind of those who did it. Mountain View police say they are not sure, and have suspended an investigation into the case due to lack of evidence.

The two-by-three-foot signs — part of the Mountain View Whisman School District's 2008-09 enrollment drive informing Spanish-speaking parents about school registration — were originally

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# Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

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

## How do you think Obama's been doing so far?



*"I think he's doing great. I think he's getting the right people. That's the number one task, setting up the team."*  
**Sergei Prutkin, San Francisco**



*"It's too soon to say. I think what's happening is pretty good ... I'm excited to see what will happen."*  
**Neha Pattan, Mountain View**



*"I'm very happy that Obama won the election. He's doing what I expected him to do. I definitely approve of the Hillary Clinton and Bill Richardson appointments."*  
**Danielle Navarrete, San Jose**



*"It seems like he's very proactive. He's not sitting on his laurels. I have a lot of confidence in him."*  
**Justin Eurek, Champaign, Ill.**



*"He's not really in office yet. The people he's appointing so far seem like they're in his corner."*  
**Lester Hamilton, Hayward**



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**AUTO BURGLARY**

200 Block Montecito Ave., 11/19  
 500 Block S. Rengstorff Ave., 11/19  
 100 Block Wright Ave., 11/20  
 100 Block Montecito Ave., 11/20  
 400 Block N. Shoreline Bl., 11/20  
 100 Block W. El Camino Real, 11/21  
 200 Block California St., 11/21

**BATTERY**

Higdon Ave., 11/18  
 Graham Middle School, 11/19  
 200 Block Old Middlefield Way, 11/19  
 Castro St./Fairmont Ave., 11/20  
 200 Block Evandale Ave., 11/21  
 Castro St., 11/23

**BRANDISHING WEAPON**

Train Station - Downtown, 11/21

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

200 Block California St., 11/18  
 500 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 11/19  
 Hotel Avante, 11/21

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Central Expressway/N. Rengstorff Ave., 11/18  
 700 Block E. El Camino Real, 11/21  
 Community Center, 11/22

**DISTURBANCE**

200 Block W. El Camino Real, 11/19  
 500 Block Walker Dr., 11/22  
 Hollywood Video - Rengstorff, 11/22

**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE**

900 Block Clark Ave., 11/20  
 200 Block Latham St., 11/22

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

Moffett Bl., 11/23  
 100 Block W. Dana St., 11/23  
 Junction Ave./N. Rengstorff Ave., 11/23

**EMBEZZLEMENT**

Central Liquors, 11/18

**FALSE IMPERSONATION**

N. Rengstorff Ave., 11/23

**GRAND THEFT**

100 Block Morton Way, 11/19  
 100 Block Grant Road, 11/23

**MISSING PERSON - ADULT**

500 Block McCarty Ave., 11/22

**NARCOTICS POSSESSION**

200 Block Old Middlefield Way, 11/23

**PETTY THEFT**

Costco, 11/18  
 800 Block Park Dr., 11/19  
 500 Block Franklin St., 11/19  
 600 Block California St., 11/19  
 600 Block San Antonio Road, 11/20  
 Sears Department Store, 11/20  
 Springer School, 11/21  
 300 Block Escuela Ave., 11/21  
 100 Block Villa St., 11/22  
 Sears Department Store, 11/22  
 100 Block Grant Road, 11/23  
 Showers Dr., 11/23

**POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

Burgoyne St./Doane Ave., 11/23

**RAPE**

W. Middlefield Road, 11/17

**RECKLESS DRIVER**

W. El Camino Real/S. Shoreline Bl., 11/18

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

100 Crisanto Ave., 11/19  
 200 Block Chiquita Ave., 11/20

**SOLICITING/BEGGING**

W. El Camino Real/Hope St., 11/18

**STOLEN VEHICLE**

Hackett Ave./Sierra Vista Ave., 11/18  
 Avis Rent A Car, 11/19  
 400 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 11/20  
 W. El Camino Real, 11/21  
 500 Block Cypress Point Dr., 11/22  
 Mervyns Department Store, 11/22  
 200 Block California St., 11/23

**SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE**

200 Block Latham St., 11/21

**SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON**

100 Block Villa St., 11/21  
 PD Fire Admin, 11/21  
 100 Block Fairchild Dr., 11/22

**VANDALISM**

100 Block Pilgrim Ave., 11/19  
 300 Block N. Rengstorff Ave., 11/20  
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 Springer School, 11/22



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## Hung up

By Don Frances

**I WAS DRIVING** down Castro Street on my way to a meeting, and called ahead to let them know I'd be a few minutes late.

A stupid modern habit, that. In the old days, if you were late the other party just waited until you got there. And it worked out fine. Also, there was no compulsion to tell everybody exactly where you are at that precise moment. ("I'm on El Camino headed south" ... "I'm at Taco Bell, where are you?" ... "I'm on the train, we're just pulling into San Antonio" ...)

Anyway, though the whole call took about eight seconds, a motorcycle cop spotted it, slipped in behind me and flashed his lights. I hadn't been using a headset.

"Do you know about the new cell phone law?" he asked. I said I did.

"Is there a special reason why you were calling?" He was probably making sure it wasn't an emergency, which is allowed under the law even without a headset. I told him there was no special reason for the call.

The officer was a very courteous and understanding fellow with a high-pitched voice, reddish-brown hair and the bristly mustache officers are required to wear. He began to write my ticket, explaining that, since this was my first infraction, it wouldn't be too bad. I would not receive a "violation point" on my record. The fine would come to about \$35, he thought, though he wasn't sure. There might be some additional penalties — not too much. He gave me the ticket and rode off.

Some weeks later I got my "courtesy notice" from the Palo Alto courthouse: \$94. You'd think I'd jumped the curb and run over a fruit cart.

According to the DMV ([www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws)), "The base fine for the first offense is \$20 and \$50 for subsequent convictions. With the addition of

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**Community Services Agency** volunteers Patricia Kassner, left, and Margaret Brooks fill baskets with fruit for their clients to pick up on Monday.

## The community's safety net

CSA OFFERS FREE HELP FOR THOUSANDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS IN NEED

By Kelly Truong

**N**ine years ago, Carol Moreno sold her car for Christmas.

She had just suffered a severe back injury while lifting a patient at work, forcing her to give up her 10-year job as a hospice aide. With her sudden loss of income and medical problems holding her back, she saw no other way of



providing for her 13-year-old daughter and newborn son.

"I did what any parent would do," said Moreno, now 45 years old. "I sold my car,

tried to make things nicer for them. A parent will do what they have to do."

That same year, Moreno became a client at Mountain View's Community Services Agency, which provides crucial social services to residents in need. CSA has been at her side ever since, providing emergency assistance, food

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## County lets Bullis Charter add two grades

By Casey Weiss

**B**ullis Charter School can add seventh and eighth grades, the county Board of Education decided last week, despite pleas from Los Altos School District parents and trustees, who called the expansion "unnecessary" and "divisive" and said there was not enough space at the school's current location.

Twenty-five seventh graders will start at Bullis in fall 2009, and school trustees said they plan to offer an additional seventh grade class and two eighth grade classes within two or three

years. The school, located at Egan Middle School on San Antonio Road in Los Altos, currently has 326 students, and the expansion would bring the count to 470. Bullis board president Ken Moore said those new enrollment numbers are still rough.

"It could be 50 seventh graders starting if we had strong demand," he said. "This is offering a choice to the community. Some people will find it attractive, and others won't."

The battle over Bullis dates back to 2004, when the county Office of Education helped open the charter school after LASD closed down Bullis-Purissima

Elementary School in Los Altos Hills. The Bullis and LASD communities have been debating school policies and jurisdiction ever since. Bullis Charter School's board of directors most recently asked for more space to expand its academic programs.

The Board of Education held three public meetings leading up to their approval of the expansion. During these meetings, members of the LASD community argued against it, saying there was no space on the 15-acre Egan campus for the new students. When Bullis adds

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## District torn over \$2 million building project

By Casey Weiss

**W**ith looming budget cuts in mind, at least one elementary school district trustee wondered during a board meeting last week whether the district can afford to start a nearly \$2 million building project.

The Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District hit enrollment numbers this year that were not expected until 2011. In an effort to alleviate overcrowding, teachers, administrators and trustees have been planning to move the district's PACT program — a parent participation program with about 160 students — from Castro Elementary School to a small campus at the district's office on San Pierre Way a few blocks off Shoreline Boulevard.

Administrators said moving the program to the district site, currently used by the YMCA, could be the first step in addressing overcrowding. The district has several potential designs for the new site, and would spend just under \$2 million to build new classrooms facing a quad and a lunch area there, administrators and the architect told trustees during the Nov. 20 meeting. The new campus would cost \$400,000 a year to maintain.

While most of the trustees said they are anxious to alleviate overcrowding at Castro — at the beginning of the school year,

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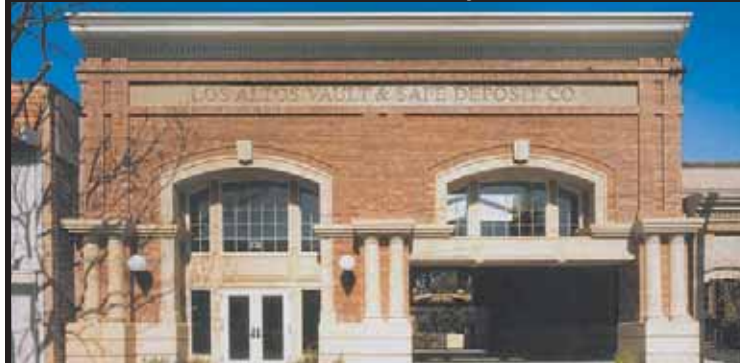
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*Karen Archer, in classic attire, walks past vintage cars parked at Moffett Field for its 75th Anniversary Celebration and dedication of the Zeppelin NT last Friday.*

## Moffett Field's serendipitous 75th anniversary

RETURN OF AN AIRSHIP TO NEARBY HANGAR INSPIRES 1930S NOSTALGIA

By Daniel DeBolt

**M**offett Field touted its place in aerospace history last Friday as a crowd of hundreds gathered on the tarmac to celebrate the airfield's 75th anniversary.

As speakers addressed the crowd, the first rigid airship to be stationed in the U.S. in 70 years swayed like a massive windsock in the background. A band played old-time jazz before dignitaries arrived in a Lincoln Zephyr.

"I couldn't believe what it was that I was seeing," said William Moffett III about his first sight of the Moffett-stationed Zeppelin NT04. He said his grandfather, Moffett Field's namesake, "went down with the Akron before I was born."

Rear Admiral William A. Moffett and 73 crewmembers died when the USS Akron, a Navy airship, crashed off the New Jersey coast on April 4, 1933. Eight days later, the Sunnyvale Naval Air Station (Mountain View was left out of the name so as to not make federal officials nervous about airships crashing into mountains) was dedicated. The air station was renamed Moffett Field — as the Navy's first chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, he was a major advocate of large airships — on Sept. 1, 1933.

Two years earlier, while the Great Depression was in full swing, 94 communities had

competed over the site of a new naval air station. Mountain View and Sunnyvale residents managed to raise over \$400,000 to buy 100 acres of what is now Moffett Field, giving the land to the federal government for just \$1.

Legend has it that famed transatlantic aviator Charles Lindbergh later selected Moffett Field as a site for an expanded airfield in 1939, flying in secretly in a Seversky P-36A to survey the area.

At the ceremony Friday, NASA Ames director Pete Worden said Moffett Field helped give birth to the American naval airship era, and he is pleased to help "give rise to a new era" for airships.

Over the last few weeks, the Zeppelin NT, owned by Airship Ventures, has been flying in and out of Moffett on tourism flights for a minimum of \$495 a seat. It is only the fourth modern airship built by Zeppelin. Two others give tours in Germany and Japan with perfect safety records.

"For decades these giants roamed the sky," said NASA Ames historian Jack Boyd. The 246-foot Zeppelin is a direct descendant of the 785-foot USS Macon, stationed at Moffett in the early 1930s. Boyd said it was appropriate that Moffett's new airship be a Zeppelin, since that's "the same company that helped build those airships all those years ago," including the Macon

in partnership with Goodyear. But the Macon was larger than the Titanic. "It filled that whole hangar," Boyd said, pointing to Hangar One, originally built to be the Macon's home.

On Friday, as the crowd looked on, Moffett's new airship was given a name: Eureka.

Airship Ventures CEO Alex Hall recalled her initial reaction to husband Brian's idea of bringing an airship to the U.S. — a "slightly crazy dream" — and remembers asking, "Where are we going to park it?" Today, NASA Ames allows the airship to be kept in Hangar Three.

Moffett's 75th coincides with Zeppelin's 100th anniversary and the 225th anniversary of the first balloon flight. Accordingly, Zeppelin officials came all the way from Germany. There was Wolfgang Von Zeppelin, great-great-grandnephew of airship pioneer Count Ferdinand Von Zeppelin, and Josef Buchelmeier, the mayor of Zeppelin's home town of Friedrichshafen, Germany.

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren reminded the crowd that Hangar One and the Macon were built at "the height of the Depression." In the midst of today's economic challenges, she said, that should remind us that "Now is the time to grab the future, not shrink from it." ■

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## Students awarded for 'changing the world'

MOUNTAIN VIEW READS HONORS NATALIE LILLIE, AKASH NIGAM AND ALEXANDER GONSALVES

By Casey Weiss

Community leaders recognized three local students this week for their efforts to change the world through community service projects.

The awards ceremony was part of Mountain View Reads Together, an annual event calling on residents to read the same book and attend free cultural events centered around that book. This year, organizers picked "Three Cups of Tea," which follows the story of Greg Mortenson as he raises money to build schools in the Middle East in an effort to fight terrorism through education. Mortenson was injured while climbing in Pakistan, and he wanted to help the villagers there who nursed him back to health.

In keeping with the theme of community involvement, last Saturday Youth Services Librarian Karin Bricker awarded three students who she said were also giving back to their communities. Natalie Lillie, a Los Altos sixth grader, received first place in the contest for younger students for writing a book about head lice. At the ceremony, Lillie said she hoped her book, "Natalie's Lice Are Not Nice," would help other students understand that "having lice doesn't make you different."

Akash Nigam, a junior at Mountain View High School, received first place in the high

school division for starting a summer camp for underprivileged youth in Mountain View. Over 100 students attended the free camp this year.

Alexander Gonsalves, who worked in a school this summer for mentally challenged students in India, received second place in the high school contest. The sophomore at Mountain View High School is now running a materials drive, and hopes to send books back to the school.

"Young people can dream," Bricker said. "I can't tell you how inspiring it is."

Each winner received a check for their service from Friends of the Library and the Challenge Team, a group of local community leaders which meets once a month to discuss problems facing at-risk youth. They also got a copy of "Three Cups of Tea."

Lillie said she planned to donate some of her prize money to a program for migrant farm workers in Watsonville.

All three students agreed this was the only the beginning, and that they would continue with the community service. Akash, for example, hopes to bring his camp to Sunnyvale this year.

"It was a huge hit last year," he said. "Why not bring it to the whole community." ▀

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**DISTRICT**

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the campus had 660 students, just under its site capacity of 692 — trustee Ellen Wheeler said she could not approve such an expensive plan during the economic downturn.

“If I had seen a design like this eight years ago, I might have been excited,” Wheeler said. “Teachers have not had raises in many years. Do we say no teacher raises, but we are going to spend \$400,000 a year to move PACT?”

Administrators said most of this money would come from a fund specifically allotted for construction. But they agreed the district should wait to make any decisions until it has more concrete budget numbers.

“We are not ready to make a decision,” Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said. “We have to do some analysis.”

Earlier this month, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed to take \$2.5 billion from California schools, cutting nearly \$1.5 million from Mountain View Whisman. The Legislative Analyst’s Office, a nonpartisan organization, said last week the cuts could be even steeper.

“I am worried about the money,” Wheeler said. “I can’t think about something in theory without thinking about the money.”

Although they understood Wheeler’s concerns, other trust-

ees said they were just as worried about the Castro campus.

“I think it is foolhardy to ignore Castro,” board president Fiona Walter said. “It can’t accommodate its population.”

Trustees decided to revisit the issue in January, when they are expected to vote.

**Moffett families**

While they wait to decide on more expensive projects, board members approved new boundary policies last week in an effort to start addressing overcrowding.

New students living at Moffett Field, north of U.S. Highway 101, will attend Monta Loma Elementary School starting in fall 2009. The students there, who are from military families, currently are attending Bubb Elementary, another campus struggling to accommodate a large student population. Under the new policy, families with one student already at Bubb have the option of sending siblings to the school. Currently, nine kindergarteners who live in the Bubb neighborhood are on a waiting list to attend the school.

Trustees had assigned the students to Bubb three years ago after the closure of Slater Elementary School, back when very few families lived on the base. District administrators say more families are moving back into the base’s 190 homes as the military builds a new Army Reserve training and command center at Moffett Field. ▀

**BULLIS**

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both grades, the campus will have around 1,000 students, according to district board president Mark Goines.

Board members said they did not understand why the Bullis trustees were pushing to expand when the district already offers solid academic programs.

“I thought charter law was about helping poor performing students,” Goines said. “I didn’t think charter law was about giving wealthy families more choices.”

The county board could not base its decision on finances or facilities, but only evaluate the proposal for expansion offered by the charter school. Staff members from the Office of Education had analyzed the proposal and recommended that the board approve it.

“It seemed likely to be successfully implemented. We found no basis for denying the petition,” said Don Bolce, assistant director of educational planning, who worked on the analysis.

State law requires the Los Altos district to provide facilities for

the charter school. Goines said the board will either have to split Bullis Charter School between Egan and Blach Middle School or find another campus for the school.

“The facility is not large enough for the total number of students when combining with Egan’s seventh and eighth graders,” he said.

The board’s third option, he added, is “to just let it happen and deal with it, which will probably be a negative impact on current LASD students.”

Meanwhile, Bullis trustees are completing their expansion plans. Moore said Bullis administrators and board members have been discussing the expansion since 2005, and “have been running a strategic planning process,” consulting with Stanford professors and other educational experts. He said that no one from the district attended the charter school’s board meetings to contest the expansion.

“We have put a lot of effort into this,” Moore said. “Everyone who has shown up to our meetings said ‘We like this.’” ▀

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federal support.

“The president never put any money in his budget,” Eshoo said. “School districts were left with a mandate and no funding.”

The results have been disastrous, Eshoo said. “When 30 percent of high school students fail to receive a diploma in time, our country is in trouble.”

The House Committee on Education and Labor started working on the draft this year. If passed it would use a different model to assess students, improve the quality of tests and provide intervention for struggling schools — all changes local administrators and educators have backed.

Eshoo called the draft “thoughtful,” but said there was no way of knowing if it would pass in its current form since it is still only a “blueprint.”

**Help for disabled students**

As part of NCLB, a 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.

In 2007-08, disabled students in the elementary school district did not meet AYP targets, which expected 37 percent of students to be “proficient” in math, and 35 percent in language arts.

Eshoo said the committee is working to assure tests are “fairer,” especially for students with disabilities and English language learners since both subgroups fall far behind their peers in their grade level. Under the revised law, if a student is several grade levels behind, he or she would be tested at that level.

Barry Groves said this is an important addition, especially since many local students with disabilities do not receive the early intervention they need.

“Intervention when students are younger to work on goals would be advantageous to us,” Groves said. “Even though we are a high school district, we care a lot about how our students come prepared.”

**A future with funding?**

Local politicians and administrators agree, however, that before the legislation can successfully implement any goals it needs to provide adequate funding. NCLB currently does not offer any additional resources to help schools which have fallen behind.

Eshoo said many people want to scrap the legislation altogether, but she thinks it could work with the right changes and proper funding.

“There are schools that haven’t met AYP, but they are treated the same,” Eshoo said. “Chronically struggling schools have to receive more assistance.” ▣




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## HOME SALES

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Historically, Mountain View housing prices don't go down very much in a down market, French says. Many buyers have been able to justify the investment.

At the corner of Calderon and Dana streets, the new "Wild Orchid" development is evidence the housing market is still alive and kicking. After going on sale in May, 30 of the 39 town homes sold for over \$900,000. Sales didn't even slow in October.

"This is the best-selling new home community in Santa Clara County," said John Millino, community manager for Wild Orchid.

That's no small statement, considering there are at least three other new home developments also selling in Mountain View. On Miramonte Avenue, Classic Communities recently released the first phase of a 58-home project, and 14 were sold in the first two weeks. On Colony Street, a 108-unit Regis Homes development sold five homes in October alone.

The market is apparently good enough to revive one housing development that's been dead for a year and half.

On the corner of Moorpark and Evelyn Avenue, Shea Homes laid the foundations for 151 townhouses in early 2007 before the project came to a halt, leaving a vacant lot for a year and half, to the chagrin of some City Council members. Now the developer is resuming construction in the middle of a downturned economy, puzzling some housing market-watchers.

The council was recently told by Shea Homes' representative Matt Henry that "this is one of our best communities."

"In our office we had over 20 open communities in a downturned market," Henry said, alluding to the fact that Shea's main office would not release money for the project until other homes were sold.

Council member Laura Macias wanted to know if there would be a penalty for Shea Homes since the lot was left vacant for so long. City officials said there would not be.

"There is actually a substantial penalty in the form of interest carried," said council member Matt Pear, one that would bankrupt most private developers. "Interest carryover is a killer." ■

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### CSA

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and nutrition services, and financial support.

"I thought I'd bite my pride," said Moreno. "I was really surprised how humane they made the process. They were very respectful."

This holiday season, she won't have to make the same sacrifices to provide gifts for her children. Her son, who turns nine two days before Christmas, will be one of the beneficiaries of CSA's Holiday Sharing program.

In addition its usual year-round assistance, CSA makes a special effort to bring the holidays to clients by setting up a makeshift toy store, in which families can shop for their children just as they would in a mall or department store.

"We convert the agency into a mini-department store," said Laura Schuster, director of nutrition and health education.

Funded by donations from the community, the holiday store carries toys, games, arts and crafts, books, pajamas, stuffed animals and stocking stuffers.

Case management director Elba Landaverde, who has worked at CSA for eight years, knows how tough the holidays are for the families she works with. "You hear really, really sad stories," she said. "A typical family is a mom, two to three kids, and a husband working for minimum wage."

The average monthly income for a CSA family is \$1,000, meaning that there is very little left after rent and utilities. "That's where we come in," Landaverde said.

One of the agency's most popular services is the Food and Nutrition Center, a mini-grocery store where clients can fill up on items

such as bread, dairy products and produce. Between 100 and 200 people shop at the center every day.

"In some cases, they have to walk miles to get here because they can't even afford public transportation," Landaverde said.

CSA provides a number of other services, including nutrition education, dental services, insurance referrals and senior services. "It's kind of like a one-stop emergency assistance service," said associate director Maureen Wadiak.

The services continue to grow. When the agency held an Activities Week, the event was such a success that it expanded into a weekly class. Schuster now conducts a physical activities class for children every Thursday, teaching them how to stay healthy. "When they come, they get a prize," she said. "It's a lot of fun."

According to Wadiak, the agency saw an 18 percent increase in emergency assistance services during the 2006-07 fiscal year. This year, it expects an increase in job losses, a prediction corroborated by news from their clients: "They're telling us that they're getting their work hours reduced," she said.

Landaverde tries to keep up with news from her clients, learning their names and forging relationships with them. "We treat them with respect and dignity," she said.

Moreno agreed. "They're not treating me like Client No. 1, No. 2, No. 3," she said. "They don't put that stigmatization on you. A lot of times when you go to a social services program, people may assume you're there for a handout, but you're not. We're just here for help." ■

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dation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation will match, to the extent possible, all contributions to the Voice Holiday Fund. Last year, Voice readers gave \$42,000, which after matching grants created a total contribution of \$75,125, or \$10,732 for each of the seven

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This year all funds received will be held by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and be dispersed to the nonprofit agencies in February or early March. No fees are assessed by the foundation, so that 100 percent of every contribution will go to the nonprofit agencies.

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penalty assessments, the fine can be more than triple the base fine amount."

So what are these penalty assessments, and how does the court determine them? I talked to Carl Schulhof, spokesperson for the Santa Clara County Superior Court, to find out.

"Penalty assessments are first of all established by the California Legislature, not by the

court," he explained, "and the state requires all of the courts to collect penalty assessment amounts, typically on traffic and other minor offenses and fines." These extra funds are then disseminated, using complex accounting procedures, into "various types of funds the state has established, things like court constructions."

The amount collected, he said, is determined using "a formula that's based on X amount of dollars for every \$10 of bail or fine." So, a \$10 fine tacks on X amount of penalty assessments. A \$20

fine tacks on 2X amount.

Those quick with the numbers will realize that my \$20 base fine had an extra \$74 tacked on, meaning that the penalty assessment is, apparently, \$37 for every \$10 of fine. But Schulhof thought the state's penalty assessment was actually much lower than that — in the low 20s, perhaps, not the high 30s — and speculated that other fees were making up the difference.

"Assessments and fees, they do add up," he said.

And so they do, forcing us next to ask: To what end?

I'm not sure if Joe Simitian's cell phone law is making the roads safer, though I doubt it; I notice no advantage, attention-wise or dexterity-wise, to fiddling with a phone and headset versus fiddling with the phone by itself.

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**CRIME**

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posted around the city by parent volunteers, and were stolen days before the presidential election. On Oct. 31, they were rediscovered with the "No More Aliens" message on Shoreline Boulevard.

Oscar Garcia, president of Mesa de la Comunidad, a local nonprofit that advocates for the Latino community, was the one who found them. He immediately informed district administrators and the police, but the three parties decided not to publicize the incident until three weeks later during the monthly meeting of the Challenge Team, when local leaders discuss problems facing at-risk students.

"There was no threat of violence and it appears isolated," said Captain Max Bosel, who is handling the case.

Bosel said the incident is currently considered an act of vandalism. Police say they still do not know whether it was motivated by hate, and they can't determine this until they know who committed the crime and the suspect's motives.

"It depends what the suspect was thinking at the time. We are trying to keep an open mind," Bosel said. "It is important to understand the emotional impact, but we make decisions based on law."

The penal code defines a hate crime as an action against a certain nationality or ethnicity, and during last week's Challenge Team meeting, Assistant District Attorney Javier Alcala reiterated that the charges would depend on "what was on the person's mind." He originally did not think it was a hate crime, he said, until Garcia told

him the sign was the only one in a large group of political signs spray-painted with the message.

"They only targeted this specific sign," Garcia said.

Local school administrators and community members said they want to make sure that such an incident does not happen again this spring, as the district prepares to post more enrollment signs throughout the city. Over 50 percent of the district's students are Latino, Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said, and California public schools do not check immigration status.

"We are going to be vigilant about people who steal," Ghysels said.

Garcia said he might have dismissed the incident had it not been for another confrontation at around the same time, when local Day Worker Center employees said they experienced two "intimidating" encounters with a neighbor.

"There is hatred out there and we should have zero tolerance for that," Garcia said.

In that incident, a man twice came to the Worker Center's new property on Escuela Avenue, telling day workers and employees, "We don't want you to be here," according to Maria Marroquin, executive director of the center. The first time he came, he brought a camera and was taking pictures of board members and members of the community, Marroquin said.

"He was trying to intimidate people with his camera," she said.

Captain Bosel said the police investigated the incident, and employee and worker testimonials indicated the neighbor's visits were "motivated by the center, not ethnicity or race." ▀



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## EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# General Plan revise off to a good start

The daunting task of rewriting the city's General Plan could have gone off the rails at many junctions. For starters, the city's esoteric planning process could have generated a collective yawn from residents, who might be forgiven for lacking enthusiasm about the finer points of R-1 versus R-2 zoning. And who among us feels they have the formula to put some magic back into the San Antonio Shopping Center?

Thankfully, Mountain View residents responded with a loud, collective voice that allayed any fears of apathy. The discussion has included more than 800 participants, and most of them rolled up their sleeves and did some serious work answering the General Plan's central question: What kind of community do we want the city to become over the next 20 years?

All of this led to a 6-0 vote last week by City Council to approve a 110-page report outlining a vision for what the city can become in the years ahead. The report focuses on nine neighborhoods, but the points made are as contradictory and wide-ranging as public opinion. But generally, it reflects a trend that has been strongly supported by the current City Hall. Council member Ronit Bryant said residents of all neighborhoods spoke clearly about the "importance of walkability, services and connectivity" — the kind of words regularly used by the four council members who often prevail when proposed residential development projects come before them.

The report offers a vision statement and a map showing eight "activity nodes," or areas where new commercial or mixed use development could perk up an existing neighborhood. Rengstorff Avenue and Central Expressway or Calderon Avenue and El Camino Real are among the potential locations. Other maps show possible routes for a new city-run shuttle system, and another notes the six potential locations for new parks or public open spaces, including one in a newly developed San Antonio shopping center. (One in a series of before-and-after images shows what possible improvements would look like, including a Santana Row-like version of the shopping center.)

Another consistently sticky subject in Mountain View, "neighborhood preservation," was supported by hundreds of participants in the workshops and is certain to be a guiding light in the new plan. However, the vision does not rule out high density projects, as long as they are in certain areas where there would be no conflict with single-family homes.

It will take the city about two years and \$1.5 million to complete the new General Plan. There will be more workshops, council meetings and Planning Commission meetings on the subject. Martin Alkire, the city's point person on the project, says a detailed work plan, listing all the upcoming meetings and workshops, will be available in January. Keep that in mind if you have an idea that you want included in the city's new General Plan.

## LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### NO CHILD LAW VIOLATES U.S. CONSTITUTION

Editor:

Nobody wants students to be "left behind," but, as your Nov. 14 story points out, the No Child Left Behind legislation is causing problems for many schools and students in Mountain View ("Schools caught in testing bind").

As teachers and administrators at the schools point out, NCLB sets unrealistic targets, and penalizes those schools which do not meet the targets. In some ways, it also makes it harder to meet those targets. A personal friend of mine taught high school math successfully for several years but, because of NCLB, he had to stop teaching math because his college degree did not include it.

Here's another approach: If children cannot do first grade work, they should remain in first grade another year and not automatically go to second grade. The same is true of other grades; students should be able to do the work before being promoted.

A major problem with NCLB is that it violates the U.S. Constitution, which does not contain the word "education." Amendment X to our Constitution says, in one sentence, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." It would be appropriate for our federal officials, in Congress and the White House,

to phase out the Department of Education and leave education to the states and the people. This would help our schools to better help the students.

Charlie Larson  
Sylvan Avenue

### ILL-TREATED BY CITY'S PARKING TICKET POLICY

Editor:

Your paper recently ran a story about a woman getting the run-around over an erroneous parking ticket ("City refunds parking ticket," Oct. 17). She stated that "I don't think the city of Mountain View should behave like this." To that I add my voice, as I too received erroneous parking tickets and was given similar treatment.

I received the tickets while parked on the side street next to El Camino Hospital, where I work. The first was given in a two-hour parking zone which was, however, located in front of a business complex which had been empty for some time. Also there is a massive construction project at the hospital, which has adversely impacted parking for hospital employees. Certainly these two factors should have been considered with my original request to set the ticket aside.

The second ticket was clearly not in a two-hour parking zone and I took pictures to prove this fact to the city — to no avail. They simply referred me to the city of San Jose, which apparently does the collections for the park-

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## GUEST OPINION

## Classroom lament

NEW STUDY SHOWS HOW TOUGH IT IS TO TEACH IN CALIFORNIA

By Barry Groves

Who are the students in an "average classroom" in California? You may be surprised what an "average classroom" looks like compared to other states, as recently reported in a study entitled "How California Compares" by EdSource, a nonprofit organization based in Mountain View.

So what is it like to teach in an average California classroom? Our teachers have some of the very largest class sizes, the most students who do not speak English in the home, the highest rate of parents with no high school diploma, and teach a student population that is the most ethnically diverse in the country. And they do it with less: Our state spends \$614 less per student than the national average.

If we assume a classroom of 26 students, the so-called average California class would be comprised of 12 Latino, eight white, four Asian, and two African-American students. Six students would be part of a family where the head of the household did not graduate from high school. Five students would speak a language other than English at home. Three students would be classified as special education.

California has among the very toughest content standards in the country. Our high school graduation rates are at the national average, our academic achievement scores are near the national average

when English Learner scores are excluded, and our SAT scores for college bound students are at the national average. The percent of students taking high school Advanced Placement exams ranks California among the top states in the country. However, only 25 percent of high school graduates matriculate to four-year colleges and universities, below the national average of 38 percent.

California's educational spending ranks around 30th among the states, in an area with one of the highest cost of living indexes. In 2005-06, California ranked 49th in the nation in pupil-teacher and pupil-staff ratios. This means that a California school of 1,000 students would have 48 teachers compared to a national average of 64. That same California school would have 2.2 school site administrators, when the national average is 3.4.

Every day, California's public school educators are performing heroic tasks teaching an incredibly diverse student population with dwindling resources. We are fortunate that our local high schools rate above state average in almost all of these categories. However, if we want to continue to be globally competitive, then we must invest in a public education system that supports our efforts to educate an increasingly diverse and needy population.

*Dr. Barry R. Groves is superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.*

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ing tickets for Mountain View, and I was advised that I could take it up with the court. Since the filing fee for the court is \$25 and the parking ticket was \$27, it is hardly cost effective to pursue justice in this case.

How do I voice my displeasure about such shoddy treatment? Besides writing this open letter,

I have decided not to spend any money in Mountain View. While I have in times past enjoyed the different restaurants and other establishments, there are hundreds of other restaurants nearby, as well as other movie theaters, department stores, grocery stores, etc. So, while I will earn money in and take money from Mountain View, I will spend my money elsewhere.

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The ceviche sampler at Joya restaurant in Palo Alto features (from left) watermelon snapper, coconut rock shrimp and bass, and the white prawn aguachile for \$21.

VERONICA WEBER

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Joya to the world

PALO ALTO RESTAURANT LIVES UP TO ITS NAME ('GEM') WITH CONTEMPORARY LATIN CUISINE

By Dale F. Bentson

What better commentary on the times than when a bank is converted into a restaurant?

When US Bank abandoned its downtown Palo Alto branch, property owner Alex Giovannotto seized the opportunity to open a contemporary Latin-style (Central, South American and Iberian) restaurant. His family already owned La Strada Italian restaurant next door.

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**The Latin tapas sampler** at Joya restaurant features marinated olives, black mussels with chorizo, serrano ham and lomo embuchado, mushroom empanada, and stuffed piquillo pepper for \$22.

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marinated olives; mussels with white wine, sweet onion and lime; two versions of Spanish sausage; two versions of Spanish ham; a mushroom empanada; and a piquillo pepper stuffed with toasted almonds, scallions, valderon (Spanish blue) and

queso fresco cheeses. Without dissecting every morsel on the plate, I can say it was an appetizing offering.

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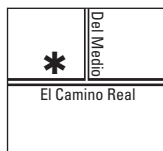
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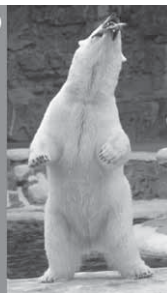


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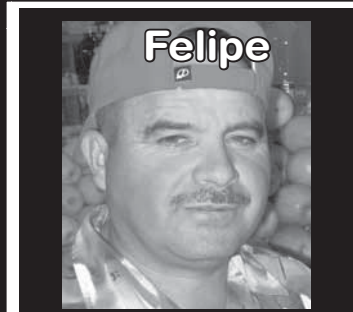
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### JOYA

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mighty flavorful sausage. Buttifarrita, the most popular sausage around Barcelona, is found in most every tapas bar along the Rambles. Morcilla, or blood sausage, is made from pig's blood, rice, onions and spices. Light in color, Joya's version was on the mild side. In Spain, morcilla can be black, bulky and pungent, definitely an acquired taste. Together, the medley of sausages was robust and rustic, topped off with a dollop of garlic aioli. I considered ordering another round of sausages and canceling the rest of my order altogether, but duty prevailed.

The posole soup (\$7.50) with pork, onion, cilantro, lime, cabbage, peppers, cloves, cumin, anise and cinnamon was seriously wonderful. Thick and hearty, almost a meal in itself, posole is native to Jalisco, Mexico. Roux's version added a contemporary twist, substituting cabbage for corn.

The dense Cuban sandwich (\$12) was made with slow-braised, marinated pork, caramelized red onion, Black Forest ham and Dijon mustard. The thick, filling sandwich was served



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*The jerk-marinated fulton valley chicken from Joya restaurant is served with a Nicaraguan vegetable medley and a glass of pineapple sangria.*

with fabulous sweet potato fries.

Braised short rib tacos (\$9.50), with jicama salsa and horseradish cream, on thick corn tortillas, was almost too pretty to eat. The artistic rendition was plated on a dark oblong plate with the three tortillas as tantalizingly lined up as an Old Master's still life. The meat was succulent, and the jicama and horseradish cream added a cool, spicy infu-

sion atop the supple tortillas.

Baked king salmon (\$17) was a thick, fleshy colored, fresh-tasting fillet. The fish was served with roasted butternut squash and Brussels sprouts, and topped with a mellowed-out Scotch bonnet chili-cream sauce. Scotch bonnets are one of the hottest peppers on the planet. No fear here though; the cream tamed the heat leaving only a slight peppery taste. A timbale of annatto rice accompanied. All sat handsomely atop a banana leaf.

The jerk chicken (\$17) was perfumed and suggestive. Marinated in a dozen spices including tequila, the half chicken was charred on the outside, juicy and sweet inside, and expertly cooked. Served with a medley of chopped fruits and vegetables including potatoes, Mexican squash, raisins, pineapple and olives, it was the most Caribbean of dishes.

Desserts were equally delightful. Strawberries Madrilene (\$7) is a recipe from the chef's grandmother. The custard was deceptively light, yet thick as tapioca and certainly as flavorful. Topped with fresh-chopped strawberries and served with a sweet tortilla tuile, it was easily my favorite dessert. ■

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**AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: Wed. & Thu. at 1:30, 5 & 8:30 p.m. Century 20: Noon, 3:25, 6:50 & 10:15 p.m.

**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
Century 20: 2:25 & 4:45 p.m. Fri. & Sun.-Tue. also at 11:45 a.m.

**BOLT (PG) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 11 & 11:40 a.m.; 12:15, 12:50, 1:25, 2:15, 2:40, 3:20, 3:50, 4:40, 5:05, 5:45, 6:20, 7:05, 7:30, 8:10, 8:40 9:30, 9:55 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: Fri.-Mon. at 11:25 a.m.; noon, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 2:30, 3, 3:40, 4:30, 5, 5:35, 6:15, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 8:50, 9:30, 10:05, 10:35 p.m. Sat. also at 10:05 & 10:45 a.m. Tue. also at 11:15 p.m. Wed. & Thu. at 11:25 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

**THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13) ★★★1/2**  
Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 5, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:45 & 7:25 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 9:50 p.m.

**CHANGELING (R) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 12:10, 3:30 & 6:50 p.m. Sat.-Tue. also at 10 p.m. Century 20: 12:35, 3:45, 6:55 & 10:10 p.m.

**ENTER THE DRAGON (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
Century 16: Sat. at 10 p.m.

**FOUR CHRISTMASES (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
Century 20: Tue. at midnight. Wed. & Thu. at 11:20 a.m.; 1:35, 3:50, 6, 8:20 & 10:35 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 20: 7:35 & 10:10 p.m.

**I'VE LOVED YOU SO LONG (PG-13) ★★★1/2**  
Guild: 3, 5:35 & 8:30 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 12:30 p.m.

**MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) ★★**  
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**QUANTUM OF SOLACE (R) ★★★** Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; noon, 12:40, 1:20, 1:55, 2:35, 3:15, 3:55, 4:35, 5:10, 5:50, 6:30, 7:10, 7:45, 8:30, 9:05, 9:45 & 10:20 p.m. Fri. also at 11:05 p.m. Sat. also at 11 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; noon, 12:40, 1:20, 2, 2:35, 3:15, 3:55, 4:35, 5:10, 5:55, 6:30, 7:15, 7:50, 8:35, 9:20, 10 & 10:40 p.m. Sat. also at 10:10 & 10:40 a.m. Tue. also at 11:20 & 11:55 p.m.

**ROLE MODELS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.  
Century 20: 12:20 p.m. 3:05, 5:40, 8 & 10:25 p.m.

**THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) ★★1/2**  
Century 20: 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.

**SLEEPY HOLLOW (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
Century 16: Fri. at 10 p.m.

**SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) ★★★1/2** Aquarius: 1, 2:45, 4, 5:30, 7, 8:30 & 9:40 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at noon.

**SYNECDOCHE, NEW YORK (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:20 & 7:15 p.m. Fri.-Sat. also at 10:05 p.m.

**TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
Century 20: Tue. at 3 p.m. Wed. & Thu. at 11:50 a.m.; 2:15, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m.

**TWILIGHT (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 11:15 & 11:55 a.m.; 12:35, 1:15, 2, 2:45, 3:25, 4:05, 4:50, 5:35, 6:15, 6:55, 7:40, 8:25, 9:10, 9:50 & 10:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat. also at 11:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 & 11:50, a.m.; 12:40, 1:20, 2, 2:40, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 5:30, 6:20, 7:05, 7:40, 8:20, 9:10, 9:55 & 10:30 p.m. Tue. also at 11:30 p.m.

**ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**  
Century 16: 7:50 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 7:25 & 9:50 p.m.

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## MOVIE REVIEWS

**BOLT** ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Protective pooch Bolt (voice of John Travolta) is the star of a popular television show about a super-powered dog and his "person," Penny (voice of Miley Cyrus). The show's methodic director feels the program's success rests on the fact that Bolt actually believes he has super powers. Bolt busts free when he mistakenly believes Penny has been kidnapped. Bolt is accidentally shipped to New York. There he forces a sarcastic alley cat, Mittens (voice of Susie Essman), to help him rescue Penny, and the two set off on a cross-country trek. "Bolt" is a near-perfect family film — appealing to the eye and the heart. *Rated: PG for some mild action and peril. 1 hour, 36 minutes.* — T.H.

**THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS** ★★★1/2

(Cinearts) Mark Herman crafts a taut World War II drama that packs a controversial wallop. It's a tense Germany in the 1940s, and a well-placed SS commandant (David Thewlis) is promoted up the ranks. He then sees fit to relocate his wife and children from Berlin to the relative safety of the German countryside. The family's new home backs up onto a concentration camp, though mom and her offspring naively believe it to be a working farm labored by displaced Jews. Nazi war films have come and gone, but few have displayed such a fresh and poignant perspective. *Rated: PG-13 for intensity and disturbing themes. 1 hour, 34 minutes.* — J.A.

**CHANGELING** ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Angelina Jolie plays Christine Collins, a single mother raising her son, Walter (Gattlin Griffith), alone. One weekend, she agrees to take a co-worker's shift at the telephone company. She returns home to an empty house. Christine's concern escalates into a controlled panic, fueled by frustration and fear. File a missing-child report? Wait 24 hours. Challenge the LAPD when Captain Jones (Jeffrey Donovan) produces a "son" who isn't hers? Intimidate Christine into playing along, so the cesspool of a police force gets some good publicity. Then deem her a hysterical woman and toss her into the county loony bin. Meanwhile, the pages are flying off the calendar. And Walter is nowhere to be found. *Rated: R for some violent and disturbing content, and language. 2 hours, 20 minutes.* — S.T.

**I'VE LOVED YOU SO LONG** ★★★1/2

(Aquarius) Kristin Scott Thomas is Juliette, newly arrived at her sister Lea's home (Elsa Zylberstein) from a place we mustn't discuss — prison. Her brother-in-law isn't pleased, resisting the emotional warp and woof of his wife's family crises. Little by little the disquieting details are revealed: Juliette has spent the last 15 years locked up on a murder charge. Whom did she murder and why did she do it? The under-

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Charles (Ben Evans) and Hope (Pearl Sun) in 'Long Story Short,' presented by TheatreWorks.

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## TheatreWorks presents 'Long Story Short'

By Kevin Kirby

The stage of the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto has been ablaze with light and abuzz with power tools as TheatreWorks' technical crew gets ready for "Long Story Short," a new and very contemporary musical comedy that opens in Palo Alto on Dec. 6.

Produced jointly by TheatreWorks and City Theatre of Pittsburgh, Pa., the show had its first public airing last month in Pittsburgh. Following a four-week run, the production now moves to the Lucie Stern for the second leg of its "co-world premiere."

The creators of "Long Story Short" are lyricist Valerie Vigoda and composer Brendan Milburn. Vigoda and Milburn have been musical collaborators for 14 years (and a married couple for 10). They are most widely known as two-thirds of GrooveLily, the eclectic New York pop/rock band that wrote and performed "Striking 12," the 2004 TheatreWorks holiday show that went on to an acclaimed off-Broadway run.

Fans of "Striking 12" (or of

GrooveLily's other work) are likely to find more of what they like in "Long Story Short." The new score is full of bright, catchy melodies and simple lyrics that seek out the subtle turning points in relationships — the moments when our hearts and minds change forever.

The show is an adaptation of David Schulner's play "An Infinite Ache." In the simplest terms, it is a love story between Charles (whom Vigoda describes as "rumpled, Jewish, and idealistic") and Hope ("a few years older than Charles, a bit more sophisticated, and of Chinese heritage"). They are an unlikely pair who, in Milburn's words, "meet in their mid-20s and spend the next 50 years together," though not without some significant detours and a final plot twist to keep things interesting.

Vigoda and Milburn do not perform in "Long Story Short." Charles and Hope are played by Ben Evans and Pearl Sun, the same actors from the Pittsburgh production.

When asked in an interview what drew them to the script, Vigoda "liked the fact that it

THEATER NOTES

**WHAT:** "Long Story Short," a new musical presented by TheatreWorks  
**WHERE:** Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto  
**WHEN:** After preview performances Dec. 3-5, the musical opens Dec. 6 and runs through Dec. 28. Shows are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m.  
**COST:** Tickets are \$27-\$65, with some discounts available  
**INFO:** Go to [www.theatreworks.org](http://www.theatreworks.org) or call (650) 903-6000; to listen to demos of songs from "Long Story Short," go to [www.groovelily.com/longstoryshort](http://www.groovelily.com/longstoryshort)

was a love story with only two characters and one set. Writing within the economy of those parameters was very appealing."

For his part, Milburn was won over by the "wit and heart and pathos" of Schulner's story. "There were so many tasty little bits in the original play that we thought we could turn into great little songs." ■

MINI REVIEWS

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current of tragedy is probing and persistent. And the essence of writer/director Philippe Claudel's drama is the unspoken: resentment, fear and a fierce desire to make amends. *Rated: PG-13 for disturbing adult themes. 1 hour, 55 minutes. In French with English subtitles.* — J.A.

**MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA** ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Alex the lion (voiced by Ben Stiller) and friends Marty the Zebra (Chris Rock), Melman the Giraffe (David Schwimmer) and Gloria the Hippo (Jada Pinkett Smith) escape from the Central Park Zoo, gain transport on

a shipping freighter and end up washed ashore in Madagascar. Blink. And now the four friends intend to catch a flight home on a wreck of a plane, piloted by those pesky penguins. Blink again. The CG-movie has hardly begun. Adults will experience *deja vu* with the sequel, although appreciating the animation and music-and-dance numbers. There's less fun than the barrels of monkeys working to repair the plane — and more idle dialogue than monkey chatter. But kids will be kids. What don't they like? *Rated: PG for some mild crude humor. 1 hour 29 minutes.* — S.T.

**QUANTUM OF SOLACE** ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Daniel Craig continues his smoldering run as takes-a-lickin'-and-keeps-on-tickin' British super agent James Bond. "Quantum" is a true sequel,

picking up where the more stylish "Casino Royale" left off, with Bond so blinded by inconsolable rage (over the death of favorite femme fatale Vesper Lynd) that he's laying waste to his nemeses with reckless abandon. Bond goes rogue to avenge Vesper's death, much to the consternation of unflappable M16 head M (Judi Dench). She wants his kinetic energies focused on Mr. Greene (Mathieu Almar), a spiteful bad boy ostensibly rejuvenating the earth while secretly gaining control of natural resources by negotiating illegal pipelines with foreign dictators. *Rated: PG-13 for language, violence and adult themes. 1 hour, 45 minutes* — J.A.

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## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Mushroom Hike** Learn how to identify common families of mushrooms. Wade Leschyn discusses edible and poisonous varieties. If desired, bring a small basket for collecting specimens and a small knife. Hike contingent on weather. Space limited. Ages 10 and up only. Location: Kiosk by the main parking lot. Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10 per person. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. <http://www.hidden-villa.org/calendar.php>

**Seasonal Baking Creations** Learn about the making of breads and sweets with farm fresh seasonal ingredients. Ages 8 and up. Location: Wolken Education Center. Sat., Dec. 6, 2-5 p.m. \$30 per person Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. <http://www.hidden-villa.org/calendar.php>

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**3rd Annual Holiday Market at GISSV** Holiday Market at the German International School of Silicon Valley in Mountain View. The market will take place Dec. 6. Hot food and beverages, live music, vendors offering goods like jewelry, glass items, books, Stollen and more. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. German International School of Silicon Valley, 310 Easy St., Mountain View. Call 650-254-0748. [www.gissv.org](http://www.gissv.org)

## ENVIRONMENT

**Environmental Docent-Led Walks**

**of Shoreline** Learn about Shoreline at Mountain View's: maritime history; landfill legacy; environmental processes; ecosystems; birds, wildlife; and more. Walks depart from Rengstorff House and last about one hour. Bring/Wear: layered clothing, walking shoes, binoculars. No advanced reservations required. 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Rengstorff House, Shoreline at MountainView, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6073. <http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us>

## EXHIBITS

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

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Book Launch: "Jay and Juhi, The Taj Mahal Adventure"** Story time, snacks and a meet and greet with author, Monica Kumar. Brother and sister explorers, Jay and Juhi find themselves in the middle of one of the wonders of the world in: The Taj Mahal Adventure. Ages 4 to 8. Sat., Dec. 6, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Books, Inc., 350 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. [www.booksinc.net](http://www.booksinc.net)

**Bring the Folks Wildlife Watching** For kids and their parents. Foothills Park provides many different habitats and everything is changing this time of year. Meet at the Boronda Lake boat dock. Ages 6 and up. Open to Palo Alto residents and accompanied guests. Sat., Dec. 6, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Foothills Park, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-329-2506.

**Choral Festival; Music School & MVHS** Sunnyvale Music School will join the Mountain View High School choral department for a choral festival, featuring 150 young children combining voices with the Madrigals and other choral groups from the high school. Sun., Dec. 7, 4-5:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$8 adult/\$5

child. Mountain View High School; Spartan Theater, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-739-9248. [www.themusicschool.org](http://www.themusicschool.org)

**Creekside Christmas Craft Fair** Create over 20 different Christmas crafts to take home and/or give as gifts. Have a visit from Santa too! Bring an unwrapped gift to donate to a child in need. All donations will go to the MVLA Community Services Agency. Sat. Dec. 6, 2008, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$7.00/person donation. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-1083. [www.laumc.org](http://www.laumc.org)

**Family Yoga** For parents and their children 5-12. Beginners are welcome. To register call 650-903-6897. Thu., Dec. 11, 7-7:45 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7054. <http://library.mountainview.gov>

**Scottish Country Dance for Kids** South Bay Scottish Country Dance Youth Class welcomes boys and girls age 7 to 16, beginners to experienced, for instruction in this social dance form. Class runs Mon. Sept. 1, 2008 through May 2009, 3:45-5:15 p.m. \$6 per class. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. Call 650-327-4402. <http://southbay.rscds-sf.org/>

## ON STAGE

**"Season's Greetings"** A group of family and friends gather for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration that quickly degenerates into three days of slapstick holiday angst in Bus Barn Stage's show performing Nov. 20 to Dec. 20. 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$22-\$32. Bus Barn Stage Company, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-

941-0551. <http://www.busbarn.org>

**"The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe"** The Foothill College Theatre Arts Department teams up with Peninsula Youth Theatre for a production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," Dec. 4 through Dec. 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more. Parking is \$2. Foothill College Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. <http://www.foothill.edu/fa>

## 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](http://www.imsb.org)

## SENIORS

**Gingerbread House making contest and workshop** The gingerbread house workshop and contest will take place on Wed., Dec. 3. The cost is \$2 + please bring one bag of gingerbread making candy. The winner will be announced on Dec 24th and will win a Sizzler gift certificate. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk or call 650-903-6330. Wed., Dec. 3, 1-3 p.m. \$2. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**Vision- Why can it get worse as we age? Workshop** Join Dr. Furlong Thu., Dec. 11, as he discusses topics such as 50+ eye aging, common vision problems and symptoms, new tech advancements, cataracts and insurance. Thu., Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Furry Friends Rescue Holiday Pet Photos** Digital holiday portraits of pets with proceeds going to Furry Friends Rescue. Sat., Dec. 6, 1-4 p.m. \$10. Pet Club, 1010 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 510-794-4703. [www.furryfriendsrescue.org](http://www.furryfriendsrescue.org)

## SPORTS

**CYSA Under-10 Boys Soccer Tryout** MVLA Pythons will hold tryouts for competitive Division 1 and Division 3 teams at Stevenson Park in Mountain View. If interested, send an email to [joseither@yahoo.com](mailto:joseither@yahoo.com). Boys born after July 31, 1998 are eligible. Tues. Dec. 2 and Thu., Dec. 4, 2008, 3:30-5 p.m. Free tryout. Stevenson Park, San Luis Ave. & San Pierre Way, Mountain View. <http://www.mvlasc.org/tryouts.html>

## TALKS/AUTHORS

**Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum** Don Reynolds, a

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**GEOFFREY RAU**



On the morning of November 20, Geoffrey Rau peacefully passed away at his family home in Mountain View.

Although modest about his achievements, Geoff accomplished much in his span of 29 years.

Above all else, he loved to learn. He was valedictorian at Mountain View High School, graduated from Cal with bachelors degrees in Biology and English, and received a doctorate in medicine from Duke University. While enrolled at Duke, Geoff spent a year as a research fellow at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As a result of his work at NIH, as well as prior work as a research associate at UCSF, Geoff was author or co-author on eight published scientific papers. Prior to suffering a severe brain injury in mid-October, he was a first

year resident physician at UCLA.

Beyond these achievements, and most important to Geoff, were his many close friendships. His friends enjoyed his subtle wit, extraordinary loyalty, and adventurous spirit. Geoff's adventures included running with the bulls in Pamplona, as well as other travels to Europe, South America, and Southeast Asia, two marathons, and several treks to the summits of Mt. Shasta and Yosemite's Half Dome.

Geoff is survived by his mother, Carol Raymond, father, Walt, brother, Michael, and grandmother, Marion. Geoff is preceded in death by his half brother, Philip Rau.

A memorial service has not yet been scheduled. More information may be found at [www.geoffrau.blogspot.com](http://www.geoffrau.blogspot.com).

For those who wish to make a donation in Geoffrey's name, please contact Community Services Agency, at <http://www.csacares.org>, or 650-968-0836.

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**CALENDAR**

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retired engineer from NASA Ames Research Center, talks about his experience working on infrared astronomical instruments and the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy. SOFIA: The Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, on Tue., Dec. 9, 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>

**The New Administration: What it Means for Silicon Valley Business** Mr. David Brady, deputy director and senior fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University,

will moderate a panel of guests to dissect and interpret the new presidents' path towards economic policy and what Silicon Valley companies can expect from the onset of the new administration. Wed., Dec. 10, 7:30-9 a.m. \$58. Stanford Faculty Club, 439 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-725-3330. <http://breakfastbriefings.stanford.edu/>

**TEEN ACTIVITIES**

**Mountain View High School Holiday Fair** The fair will feature a diverse range of student, parent and private vendors. All people who come will receive a free raffle ticket to win one of more than 30 vendor-donated prizes. Fri., Dec. 5, 2:30-8 p.m. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View.

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File No. 515802  
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, A & Enriquez Inc., 1035 Fuller Ter., Sunnyvale, CA 94086, Santa Clara County; A & ENRIQUEZ INC. 1035 Fuller Tr. Sunnyvale, CA 94086

This business is owned by a corporation. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 4/9/08. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on October 22, 2008. (Voice Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2008)

PAKISTANI AMERICAN CULTURE CENTER, INC. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 516299  
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Pakistani American Culture Center, Inc., 4423 Fortran Ct., Suite 160, San Jose, CA 95134, Santa Clara County; PAKISTANI AMERICAN CULTURE CENTER, INC. 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste. 160 San Jose, CA 95134

This business is owned by a corporation. Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 4, 2008. (Voice Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2008)

ASHLEY'S PET AU PAIR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 516334  
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Ashley's Pet Au Pair, 807 Emily Dr., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County; ASHLEY SIMPSON

807 Emily Dr. Mountain View, CA 94043  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 4, 2008. (Voice Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2008)

ECO-NOMICALLY SPEAKING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 516357  
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Eco-Nomically Speaking, 49 Showers Drive, W112, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County; MARITA CALDECOTT 49 Showers Dr., W112 Mountain View, CA 94040

This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 5, 2008. (Voice Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008)

QUALITY CHINESE TRANSLATION SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 516654  
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Quality Chinese Translation Services, 880 E. Fremont Ave., Suite 106, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County; JIANJUN ZHOU 880 E. Fremont Ave., Suite 106 Sunnyvale, CA 94087

JOE ORZEHOSKI 880 E. Fremont Ave., Suite 106 Sunnyvale, CA 94087

This business is owned by husband and wife. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 2003. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 13, 2008.

(Voice Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008)

THE UPS STORE # 1847 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 516941  
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, The UPS Store # 1847, 650 Castro St., Suite 120, Mtn. View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County; HAERA CHOI 706 Saranac Dr. Sunnyvale, CA 94087

This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on May, 2001. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 19, 2008. (Voice Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2008)

**997 All Other Legals**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Case No. 108CV126566 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NIXZA N. RODRIGUEZ and VICTOR M. RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: AZULYNA SHUXLY LUNA VELAZQUEZ to AZULYNA SHUXLY RODRIGUEZ VELAZQUEZ.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: DECEMBER 30, 2008, 8:45 a.m., Room: 107. Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE.

Date: October 30, 2008 /s/ Mary Ann Grilli JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Voice Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2008)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: October 27, 2008  
 To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are: BGMV CORP. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 357 CASTRO ST. STE. 1&2 MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041-1258 Type of license(s) Applied for: 47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE (Voice Nov. 14, 21, 28, 2008)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: NOVEMBER 4, 2008  
 To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are: FULLFILLMENT SYSTEMS INC. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 939 W EL CAMINO REAL MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040-2513 Type of license(s) Applied for: 47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE (Voice Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2008)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

ELIZABETH G. DAVIDSON also known as BETTY DAVIDSON Case No. 1-08-PR-164285 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELIZABETH G. DAVIDSON, also known as BETTY DAVIDSON.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: MARY ANN WELLER SAMUELSON in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY ANN WELLER SAMUELSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the person-

al 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 JANUARY 12, 2009 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/ John F. Foley SBN: 27285 84 W. Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113 (408)287-6287 (Voice Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: November 13, 2008  
 To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are: HERNANDEZ RICARDO MARTINEZ PABLO PEREZ The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 391 SAN ANTONIO RD. MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040-1213 Type of license(s) Applied for: 20 - OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE (Voice Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008)

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