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San Antonio Center owners propose redevelopment

By Daniel DeBolt

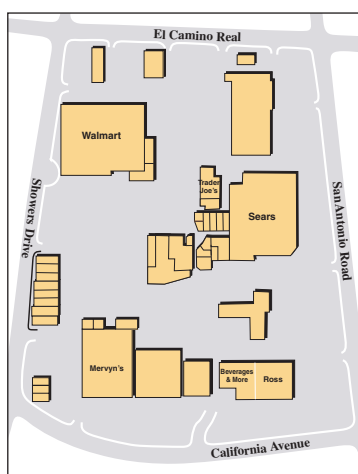
The City Council approved three major gatekeeper requests Tuesday, one of which could lead to a massive revamp of San Antonio shopping center, possibly even bringing the spirit of San Jose's Santana Row to Mountain View.

Behind the proposal are Thoits Brothers and San Antonio LLC, two of the four major property owners of the 57-acre shopping center at El Camino Real and San Antonio Road, whose parcels

include Walmart, Trader Joe's, Mervyn's and Sears.

High-density homes for the shopping center are in the proposal, along with parking garages, a new system of driveways and some open space.

Many City Council members said they were "thrilled" after pushing for redevelopment of the shopping center over a year ago. In General Plan hearings last year, local residents also expressed a desire for a redeveloped, "walkable" San Antonio shopping center with new high-density hous-



ing above shops and restaurants in a European-style streetscape.

Shopping center manager Mike Couch spoke for the two owners.

"We're really excited about the opportunity," after all these years, Couch said. "The Thoits lived on the site in the 1950s when it was an orchard. We hope to create a plan beneficial to all of us."

The shopping center has a total of 16 owners, but only four own the core 50 acres.

"We plan to engage all of the property owners in all of the future planning of the site," said

planning manager Aarti Shrivastava.

Minton's gatekeeper OK'd

A proposal for 206 apartments to replace the 100-year-old Minton's Lumber and Supply came a little closer to reality on Tuesday with a gatekeeper approval.

John Moss of Prometheus Real Estate Group said the apartment complex would have "as many green features as possible" and would be "a step forward in

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MICHELLE LE

Executive Director Gay Krause and teacher in residence Steven McGriff walk through the common area of the Krause Center for Innovation on Monday.

Krause honored for decade of service

By Casey Weiss

Ten years ago, former Mountain View educator Gay Krause started her second career, taking over an abandoned building on the Foothill College

campus with the goal of bringing technology into as many classrooms as possible.

This weekend, community members will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Krause Center for Innovation, which has helped

12,000 California teachers to integrate technology in their elementary and high school classrooms.

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Schools warn of looming job cuts

LOCAL DISTRICTS WOULD LOSE MILLIONS UNDER LATEST STATE BUDGET PLAN

By Casey Weiss

Administrators of both Mountain View school districts say that under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's most recent budget proposal, they will have to cut staff to compensate for the millions in lost funding.

Districts must send out pink slip notices by mid-March, and administrators in the Mountain View Whisman and Mountain View-Los Altos school districts say they have to start planning potential reductions now to meet this deadline. The governor most recently proposed slashing \$6.6 billion from education from now through 2010 as the state faces a \$41 billion deficit. This would force the elementary school district to cut \$3 million from its budget, and leave the high school district short \$2 million.

"Things are really bad," Moun-

tain View Whisman's chief financial officer, Craig Goldman, told trustees at a board meeting last week. "There is a storm out there and we have to be ready."

State politicians and the governor have been debating how to balance the deficit since last spring, but insiders say California could have a new budget by February (see story, Page 9). Under the governor's proposals, schools would lose cost of living adjustments allotted in last year's budget and would face additional steep reductions in revenue. The governor also proposes saving \$1.6 billion by cutting five school days a year. Administrators say they don't know if this proposal will pass, but no matter what the state has to make cuts.

As the Mountain View Whisman trustees prepare to make cuts, Goldman reminded them

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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Andrea Nott.

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"I am going to watch with my sons and prepare the food, but I don't know who's playing."

Maria Rosales, Mountain View



"I'm going to be rooting for the Steelers as my second choice, because they didn't beat my team the Eagles."

Joe Roser, Sunnyvale



"I am going to play football on my neighbors' muddy field, then watch the game. Mud-ball, then beer."

Stephen Schooley, San Jose



"I'm running a marathon on the morning of the Superbowl in San Francisco, so I can enjoy the beer later. But I am not a big football fan."

Robert Yao, Burlingame



"My favorite team is Pittsburg because I've grown up watching them, and I believe in their new coach. I'm taping the game so I can fast forward through all the commercials later. By the way, I think football should be America's pastime sport."

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■ CLARIFICATION

Last week's story "District moves PACT out of Castro" misrepresented the yearly loss of revenue by the Mountain View Whisman district when it moves PACT to a new campus. The lost revenue, which does total \$363,000 per year, is \$125,000 from lost rent, with the remainder due to maintenance and other costs.

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Big day

By Don Frances

LAST WEEK I asked you to send in your stories about Inauguration Day. We got a few nice responses.

One came from none other than Ellen Wheeler, trustee of the Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District, who wrote:

Dear Don,

Since you asked people to write in, back from the Inauguration in Washington, D.C., here's my quick take.

I have five main memories of Barack Obama's Inauguration: (1) It was *so cold!* (2) It was *so crowded!* (3) People were walking around smiling, all in a good mood, there to celebrate the culmination of their common purpose—the election of Barack Obama. (4) There was such a rainbow of people— young white men with Obama pins, many black people, seniors, students, old hippies ... It was especially meaningful to see so many black families there to bear witness to that day. (5) I met people who had trekked there from all over the United States and even the world — from Alabama, New York, Florida, Kansas, Connecticut and Ethiopia. I even met people who lived near Washington, D.C., who had never been to a Presidential Inauguration, and now it was time.

CLOSER TO HOME, the day workers over at the Worker Center (which for now remains located at Trinity United Methodist Church at the corner of Hope and Mercy streets) kept busy on Inauguration Day “by constructing giant 15-by-11-foot American flags for Huff School.”

Another such flag is on display in front of the center, at 748 Mercy St.

This information comes from a press release, which continued: “Inspired by President Obama's call for increased volunteerism, workers went on to pick up trash from Mountain View city streets.”

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MICHELLE LE

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

Red gift envelopes or *li xi*, which contain various amounts of money, hang from cherry blossom branches at Minh's Restaurant on Castro Street. The display is in celebration of the Lunar New Year, which was Monday. This is the year of the ox.

Pickup runs amok, rams into man on California

VICTIM IN SERIOUS CONDITION AFTER HORRIFIC CRASH THROUGH FENCE; DRIVER REMAINS FREE

By Daniel DeBolt

A mysterious car crash last Thursday afternoon left a 19-year-old Mountain View resident in serious condition, after a truck smashed through two apartment complex properties and hit him as he unloaded groceries from his car.

The victim, 19-year-old Man Lai Leung, suffered life-threatening injuries and was taken to a hospital, police said. He was still in the intensive care unit the next morning, but is expected to recover.

Police said the unnamed driver of the eastbound 1970s Chevy pickup truck is a 53-year-old man who was apparently not intoxicated or deranged. At around 2:42 p.m., he veered off California Street near Rengstorff Avenue, jumped the curb and cut across the lawn of an apartment complex at 1821 California St. before smashing through the wooden fence of the neighboring complex at 1825 California. Four parked cars were damaged before the 4,000-pound truck finally came to rest in a parking lot.

Leung was unloading groceries from his Honda Accord when he was struck and pinned against his car as it was pushed several yards. He had family or friends nearby who came to his aid, according to police officers who were on the scene.

On Thursday evening, shocked neighbors continued to stand around the scene of the incident. A day later police had yet to find

a reason to arrest the driver of the truck, because tests showed he was not under the influence of alcohol, nor did he appear to be under the influence of drugs, which blood tests will confirm in a few weeks.

“We have to have a reason to arrest him,” said police spokesperson Liz Wylie. “Maybe he had a medical issue — a blackout or heart problem. It is still being investigated.”



DANIEL DEBOLT

This 1970s pickup swerved off of California Street and hit a man as he was unloading groceries.

Parent asks board to remove coach

FATHER UPSET BY E-MAILED PHOTOS OF SHIRTLESS MAN

By Casey Weiss

A Mountain View High School parent asked district board members this week to fire the school's varsity girls basketball coach for sending an “unprofessional” e-mail to her players with pictures of a shirtless man.

“This just blew me away,” Shariff Estremera told the board on Monday night. “I believe it was an act of misconduct. I believe the school deserves better. Please pay special attention.”

Estremera forwarded a copy of the e-mail to Mountain View-Los Altos High School District administrators and other parents, but wanted the board to take more punitive actions. Trustees would not comment on the case since Estremera spoke as a community member and the discussion was not on the agenda. After the meeting, board members told the *Voice* they had not yet had time to discuss the case.

After receiving a copy of the e-mail, Principal Keith Moody and Superintendent Barry Groves both spoke with the coach, Judy Auclair, and conducted an investigation, but would not comment on specifics of the case. Groves said he did not fire the coach, adding that the district and high school are “dealing with the situation.”

“We have done what we feel is appropriate,” Groves said. “We are moving on.”

In the Jan. 5 e-mail to her players, Auclair pasted a few photos of a shirtless male model in sexy poses and asked the girls to “Guess who this is.”

“Have another look!” she wrote as the e-mail scrolls

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Hummingbird at Shoreline

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Because breast cancer never sleeps

VOLUNTEERS PREPARE FOR SIXTH ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT; RALLY NEXT WEEK

By Casey Weiss

One weekend a year, Cuesta Park becomes a place of community and inspiration for Marcia Stein as she walks with hundreds of other cancer survivors and supporters in the annual Relay for Life.

Stein is an eight-year survivor of breast cancer, and now calls herself a "Relay junkie," walking in fundraisers throughout the Bay Area.

This year marks the sixth anniversary of the Mountain View Relay, which will be held May 30 and 31 at Cuesta Park. Relay for Life races take place throughout the country, and last year participants nationwide raised \$4 billion — \$70,000 in Mountain View alone — to fight breast cancer.

This year Mountain View organizers are already planning a rally to be held next Thursday at the YMCA, allowing volunteers to go over the basics of the upcoming event.

"Going to those walks is a great way to feel great about yourself and your future, while helping others," said Stein, a Cupertino resident.

The Mountain View Relay for Life event attracts about 500 local residents — some with similar stories to Stein, others just supporting the cause — who walk for 24 hours to raise money for cancer research and support services through the

want to join the fight."

Survivors participate for free, and the race begins with a "survivors lap," honoring all those members who have beat cancer. In the evening, candles line the trail in honor of those who have died from the disease.

Of all the races she participates in, Stein says the Mountain View fundraiser is especially peaceful and contemplative.

"You see survivors anywhere from babies to people in their 90s," Stein said. "And we are all in it together." ■

"You see survivors anywhere from babies to people in their 90s. And we are all in it together."

MARCIA STEIN

American Cancer Society.

They walk for 24 hours straight, organizers say, because cancer never sleeps.

Teams of family members, coworkers and friends sign up together, making sure someone is walking the Cuesta Park trails at all times during the day-and-night fundraiser. Participants set up tents, and organizers provide entertainment and some snacks.

"There is something real special about Relay," said local event co-chair Kathie Sutherland, also a breast cancer survivor. "It is really all about cancer — it's for the caregivers, survivors, people who have lost a loved one and people who

INFORMATION

Organizers are holding a Relay for Life rally on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the El Camino YMCA, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View, where they will go over the basics of Relay for Life such as forming a team, volunteering and fundraising.

The Relay for Life event is May 30 and 31 at Cuesta Park in Mountain View. For more information about the rally or the Relay, contact Kathie Sutherland at (650) 988-7532 or kksutherla@aol.com, or Adriana Caldera at (408) 688-0117 or adriana.caldera@cancer.org.

High-speed rail worries Peninsula residents

STATE BEGINS HEARINGS ON \$45 BILLION PROJECT'S POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Palo Alto Weekly

The state agency charged with building a high-speed rail system between San Francisco and Los Angeles has yet to convince all Peninsula residents about the merits of having electric trains zip through their communities at 125 mph.

But last Thursday, officials from the California High-Speed Rail Authority took a step toward quelling fears with the first of three "scoping sessions" this month on what should be included in an environmental impact study on the 800-mile project. The other two meetings were Tuesday and Thursday of this week, in San Francisco and Santa Clara, respectively. All three addressed only the stretch between San Francisco and San Jose.

The first meeting, held at the SamTrans headquarters in San Carlos, attracted nearly 150 residents, some whom raised concerns about the cost, noise and traffic impacts of the project, which was approved by voters as Proposition 1A last Nov. 4.

Dominic Spaethling, regional manager for the project, said the new rail system would ultimately be quieter and safer than any system in place today. The trains would run on a four-track system, with two tracks being used by Caltrain and freight trains.

"We're talking about upgrading this to a point where the vibration is reduced, the noise is reduced and it's a safer and better operated railroad than we have today," Spaethling said.

Mountain View is in the very early stages of figuring out how to accommodate additional tracks for the trains along the Caltrain corridor downtown. There is currently no room for the two additional tracks that would have to be built alongside the Caltrain line, as the light rail stop takes up space there. And unless Castro Street is closed off at that end, a grade-separated crossing of some sort will have to be built so that the trains can rush through downtown without posing a danger to cars and people.

The authority is in the "amoeba phase" of putting together its environmental impact report for the project. Thursday's scoping session was one of the early steps in the process of putting the report together. The authority expects to work on the analysis and engineering for the San Francisco-to-

San Jose segment until 2011.

Mountain View officials attended the scoping session in Santa Clara on Thursday and will be providing written comments to the authority by March 6.

Timothy Cobb, project engineer for the San Francisco-to-San Jose segment of the high-speed rail, said engineering for the project will begin in February. It would likely take about six months to put together possible scenarios that could be presented to local city officials for consideration, he said.

"Before we do the engineering, we really won't know what is feasible," Cobb said.

Cobb described the proposed system as "state of the art" and as a much-needed tool for bringing the United States in line with Europe, where such systems have been in place for more than 25 years. The trains would travel at speeds of up to 220 miles per hour, delivering passengers from San Francisco to Los Angeles in two hours and 38 minutes. Speeds on the Peninsula would be around 125 miles per hour, Cobb said.

But even though California voters approved a \$9.95 billion bond for the system in November, it's not yet entirely clear where the rest of the funds for the \$45 billion project will come from. The federal government is expected to provide another \$10 billion to \$12 billion, and local and regional agencies are expected to contribute up to \$3 billion. The rest would have to come from private sources.

Quentin L. Kopp, chairman of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, said 28 private companies, including Goldman Sachs, had previously expressed interest in investing in the project. But he said it's not clear what effect the worsening economy would have on private contributions. ■

Staff writer Daniel DeBolt contributed to this report.

■ INFORMATION

Residents also have until March 6 to submit written comments on the scope of the environmental review for the Peninsula segment of the project. Comments should be sent to Dan Leavitt, deputy director, attention San Francisco to San Jose, California High-Speed Rail Authority, 925 L St., Suite 1425, Sacramento, CA 95814; or e-mailed to comments@hsr.ca.gov with the subject line "San Francisco to San Jose HST."

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creating a green and sustainable environment for Mountain View and the Bay Area.”

Prometheus hopes that during the General Plan update, the city will allow about 60 units per acre on the 3.4-acre site, which is currently regulated at about 25 units per acre.

With an underground garage, the proposed buildings would be four stories along Evelyn Avenue and taper to two stories along Villa Street. A public paseo would run through the middle with a “significant water feature” and open space. The plan would create 21 new below market rate apartments, Moss said.

While some council members disliked the density of the project, Moss says it’s justified because the site is across the street from one of only two transit stations in the Bay Area that combine light rail, bus and train service.

On the 7.6 acres that make up the eastern half of the block, owner-developer Classic Communities says it will continue to hold off on its plan to build 46 row homes and 50 condos due to the decline in the housing market.

“We’re here to encourage you to approve the gatekeeper request as proposed and to leave us out of it,” said Scott Ward of Classic Communities.

Writing letters of support for the Prometheus project were the League of Women Voters, Advocates for Affordable Housing and the Old Mountain View

pied by the Microsoft division. Metzler hopes to be allowed higher density than usual on the property to allow construction of a 90,000-square-foot building and four-story parking garage.

Despite those plans, the developer considers the Pacific Press buildings historic, and is not planning to tear them down, a

After much discussion about its effectiveness and how it might hurt businesses, the council voted 5-2 in favor of supporting a 25 cent fee on single use shopping bags, both paper and plastic. Council members Tom Means and John Inks were opposed.

Means, an economics professor at San Jose State University, appeared to talk himself out of the idea after originally saying, “I’m fine supporting the resolution.”

“I’m not sure this thing will ever be right,” Means said. “I don’t know if a quarter is too low or too high and I don’t know if anyone on this [county] commission could figure it out either.”

The proposal is being put forth by Santa Clara County officials — until recently, council member Ronit Bryant vice chaired the county recycling and waste reduction commission that drafted the ordinance — and so far has gained only partial support, with the cities of Los Altos and Milpitas rejecting it.

“I don’t think any ordinance is ever perfect,” Bryant said. “But I think we should move forward with this.” ■

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A proposal to discourage single use shopping bags gained the support of the City Council

Neighborhood Association steering committee.

Pacific Press preserved

On the corner of Shoreline Boulevard and Villa Street is a 168,000-square-foot campus that once housed the Pacific Press, one of the city’s first large employers. It is now home to TellMe networks, a division of Microsoft.

On Tuesday, the new owner of the \$62 million property, Seattle-based Metzler North America, was given the green light to plan a high-density office building on the site that would be occu-

fact that pleased council member Laura Macias.

Now that all three developments are through the gate, city staffers hope to use them as cases for discussion as residents assemble over the next two years to discuss the city’s General Plan update.

Council says yes to bag fee

A proposal to discourage single use shopping bags gained the support of the City Council on Tuesday night, setting the stage for a county-wide debate over the issue.

■ CITY BRIEFS

CITY READY FOR STIMULUS

While it is still uncertain what, if anything, Mountain View will get from the president’s \$825 billion economic stimulus package, a list of “shovel ready” city projects has been drafted in case the funds start flowing this way.

The \$111 million project list contains mostly public works projects already in the pipeline, including a new \$50 million community center at Rengstorff Park.

It is uncertain whether the big ticket items will be funded, however. Only one thing is fairly certain so far: The city will get about \$800,000 to repair and reconstruct streets and roads, said public works director Cathy Lazarus.

The process for determining funds for local roads and infrastructure are “pretty much defined right now,” Lazarus said. “What the requirements will be for other elements are not yet known.”

NEW STREET LIGHTS ON WAY

In a city effort to reduce energy use, the orange tinted street light bulbs along Calderon Avenue will soon be replaced with white light producing LED bulbs.

City staffers say the LED (light emitting diode) bulbs use 50 percent less energy than the old high pressure sodium bulbs and last three times longer, reducing maintenance costs.

The city’s public works department will start testing the LED lights soon on the entire length of Calderon Avenue and may begin using them throughout the city.

The city welcomes feedback on the appearance of the new lighting. Contact Streets Supervisor Gerald Pollock at (650) 903-6214.

GREEN TASK FORCE LIVES ON

After providing a 300-page report with 89 ways to go green, the city’s Environmental Sustainability Task Force is gone now. But a new sort of group has sprung up in its place.

What is being temporarily called the Green Citizens Action Team held its first meeting recently and 26 people showed up, said former task force member Bruce England. During the meeting, the group got some advice from members of similar groups in Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

The group will be independent of the city and will not be an official advisory group to the City Council the way the task force was. However, there is talk about having some kind of informal liaison with city staff.

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at the Jan. 22 meeting of the district's top priorities, including core academics, math, English language arts, extracurricular activities and protection of jobs. This "doesn't mean we will be able to protect all jobs," he said. "But it is a priority."

The district will try to keep cuts away from the classrooms. Staff positions for programs and teachers on special assignments will be the first to go if the current proposal passes. While administrators wait for a state budget decision, the district is drawing up a list of seniority, and newer staff members or teachers on special assignment will be laid off first if the district needs to hand out pink slips.

"You cannot cut \$3 million without some amount of pain," Goldman said. "We are not going to do more than we have to. We are dealing with people's lives and layoffs."

There is a glimmer of hope on the horizon: An economic stimulus package currently in Congress could send \$10 billion to California schools over two years if it passes. Although the package would not completely bail out schools, it would provide additional aid during the current hardship. Both houses are expected to approve a

package in mid-February.

Mountain View Whisman is a revenue limit district, meaning it receives the majority of its funding from the state. It faces more cuts than the high school district, which is a basic aid district, and is funded primarily through local property taxes.

For its part, the high school district formed a budget advisory committee of 20 teachers, parents, students and administrators to help balance its budget. The district board will use recommendations from the committee to make a final decision on budget cuts in March.

With MVLA facing \$2 million in cuts, Joe White, associate superintendent of business services for the district, said that personnel would take a hit. Eighty-six percent of the district's budget goes toward health care and salaries, he said.

"There have to be some cuts in there that are personnel-related."

PACT project approved

Also last week, Mountain View Whisman trustees officially approved a controversial project to turn district property into a campus for PACT, the parent participation program currently housed at Castro School.

Trustees hope the decision will alleviate overcrowding at

State may freeze education funding this spring*Palo Alto Weekly*

A \$2.8 billion statewide education-funding freeze could force districts to dig into reserve funds — if they have them — according to state Sen. Joe Simitian.

As a result, some districts could be thrown into a crisis situation, he acknowledged to more than 150 parents and school officials last Saturday in Palo Alto. The Palo Alto Democrat said school districts would have to tread water while the Legislature is up to its ears in alligators.

A budget compromise could be reached within two weeks on a \$42 billion funding gap, including a \$6.6 billion cut from education on an 18-month budget.

But the bigger cut may include a \$2.8 billion state-funding freeze that could hit districts in March and run until July, Simi-

tian warned during the briefing at the Palo Alto school district headquarters. He said a budget agreement could be reached by mid-February, months before the June 15 deadline, so districts will know where they stand for next year.

But that's the only glimmer of good news, he said.

Most of the cuts under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plan to close the huge shortfall are expected to come from "categorical" funds that pay for special programs.

Simitian said there will be a statewide special election this spring to address the budget crisis. The ballot will include a sales tax increase, requiring two-thirds voter approval, to provide funding for struggling school districts. Simitian doesn't know whether other taxes, such as a gasoline tax increase or a vehicle license fee,

will be included on the ballot.

Simitian said Schwarzenegger is recommending that districts cut five class days from the school year.

A member of the audience called out that teachers would then "have to pick up the tab from their salaries."

Simitian said the five-day cut is an option, not a requirement. He said it "is a dire step, but only for a year or two."

In response to a community member's suggestion that the state cut from all other areas of spending except education, Simitian said, "Fifty percent of the state budget is for education," and "I do not support across-the-board cuts from all other areas under a certain amount."

Other categories of spending include transportation, health and social services and the criminal justice system. ■

the Castro campus, which also houses regular students and another special program, Dual Immersion.

The new PACT campus will be in the Stevenson School, a small campus next to the district office on San Pierre Way. The program

will move this summer after the district finishes \$2 million in renovations there.

The site, which is currently rented out to the YMCA, will cost an additional \$363,000 in annual costs, including the loss of \$125,000 in YMCA rent each

year.

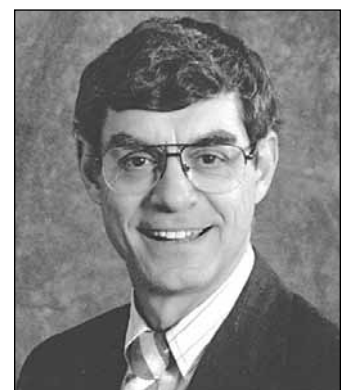
Trustees finalized the PACT move to Stevenson despite dissent from two community members, who said the decision was rash and potentially too expensive during the current economic downturn. ■

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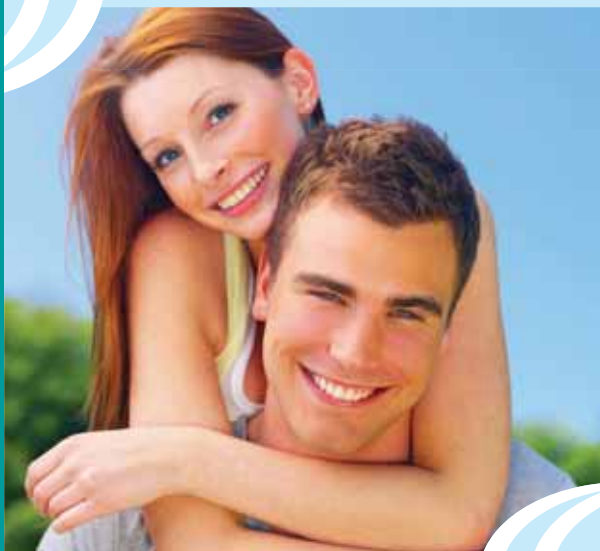
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Group hopes to tackle homelessness, starting Monday

A newly formed advocacy group in Mountain View called the North County Homeless Housing Coalition hopes to put an end to chronic homelessness in Mountain View by providing transients with housing.

The coalition will host its first public meeting Monday evening.

The agenda is simple: Learn about homelessness, deliberate on possible fixes and “become part of the solution.”

There are an estimated 300 homeless people in Mountain View, many of whom live in cars and in secluded areas alongside Stevens Creek. The group hopes to raise

money to build housing for the chronically homeless, a solution which has worked in other cities, said Nadia Ilieva, homeless services coordinator for the Community Services Agency.

“We don’t see ourselves as facilitators,” said Julie Barton, one of four

churchgoers and CSA board members who started the group after Mountain View’s homeless shelter closed in 2006.

The meeting will be Monday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, 2094 Grant Road at Cuesta Avenue, Mountain View.

—Daniel DeBolt

KRAUSE

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tion, Foothill College will honor Gay and her husband Bill at the Decade of Innovation Fundraiser this Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club in Menlo Park.

Community members say the recognition is much deserved considering the couple’s commitment to local education. Krause is the center’s executive director, and also volunteers as the chairperson of the Challenge Team, a group of local leaders who meet once a month to discuss issues facing at-risk youth. Bill Krause, former CEO of 3Com Corp., has helped fund the center and reach out to other potential donors.

“Teachers are able to bring back

those skills and implement them into the classroom,” Mountain View-Los Altos High School District Superintendent Barry Groves said of the center’s programs.

Krause spent the majority of her career in the Mountain View Whisman district as a teacher, counselor and then principal at Graham Middle School. She said former Foothill College president Bernadine Fong approached her twice before she agreed to take on planning and running the center.

“I thought maybe it was time for me to change careers,” Krause said. “It was an opportunity for me to do development on a bigger level. It is a way to serve a lot more teachers.”

Krause inherited the former space science museum at Foothill which had not been used in years and was “totally in despair,” she said. She spent her first two years fundraising

and overseeing construction of the new building.

“I thought this would be a part-time retirement,” Krause said. “It hasn’t turned out that way. I have put my heart and soul into it.”

The light-filled and dome-shaped building, across from the main Foothill campus, now has a cafeteria, multimedia lab and several classrooms where teachers participate in two key programs. The center’s merit program selects 50 teachers, provides them with a stipend and trains them to bring technology and math and science curricula into the classroom. Through a second program, a teacher in residence designs and develops curricula highlighting these same subject areas.

“Teachers bring back not only the latest technology, but they also learn technology in a framework of

effective teaching strategies,” said Mountain View Whisman Superintendent Maurice Ghysels.

Foothill students also have access to the center during the day.

The center costs \$1.2 million to run each year, with half coming from Foothill College and the remainder from donations. Proceeds from the \$225 tickets for the anniversary dinner will go toward the center’s endowment.

“This is not only a celebration, but also a way to bring attention to the need for funding,” said Laura Woodworth, associate director at the Foothill-De Anza Foundation, which is helping to organize the fundraiser.

As the center begins its 11th year, Krause said she hopes to reach as many students as possible.

“Once we train the teachers, the effect is multiplied out,” she said. ■

COACH

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down. “Still don’t know?” At the end of the e-mail she wrote: “Neither do I ... but who cares?”

Auclair did not return messages from the *Voice* seeking comment.

According to another parent who asked not to be named, the e-mail was based on a conversation about boys the coach had with her 10 players. She said most of the girls and parents were not upset by the photos, and added that in her opinion the e-mail did not merit the firing of Auclair, who has been coaching at Mountain View High for six years.

“It was a joke. The girls didn’t think about it. They were more upset about the brouhaha of the e-mail,” the parent said. “They just want to play basketball.”

Disappointed with the district’s reaction and the reaction by other parents, Estremera also took a copy of the e-mail to the Mountain View Police Department. He said police told him the pictures were “two inches away from being pornographic.” But police concluded they weren’t pornographic.

“It is definitely not criminal,” said police spokesperson Liz Wylie. “There has to be criminal

intent. It has to be pornographic.”

Estremera came to the school board meeting on Monday, Jan. 26, asking trustees to take further action against the coach. He said his daughter, a sophomore at Mountain View High, was offended by the e-mails, and that the team should have a more professional coach. Two other parents also contacted Moody about the e-mail, Estremera said.

The girls “need to be thinking about the game and not this stuff,” said Estremera, who is in the Army Reserve and will be leaving for Iraq in March.

“I believe this is not something I should have to worry about when I am there,” he told the board.

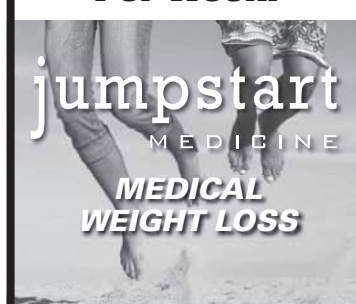
Because this is a personnel matter, any further discussion among trustees would take place in closed session, according to board president Judy Hannemann. But she added that board normally “trusts the powers that be.”

The board can schedule a closed meeting to discuss the issue at any time if they decide, Hannemann added.

But until then, said trustee Susan Sweeley, “Everybody is aware and will be watching.” ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Let teens use Senior Center

Despite a lot of staff work on a plan for teens to share space at the Senior Center during its off hours, the idea was shot down two weeks ago on a 3-3 council vote that did not adequately consider its real potential.

Seniors, who enjoy the use of a brand new 25,000-square-foot center on Escuela Avenue, pulled out all the stops to defeat a very reasonable plan to share space with teens during evenings and other down time. The council sent the plan back to city staff to assess whether a program could share space in the Community Center next door, but that option already has been looked at and found wanting.

Billed as a temporary six-month pilot program by city staff, the defeated plan would have used the Senior Center for classes and activities after 6:30 p.m. on weeknights at a cost of \$36,000. The idea was to meet a top 2008 council goal of developing "positive activities for youth."

More precisely, the program was designed to provide a place for underserved teens in the Rengstorff neighborhood, mostly middle school and younger high school students, to gather while the city works on finding a permanent site for a teen center. Impetus for the idea came from the Council Youth Services Committee and from several meetings last year between teenagers and city officials.

The proposal envisioned a simple temporary program during off-hours at the Senior Center. It is difficult to imagine what disruption would be caused by the proposed classes in homework assistance, physical fitness, CPR and babysitting. Most senior programs are held in the mornings and early- to mid-afternoons. By 6:30 p.m., most seniors have gone home.

The teen program also envisioned a few more active events during the weekend — such as a battle of the bands and a video game tournament on the second and fourth Saturday night of each month.

Unfortunately, some council members apparently were swayed by the handful of seniors at the meeting who could imagine nothing but trouble from any teenager who was allowed into the Senior Center. One said that teens would be disrespectful and aggressive. "They push you as though you were not there," she said.

While we respect these statements, we do not think those making them speak for all seniors. A recent trip to the Senior Center by Voice reporters found that many seniors actually supported a temporary teen program at the center. In fact, during our brief afternoon visit we found not one opponent of the idea among the half-dozen interviewed.

We hope the council will reexamine use of the Senior Center in the limited way proposed by city staff. Teenagers are hardly the ogres some seniors think them to be, and this modest experiment could be a good way for them to learn that — while saving us all some money in these trying economic times.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SENIOR CENTER IS FOR SENIORS

Editor:

We seniors found out on the day of the Jan. 13 meeting that the City Council planned to have teenagers enrolled in classes, pool and other games in our senior facility ("Senior Center still just for seniors," Jan. 16). Our Senior Center is already overcrowded with people coming from other towns, and over-rented for meetings and other activities.

We did not have much time to prepare for this shocking news. With phones ringing off the hook to find out what was going on, I decided to attend the meeting. We were told for the first time that teenagers needed a space of their own, and that the Senior Center was their choice.

With so many other places to choose from like school buildings, large auditoriums, a large recreation center on Rengstorff, a library (to do homework), Graham Auditorium on Castro for dances, and council chambers in City Hall to show movies, why choose the Senior Center?

A councilwoman suggested seniors should volunteer to teach teenagers to play pool and other games. Can you picture an 85- or 90-year-old senior doing this? Seniors and teens do not mix.

I would like to thank the three council members who listened to our needs, and understood our problems and feelings. They voted to find another home for the teenagers and not to aggravate the Senior Center's problems. It is

time for taxpayers and seniors to get involved; come to the meetings to find out what is going on.

Rosie Talmage
Montalto Drive

THANKS FOR INAUGURAL COVERAGE AT CASTRO

Editor:

I want to thank you for your coverage of the Inauguration Day events at my children's school ("Dreams for Obama," Jan. 23). The time that your staff spent covering the various events (and the great photographs) really captured how special the teachers and staff made it. We're very proud to be a part of this community.

Suzy DeLine
Garcia Avenue

HARASSING MUST END

Editor:

I live in the Rex Manor neighborhood and frequently run along the Stevens Creek Trail late mornings and afternoons. In order to get to the trail I at some point cross Shoreline either at Middlefield or Stierlin.

On many occasions, while waiting on the corner for a crossing light, I am harassed by guys who look to be working in the trades. They will make lurid looks at me or comments about my appearance while driving away.

This does not occur because of how I am dressed, usually in a jacket and pants. It is because I am a woman alone on the

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GUEST OPINION

Worth the wait

LOCAL FAMILY GOES TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO WITNESS HISTORY

By Karen Crumlin

Forty-five years ago my mother Marie Shockley joined an estimated 250,000 people for the March on Washington. Less than three months later, I was born.

A few days ago, mom and I returned to Washington, D.C. along with my kids and other family. This time, we joined over two million people, all fighting for a spot on the Mall to witness history.

My kids and I arrived at the holding spot around 6 a.m. only to discover that there were some who had been there since 2:30 a.m. No one noticed the 11 degree temperatures for the first two hours. People socialized and sang the time away.

After the fourth hour, smiles turned into discomfort as many began to march in place. All were desperately trying to ignore the fact that they couldn't feel their feet. It started to get ugly when a group noticed that one line was moving faster than another. "Excuse me! Why is this line not moving?" said one man. "They have tickets, sir," said the volunteer. When some of the ticket holders started coming back, the secret was out: The Mall had reached capacity. No more people would get in.

As half of the people left in disappointment, I had to make

a choice: give up and watch the day's events on television in warmth, or wait another four hours for the parade and a possible chance to see our next president. My son reminded me that we had come so far and had waited so long. He didn't want to let go, and my feet wouldn't let me get out of the line.

With half of the crowd now gone, we gained ground quickly, only to stop and wait another hour. We got through security and were left to fend for ourselves for another three hours.

For security reasons, there were no restaurants open on the parade

route. Fruits were confiscated, but people were able to bring in other food. There were port-a-pottys but no trash cans available, for fear that dangerous items would be smuggled in.

At one point we found a ray of sun near the Newseum and basked in it. Amazingly, some other members of our family, who I thought had parted company for the day, were there, and we had a dramatic and unlikely reunion among the hundreds of thousands of spectators.

With the family back together, the remaining hours seemed bearable. A vent on the sidewalk blew

up hot steam from the underground train station to help us stay warm. Eventually we found a spot by a big screen and gathered together when it was time to witness history. The moment wasn't emotional. Instead it was a moment of quiet pride. Then silence turned into uncontrollable cheering, high fives and lots of hugs. Change had finally come!

Next was the parade. Everybody needed it to start on time. Unfortunately, health concerns about Ted Kennedy caused the parade to be delayed. A total of nine hours had passed as the crowd stood in what was now 21 degree tem-

peratures. The crowd had no idea when the parade would begin. Just when parents with young kids started to reconsider their decision, the parade began.

Within minutes, the car carrying the 44th president drove slowly by. The windows were dark, but nobody could deny that winning smile and the long fingers that waived at me and my family. I hugged my mother and confirmed that for the past 10 hours, we had been exactly where we were supposed to be.

Karen Crumlin lives on Camille Lane.

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streets. Even in the 21st century a woman alone is an invitation for unwanted sexual misconduct.

I am so offended by this that I feel reluctant to leave my house for a run because of the encounters, which happen in the middle of day in the suburbs of an affluent community. It's truly sad.

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MARK KITAOKA

George Smith (Gino Carvalho) is jilted by histrionic star of stage and screen Lily Garland (Rebecca Dines) in the regional premiere of "Twentieth Century" at TheatreWorks.

THIS NOISY 'CENTURY'

TheatreWorks production fails to tickle the funny bone

By Karla Kane

Like the high-pitched whistle of a fast-moving train, TheatreWorks' newest production, "Twentieth Century," barrels onto the stage with energy and noise to spare.

The play, by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, made its Broadway debut in 1932, followed by a 1950s revival and a 1970s musical version. In 2004, it was revived and adapted by Ken Ludwig; TheatreWorks presents this version.

"Twentieth Century" is named

for the luxury locomotive in which the action is set. Chugging along on an overnight journey from Chicago to New York City in 1930s glamour, the train contains a small cast of wacky passengers, each playing their part in the following tangled web:

Washed-up Broadway producer Oscar Jaffe has just produced his third straight flop, while archenemy Max Jacobs is flush with success. Jaffe knows that a reunion with his former protegee and paramour, Lily Garland (nee Mildred Plotka), is just what he needs to reclaim

his crown as king of the Great White Way.

But Garland has left Broadway for Hollywood stardom, even recently winning an Academy Award. She's vowed to never again work with Jaffe, and is planning on signing a contract with Jacobs as soon as she gets to NYC. The ever-scheming Jaffe arranges to get the train compartment next to Garland so he might woo (or trick if necessary) her back to him during the course of the ride. He promises her the starring role of a lifetime — the only problem?

He has no idea what role or play that might be yet.

Jaffe gets a brainstorm thanks to some other passengers, a troupe of German actors who perform the Christian Passion play. Garland is lured in by Jaffe's offer of the part of Mary Magdalene in a grand Broadway spectacle. Another passenger, pharmaceutical honcho Mathew Clark, who spends his time plastering the train windows with "repent" stickers, is a religious nut who offers to financially back the production — provided, of course, that he

can play Jesus Christ. Other bit players include a doctor-cum-playwright and his mistress, and Garland's beefcake agent, plus Jaffe's two loyal assistants, the sensible Ida Webb and crass Owen O'Mally.

"Twentieth Century" is billed as the quintessential '30s screwball comedy, and the TheatreWorks production certainly tries its best to reach an appropriate level of zaniness. "Zany and comedic" in this case seem to be translated as "loud and

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DANA ULLMAN

Left: Aodh Og O'Tuama and Christy Martin make up Four Shillings Short. They have been "on the road" for 12 years. Right: Aodh Og O'Tuama holds one of their many rare instruments.

Two for the road

MUSICAL VAGABONDS FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT RETURN FROM THEIR TRAVELS

By Rebecca Wallace

The bardic tradition is alive and well in a Dodge van with 363,000 miles on it.

The valiant steed is on its second engine and fourth transmission, but it keeps carrying Christy Martin and Aodh Og O Tuama around the country to play their proudly eccentric blend of Celtic, folk and world music.

Known on stage as Four Shillings Short, Martin and O Tuama met at a concert in Palo Alto in 1995 and knew after a week that they'd get married. They've been making music and living a vagabond life together ever since, and they still consider this region the closest thing they have to a home base.

The pair are now back "home" after two years of performing around the country, with upcoming gigs lined up at the Bus Barn Theatre and other Peninsula spots. Then in March, it's off to the Rockies, the Pacific Northwest and of course Ireland. Aodh Og (pronounced *a-yog*) O Tuama is a native of Cork; Irish is his first language, and his English is lilting.

What's it like to be almost constantly on the road? "It's like a fantasy life," Martin says. They photograph bison in Yellowstone and goats in Glendalough, explore backroads and castles. And they almost always stay with friends.

At the moment, the two are in a resplendent 1895 Palo Alto Victorian with antique radios and surprising staircases. The kitchen feels like a grand wood-paneled ship, with broad windows letting in a swath of sun. Behind the dining room, steps appear out of nowhere, spiraling

into the basement.

Martin and O Tuama used to live in a small cottage on this large plot of Homer Avenue land — until the dot-com boom boosted their rent from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in one day. It seemed like a good time to hit the road. The couple's friends in the big Victorian offered to let them stay rent-free whenever they were in town, and the offer still holds today. In return, Martin and O Tuama make the meals. They say their Indian dishes make it a good deal.

They're also perpetually cooking up a salmagundi of global sounds, which means many ingredients. O Tuama estimates that they bring 25 instruments on stage at each gig.

On this warm afternoon, Martin and O Tuama bounce back and forth between the dining room and the bedroom they stay in, happily bringing out instrument after instrument to show to visitors. There are wooden whistles and tinwhistles, low-F and low-D whistles. Martin crouches low on the floor to play a hammered dulcimer, and in a box O Tuama finds a triangle he carried around for 25 years before playing.

Four Shillings Short's repertoire is often Indian-flavored — the musicians' 2003 CD is called "From Ragas to Riches." Martin holds up an elegant sitar, pointing out its 20 strings in two layers. She's been playing Indian music since she was 15 and once lived in an ashram.

In the liner notes of the pair's most recent release, the 2007 "Attitude and Gratitude," they say Celtic and Indian music have many similarities, including the drone heard

in several instruments, and the "feeling and emotion expressed in well-developed melodies."

When Martin and O Tuama have time between concerts, they like to make gratis presentations at schools, supplementing weakened music programs by speaking and performing. Many of these children have never seen anyone play the wooden spoons.

Lately, Martin and O Tuama have introduced more spoken poetry into their concerts. One new song they play on bowed psaltery is based on the poem "A Slave's Lament" by Robert Burns, about the slaves being brought to America.

Four Shillings Short once mailed out postcards and booked gigs on pay phones. Now Martin and O Tuama have 30,000 people on their e-mail list.

"It's hard keeping up with technology," Martin says.

O Tuama chimes in, a trifle bemused: "All we want is to play music. And have a bicycle ride." ■

■ INFORMATION

Four Shillings Short is playing a 7:30 p.m. show on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. The cover is \$10. Go to www.busbarn.org or call (650) 941-0551.

On Saturday, March 14, the band plays at a St. Patrick's dinner and concert held from 6 to 9 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto. Reservations are requested; call (650) 321-6179.

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shrill," with performers shouting or whining practically every line. The problem is, the play itself is not very funny. Jokes about the Bible, suicide, show-biz folks and sex are thrown in a mile a minute, but most failed to tickle my funny bone.

Dan Hiatt works hard to be memorable as the pompous, egotistical Jaffe. Rebecca Dines as the vain and oft-shrieking Garland is pure ham. Dines is a TheatreWorks regular and usually quite good, but as Garland she grated.

The supporting cast fares better. Edward Sarafian is excellent in the small but memorable role of the train conductor, delivering several laugh-out-loud lines with deadpan perfection. As Christian fundamentalist/loony-bin escapee Clark, Gerry Hiken is also charming, giggling mischievously and turning bright red on occasion.

When a plot focuses on the reconciliation of two lead characters, the fact that said characters are repugnant and uninteresting makes caring about their fate difficult. Jaffe and Garland are conceited, deceitful, over-privileged and obnoxious. They are no doubt intended to be satires of show-business types encountered by the play's authors, but while it seems the audience is supposed to find them loveably self-centered and overdramatic, I found them simply dull and one-note. Are

we really supposed to root for these two to earn more fame and fortune or care if they once again become lovers

The costumes, by Fumiko Bielefeldt, are lovely, and the '30s-style fashion-page illustrations included in the program are a nice touch. The set design, by Andre Bechert, is also pleasing. It conveys the movement of the train through clever sliding compartments and images of twinkly night scenes scrolling past the windows. The lighting is effective, with some particularly standout moments, such as brightening the lights on Garland as she recalls basking in the glow of Jaffe's productions. Snippets of period songs set the mood well.

I found "Twentieth Century" to be a disappointment, especially compared to TheatreWorks' 2005 production of another 1930s-set Ludwig comedy, the sparkling "Shakespeare in Hollywood." But the audience around me seemed to eat it up, laughing uproariously at every joke. Maybe I just didn't get it. ■

INFORMATION

WHAT: "Twentieth Century," a Ken Ludwig-adapted play presented by TheatreWorks

WHERE: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

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— Andrea Nott

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By Dale F. Bentson

I don't like coconut, an aversion I've had all my life, yet I loved Coconuts. Chef Robert Simpson's newest Jamaican eatery opened in Palo Alto early September. Despite my dislike of that fibrous fruit, I thoroughly enjoyed his subtle use of its nectar in flavoring rice, curries and desserts.

Simpson's Back A Yard Jamaican American Grill in Menlo Park continues to flourish. But, where Back a Yard is posited in an iffy location with limited seating and ambiance, Coconuts is colorful and inviting, offers ample seating, and is located across from Palo Alto's city hall on Ramona.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Simpson's grandmother was the cook in the family. He grew up on hearty oxtail stews and goat meat, soothing papaya and plantains, exotic spices and tangy jerk rubs. His original goal in life was to become an engineer, but he caught the cooking bug while a student.

Simpson attended a culinary school in Jamaica, worked in Europe where he became grounded in French technique, moved to New York, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and became a top chef at Sandal's, a premiere Jamaican resort. There, he met his soon-to-be wife, Anetta, a native

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Jamaican who lived in Chicago.

Moving to The Windy City, Simpson worked his way up and became an executive chef at the Swissotel. Lured to the Bay Area, he was the opening and executive chef of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Burlingame, a position he held for four years before setting out on his own.

Coconuts is awash with vivid Caribbean colors: soothing turquoise and sultry melon, Jamaican sunset red-orange and lilac sea foam. Bob Marley wails continuously overhead. Live music—steel drums, vocals, et al.—play every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The

place pulsates with energy.

For starters, the codfish fritters (\$7.25) were crisp and hot from the fryer. Seasoned with scallions and thyme, the accompanying Creole dipping sauce of mayo, ketchup, green onion and celery provided balance.

Irie Jerk Wings (\$ 6.95) roasted over an open flame were tasty little morsels. Irie is a Rastafari term generally meaning that something is "real good."

Aunt May's Curried Crab Cake (\$10.25) with spinach, mango, avocado, papaya and mustard sauce was satisfying although a tad light on the crab. Flavors were

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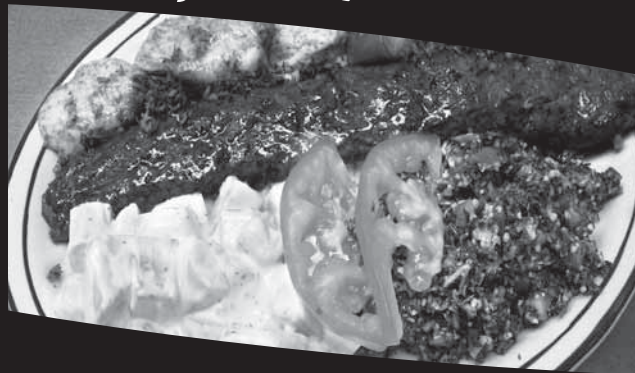
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JAMAICA

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complex and complimentary.

Jerk is a style of cooking, unique to Jamaica, where meats are dry-rubbed or marinated with spices before barbecuing. Allspice, a Jamaican pimento, and the scorching hot Scotch Bonnet peppers, are the principal spices used, although most jerk rubs incorporate dozens of ingredients.

Simpson's jerk rub consists of 16 spices that are patted on hours before cooking over hot coals. Because Scotch Bonnets are difficult to obtain here, he uses the closely related habanero pepper. The result is meat that is spicy but not blistering, with complex fruity flavors, intriguing textures and pleasantly lingering tastes.

Coconuts offers jerk in both mild and spicy versions. I prefer spicy to tame in food. The spicy

jerk rub immediately brought my mouth to the edge of a fiery precipice but no further. Unlike much spicy food that just gets hotter in the mouth with each subsequent bite, Simpson's version elevates to two alarms but then holds at a nice steady pace throughout.

Whatever the jerk is rubbed on — pork, fish, chicken or tofu — the underlying flavors are released and cascade over the tongue, sometimes overtly, often subtly, but always intriguingly. While the portions are handsome at Coconuts, the food is so satisfying that gargantuan portions aren't needed.

The Jerk Chicken (\$12.95) was meaty and fragrant. The spicy rub permeated the skin and imbued the meat with bold, husky flavors. Sautéed vegetables, comforting fried plantains and a terrific rice and bean mixture completed the plate. The rice and beans were ubiquitous to most of the entrees and were rich with coconut flavor.

The Jerk Salmon (\$14.25) was

delightful as well, the piquant exterior giving way to a fleshy orange-pink interior. Despite the spiciness, there was no doubt about what I was eating; the jerk rub encouraged and highlighted the salmon's delicate flavor and lush texture. Whipped potatoes, green beans and papaya mustard salsa accompanied.

For those of you who have never tried goat, here's your chance. Long popular in Mediterranean fare, goat is a staple in India and Pakistan as well. Coconuts offers goat (\$14.25) as a curried dish with steamed rice, plantains, sautéed vegetables and a rich house-made mango chutney.

Desserts were good and helped calm keyed-up taste buds. Sweet Potato Pudding (\$6.95), made with a discreet coconut cream atop a caramelized crust, was sweet, dense, and not overfilling. The refreshing Key Lime Tart (\$6.95) was a pastry filled with citrusy custard and whipped cream. ▀

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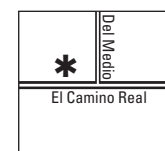
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Century 20: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15 & 7:45 p.m.

BRIDE WARS (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:45, 3:20 & 10:30 p.m. Fri. & Tue.-Thu. also at 5:35 & 7:50 p.m.

Century 20: 12:05, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10 & 9:25 p.m.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG-13)

★★★★1/2 Century 16: 1, 4:35 & 8:10 p.m.

Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 3:15, 6:45 & 10:10 p.m.

DEFIANCE (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 12:55 & 4:05 p.m. Fri.-Wed. also at 7:15 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 1, 4:10, 7:15 & 10:20 p.m.**DOUBT (PG-13) ★★★**

Century 16: 1:15, 3:55, 7:25 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 10 p.m.

FROST/NIXON (R) ★★★★★ Century 16: 1:30, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 12:55, 3:55, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m.**GOODFELLAS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: Fri. at 10:05 p.m.**GRAN TORINO (R) ★1/2** Century 16: 1:10, 4, 7 & 9:45 p.m.

Century 20: 1:10, 3:50, 6:50 & 9:35 p.m.

HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (NOT REVIEWED) Century 16: 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.**INKHEART (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 1:05, 3:50, 6:55 & 9:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 4:50 & 7:25 p.m.**LAST CHANCE HARVEY (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 16: 1:40, 4:15, 6:45 & 9:20 p.m. Century 20: Fri.-Wed. at noon, 2:35, 5, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m. Thu. at 11:40 a.m.; 2:15, 4:40 & 10:15 p.m.

METROPOLITAN OPERA: ORFEO ED EURIDICE (NOT RATED) (NOT REVIEWED) Century 16: Wed. at 7 p.m. Century 20: Wed. at 7 p.m.**MILK (R) ★★★★★** Century 20: 1:05, 4:05 & 9:45 p.m. Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 6:55 & 9:45 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Fri.-Sat. & Mon.-Tue. at 1:30, 4:25 & 7:20 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10:15 a.m.**MY BLOODY VALENTINE (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 20: 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 8:05 & 10:35 p.m.

NEW IN TOWN (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:20, 2:45, 5:15 & 7:40 p.m. Sun.-Thu. also at 10:05 p.m.

Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m.

PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.

Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1:50, 4:25, 7 & 9:20 p.m.

THE READER (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 12:50, 3:40, 6:50 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: 1:15, 4:10, 7 & 9:55 p.m.**REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) ★★1/2**

Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 2:25, 5:10, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.

Guild: Fri.-Sun. at 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m. Mon.-Thu. at 2, 5 & 8 p.m.

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) ★★★★★ Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:50, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m. Aquarius: 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m.**SWORD OF THE STRANGER (NOT RATED) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 16: Thu. at 7:30 p.m. Century 20: Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

TAKEN (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED) Century 16: 12:30, 3, 5:20, 7:45 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 12:45, 3:20, 5:35, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m.**TRUE ROMANCE (NOT RATED) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 16: Sat. at 10 p.m.

UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:35, 2:55, 5:40, 8 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 20: 12:30, 3, 5:25, 8 & 10:20 p.m.

VALKYRIE (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 20: 10:15 p.m.**WALTZ WITH BASHIR (R) ★★★★★**

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MOVIE REVIEWS

DEFIANCE ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) In 1941, three brothers started a Jewish community in the Belarussian forest in eastern Poland to flee the Nazis at the height of the Holocaust.

Daniel Craig plays Tuvia Bielski, the confident leader of the community that would later be known as the Bielski partisans. Tuvia and his younger brothers Zus (Liev Schreiber) and Asael (Jamie Bell) take to the forest after the murder of their parents, determined to endure and battle back. Tuvia puts his focus on the community and survival while Zus prefers the proactive approach and joins up with a group of Russian resistance fighters. Asael, meanwhile, is quiet and reserved, thinking more about love and cooperation than vengeance. "Defiance" is an extraordinary story and the production is admirable — if you have the time and patience to trudge through. *Rated: R for violence and language. 2 hours, 16 minutes.* — T.H.

REVOLUTIONARY ROAD ★★1/2

(Guild, Century 20) Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio are literally at each other's throats as April and Frank Wheeler, the classic 1950s golden couple who suddenly find the luster lost from their white-picket-fence union. Through a series of deft flashbacks director Sam Mendes builds a story of suburban ennui, a stifling boredom compounded by two kids and dead-end jobs. The build-up gains slow momentum but once "Road" finds its rhythm it's positively devastating. *Rated: R for language and nudity. 1 hour, 59 minutes.* — J.A.

WALTZ WITH BASHIR ★★★★★

(Cinearts) Israeli writer-director Ari Folman has created a haunting animated feature about the shock-and-awe inflicted on the human psyche by the horrors of war. Folman joins arms with the great anti-war filmmakers of cinema history to pronounce that war is hell. And animation isn't just for kids anymore. A pack of snarling black dogs, yellow eyes glaring, bounds towards the camera like beasts from hell — an opening image that conveys the recurring nightmare of a former Israeli soldier who recounts the frightening dream to Folman, in a bar, in the middle of the night. The army buddies conclude that the persistent nightmare must be connected to their Lebanon War experience. Since Folman seems to have repressed his own memories of the 1982 invasion, he sets out to discover the truth by talking with other veterans who had served with him. *Rated: R for some disturbing images of atrocities, strong violence, brief nudity and a scene of graphic sexual content. In Hebrew with English subtitles. 1 hour, 27 minutes.* — S.T.

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Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale Friends of the Mountain View Public Library two-day book sale. Feb. 21-22 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. only members of the Friends of the Mountain View Public Library get early entrance from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Sunday Feb 22nd 11am-4pm Bag Sale is 2-4pm Friends of Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-964-9167.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Breaking Bread Learn about the history and making of breads from around the world. Discover the traditions and cultures behind different breads while using a wood-fired cob oven to bake. Ages 8 and up. Sun., Feb. 1, 2-5 p.m. \$30 per person. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos. <http://www.hiddenvilla.org/calendar.php>

Cash For College Workshop At this workshop, parents and students will receive individual assistance to complete the FAFSA financial aid application. Anyone planning to attend a four-year college, community college, or vocational or technical school is welcome. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. Sat., Feb. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Foothill College Middlefield Campus, 4000 Middlefield Road Bldg I, Palo Alto. Call 650-949-6987. www.foothill.edu/aid

Continuing Mandarin For students who have completed Introduction to Mandarin or have background knowledge of Chinese pinyin, this class advances and improves the structural format of speaking and writing the Mandarin language. Mon. Jan. 5 to Mar. 23, 2009, 1-2:30 p.m. \$60 members/\$70 non-members. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. www.avenidas.org

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CLUBS/MEETINGS

Palo Alto Ski Club The Palo Alto Ski Club has owned its lodge in Squaw Valley since 1967. The club meets the first Wednesday of each month, plus special events and parties. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. www.paloaltoskiclub.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Relay For Life Rally The public is invited to learn more about the American Cancer Society's Mountain View Relay For Life. Refreshments, prizes, information and volunteer opportunities will be available. Thu., Feb. 5, 6-7 p.m. Free. El Camino YMCA, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 408-688-0117. www.RelayForLife.org/mountainviewca

The Black History Show The Palo Alto City Library invites families for an evening of African American dance, singing and spoken word. This event is part of the Palo Alto City Library's Silicon Valley Reads 2009 program. Sat., Feb. 7, 7 p.m. Free. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/library>

CONCERTS

CSMA Merit Scholar Piano Students of Ludmila Kurtova Outstanding students of CSMA distinguished teacher Ludmila Kurtova perform music for piano solo, duet and duos. Sat., Feb. 7, 8-8 p.m. No charge; donations accepted. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle,

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DANCE

Dallas Black Dance Theatre As part of its Black History Month celebration, Foothill College will host a one-night-only performance by DBDT for a mixed repertory of modern, jazz, ethnic and spiritual works. Fri., Feb. 6, 8-10 p.m. Foothill College Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. <http://www.foothill.edu/f/>

ENVIRONMENT

Canopy Tree Walk Learn more about the trees that create a healthy urban environment. Canopy's free Tree Walks provide informative guided tours of the trees in Palo Alto neighborhoods on the second Saturday of each month. 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Palo Alto Neighborhoods, See Website Calendar, Palo Alto. Call 650-964-6110. www.canopy.org

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 on the 4th Sunday of every month. 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

Mountaineering Photographs by Leigh Ortenburger Mountaineering photographs by Leigh Ortenburger (1929-1991), with text paying tribute to him and his work. The exhibition focuses on Ortenburger's black-and-white photographs of the Cordillera Blanca range in Peru, including a twenty-foot panoramic view of the upper Quebrada Alpamayo. Through March 29, Free. Non-Stanford-affiliated visitors must register at the south entrance portal to Green Library. Peterson Gallery, Green Library Bing Wing, Stanford University, Stanford. Call 650-725-1020. <http://library.stanford.edu/depts/spc/exhibits/index.html>

Sacred Symbols Exhibit and Reception "Sacred Symbols," A collection of recent works by shamanic artist Robin Beattie will be on exhibit at Cafe Romanza, upstairs at Books Inc. in downtown Mountain View through Jan. 31 with a closing reception on Saturday Jan. 31 from 7 to 10

p.m. Open daily 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fri. and Sat. to midnight; Sun. to 10 p.m. Free. Cafe Romanza at Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-964-0494.

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Animal Architects An exploration of the structures made by a variety of creatures. Then a hike looking up in trees, under rocks, and on the ground. Ages 6 and up. Open to Palo Alto residents and accompanied guests. Register online with barcode 59365. Sat., Feb. 7, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Foothills Park Interpretive Center, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-329-2506. www.enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org

Charlotte Diamond Family Concert Children's entertainer Charlotte Diamond performs Sun., Feb. 8, 4-5 p.m. \$15 (group rates available) Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, 280 at El Monte, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

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(Voice Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 518058

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, JobDesk, 541 Del Medio Ave. Apt. 302, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:

ARIEL JAKOBOVITS
541 Del Medio Ave. Apt. 302
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File No. 518063

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Shu-Chen Wu Consulting, 1245 Villa Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County:

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, NYC Fashion Spot, 882 Old San Francisco Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, Santa Clara County:

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Oh So Swanky, 1425 Gretel Lane, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:

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(Voice Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2009)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 518685

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 518260

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, HeyCosmo, 2672 Bayshore Parkway, Suite 808, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County:

ARSENAL INTERACTIVE, INC.
2672 Bayshore Parkway, Suite 808
Mountain View, CA 94043

This business is owned by a Corporation.

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 2/24/07.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 26, 2008.

(Voice Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009)

(Voice Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2009)

EVENTURES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 518504

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, eventures, 650 Castro Street. Ste. 120-225, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:

DIANE BRAGA
81 Los Altos Square
Los Altos, CA 94022

This business is owned by an individual.

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 12/03/2008.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 5, 2009.

(Voice Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2009)

MORE DECOR FURNITURE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 518345

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, More Decor Furniture, 1725 Comstock, Santa Clara, CA 95054, Santa Clara County:

3 SCORE ENTERPRISES LLC
352 Bachman Ct.
Los Gatos, CA 95030

This business is owned by a Limited Liability Company.

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 December 29, 2008.

(Voice Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2009)

TAX RELIEF USA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 518409

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Tax Relief USA, 1283 S. Mary Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County:

THE TRADER'S STOP, INC.
1283 S. Mary Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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 December 31, 2008.

(Voice Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2009)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 518475

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Atelier Photography San Francisco, 967 La Mesa Terrace # D, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, Santa Clara County:

KARL KO
967 La Mesa Terrace # D
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

JUDITH ANN FINCK
Case No. 1-09-PR-164490
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUDITH ANN FINCK, JUDITH A. FINCK, JUDITH FINCK.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: THOMAS G. FINCK in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that THOMAS G. FINCK 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 personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on MARCH 5, 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 C. Donegan
2600 El Camino Real #506
Palo Alto, California 94306
(650)855-9990
(Voice Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2009)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

In the Matter of the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of

MADELINE WONG,

Conservatee.

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LPS No. 1-08-MH 036486

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or after February 24, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., the undersigned, as duly appointed Conservator of the Person and Estate of the estate of MADELINE WONG, intends to sell at private sale, to the highest net bidder, all of the estate's right, title and interest in an to certain real property within the City of Mountain View, Santa Clara County, State of California, which property is more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The sale shall be subject to confirmation by the above-entitled court.

Bids for the property are hereby invited. All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the undersigned or and may be mailed or personally delivered to the undersigned at the Office of the Public Guardian, 2851 Junction Ave., 3rd Floor, San Jose, CA 95134, or to Alain Pinel Realtor. All bids must be accompanied by a ten (10) percent deposit, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash upon close of escrow. The full terms of the sale are contained in the bid form. All bids will be opened at the Office of the Public Guardian at 3:00 p.m., or thereafter,

as allowed by law. The subject property is commonly known as 188 Bonny Drive, Mountain View, CA 94043 and shall be sold "as is." The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids prior to entry of a court order confirming a sale. For additional information and bid forms, apply at the office of Alain Pinel Realtors, 167 S. San Antonio Road, Suite 1, Los Altos, CA 94022, Attention: Shirley Bailey, Telephone: (408) 941-1111 Ext. 480.

Date: 1-22-09

DONALD R. MOOD
Public Guardian
of the County of Santa Clara
Petitioner

ANN MILLER RAVEL, County Counsel
TAMARA K. LOPEZ, Deputy County Counsel

Attorneys for Petitioner

EXHIBIT "A"

LOT 19, BLOCK 2, AS SHOWN UPON THE MAP ENTITLED, "TRACT NO. 694 MEADOW GLEN UNIT NO. 1, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2, OF THE CASTRO & CALDERON SUBDIVISION IN THE RANCHO ASTORIA DE LAS BORREGAS, WITHIN THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", WHICH MAP WAS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON APRIL 10, 1950 IN BOOK 28 OF MAPS, PAGE(S) 4 AND 5, SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDS. (Voice Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2009)

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: (Aviso al Demandado):
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JAMILA MARTIN

Case Number: 608FL001206
(Numero del Caso):

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de abogados de su condado. NOTICE: The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

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OF CALIFORNIA,
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Sunnyvale, CA
San Jose, CA 95113

2. The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, direccion y numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son):
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Julie Lau 650.325.6161

ALL BELLS & WHISTLES! \$2,699,890

4 BR 3.5 BA Custom, new construction with high end finishes. Chef's kitchen. Oversized family room.
Shelly Potvin 650.941.7040

875 RIVERSIDE DR \$2,495,000

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 3.5 BA Separate office, media room, DR. Family room kitchen with built-in desk area.
R. Brendan Leary 650.325.6161

PRESTIGE DOS PALOS \$2,095,000

3 BR 3 BA Beautiful remodel by creek on cul-de-sac. Cook's kitchen. Formal dining. Top schools.
Anne Ward 650.941.7040

FAR REACHING VIEWS \$1,899,000

Views of Montebello Range on a new cul-de-sac. Close to town. MFA is 5,700 sq. ft.
Gerry Lawrence 650.941.7040

301 BLUE OAK LANE \$1,478,000

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Cul de sac loc on lrg lot w/mature trees and pool! Creek side is back & side of property.
Cannon/Bosetti 650.948.0456

QUALITY IN THE HIGHLANDS \$1,469,000

5 BR 2.5 BA French doors open to wrap around deck. Updated kitchen. Family room. Pool & spa.
Terri Couture 650.941.7040

VILLAGE SQUARE TOWNHOUSES \$1,099,000

2 BR 2.5 BA Los Altos Village Square townhouses. Exquisite brand new construction by Di Mattei.
Couture/Bohl 650.941.7040

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LOS ALTOS

FABULOUS LOCATION \$519,000
1 BR 1 BA Charming condo in downtown. Fireplace, inside laundry & air conditioning. Updated kitchen.
Pat McNulty 650.941.7040

LOS GATOS

POSSIBLE SUBDIVISION! \$2,475,000
On track to be annexed to Los Gatos. Possible subdivision into 2 lots. City water hookups.
Charlene Geers 650.941.7040
ATOP THE HILLS \$2,195,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Beautifully remodeled two level home & vineyard in Alta Vista area with far reaching views
Vicki Geers 650.941.7040

MENLO PARK

120 DUNSMUIR WY \$1,099,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Hdwd flrs, sep.FR, fp. crown molding & raised 6 panel doors. French drs to lg backyard
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

MILPITAS

LARGE MST SUITE-CORNR LOT \$715,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Spacious two story home-Master Suite with walk-in closet & large bathroom with dual sinks.
Gordon Ferguson 650.328.5211

MOUNTAIN VIEW

HOME + INCOME IN MT. VIEW \$2,100,000
3 BR 2 BA Remod&like new SFR vacant, six lbd/lba units w/tenants, hwd flrs,FR,new custom tile baths
Tim Trailer 650.325.6161

TUCKED AWAY... \$1,675,000

4 BR 3 BA Cul-de-sac near MV High. 2,940+ sq. ft. Remodeled kitchen. Large family room. Patio, pool.
Joanne Fraser 650.941.7040

DESIRED WAVERLY PARK \$999,000

4 BR 2.5 BA Fantastic home in Waverly Park. Hardwood floors, spacious floorplan & mature landscaping.
Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040

1269 CUERNAVACA CIRCULO \$1,099,000

SAT 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA Largest flr plan in Cuernavaca! Euro-style eat-in kit, mstr w/fireplace & sunken tub.
Barbara Cymrot 650.948.0456

801 REBECCA PRIVADA \$997,000

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Ambiance, amenities, convenience all in one story. Mint condition! Low association fees!
Jim Galli 650.948.0456

991 LANE AVE \$949,000

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA A beautiful and thoroughly renovated home on a lot of more than 9400 sq ft near downtown
Lan L. Bowling 650.328.5211

FAB SINGLE FAMILY HOME! \$948,000

3 BR 2.5 BA Steps from Castro. Bright open floorplan, eat-in kitchen with nook, dining & living rooms.
Kim Copher 650.941.7040

913 CAMILLE LN \$898,000

SAT 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 3.5 BA FP, hi ceil,sep fam rm ,2-car. Nrly new w/2 mstr suites. LR w/FP, high ceil, wood flrs.
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

MOUNTAIN VIEW

654 WILLOWGATE ST \$889,880
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Willowgate Townhomes combining traditional craftsman architecture in a collection of 11.
Gil Orah 650.325.6161

MOUNTAIN VIEW 4-PLEX \$995,000

2 BR 1 BA 4 2bd/lba units @ 756sf ea. 2 levels, 4 car independent garage, shared laundry. Appt. only
Tim Trailer 650.325.6161

1505 BONITA \$949,000

OPEN SUNDAY
In Desirable Cuesta Park Bright & updt w/dbl pn win's, hwdw flrs, fp, bonus rm, built-in storage Loft.
Nancy Adele Stuhr 650.948-0456

NEWLY REMODELED \$730,000

3 BR 1 BA Cute & Cozy, New Anderson Double Pane Windows, New Stucco exterior, close to schools.
Geraldine Asmus 650.325.6161

94 FREEDOM LANE \$725,000

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 3 BA Sep din & fam room. Vaulted ceilings. Dbl mstr suites. Central A/C
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

IT'S A CHARMER! \$699,000

3 BR 1 BA Charming house in Cuesta Park neighborhood. Refinished hardwood floors, spacious yard.
Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040

GREAT FAMILY HOME \$675,000

3 BR 3 BA Refinished hw flrs. New carpets. Sep family room & dining rm Walk to downtown & light rail
Garrett Mock 650.328.5211

347 SIERRA VISTA AVE #1 \$599,000

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA HW flrs on 1st lvl. LR w/ FP. Remod Kit w/ gran cntrs. Sep DR w/ bay wndw.
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

1983 SAN LUIS AVE #17 \$519,000

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2.5 BA Townhm w/hrwdw flrs. Upstairs dual master suites Fp,Inside Indry. Atta gar. Prvt backyd
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

REMODELED WITH A WOW! \$399,000

2 BR 1.5 BA "Sale" Make your best offer and the bank might accept it! Opportunity of a lifetime!
Geraldine Asmus 650.325.6161

765 N RENGSTORFF AV #19 \$385,000

SAT 1:30 - 4:30
1 BR 1 BA 899 sq ft end unit w/ fp. Ground level. Remodl kitchen w/ granite. New appliances Hwd flr
Greg Stange 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO

655 KINGSLEY AVE \$2,799,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
5 BR 4.5 BA ~3700sf of living space, open flr plan, 3 levels. Designed: Stephen Pogue; Built: J5 Homes
Nejad/Sawyer 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO

535 N CALIFORNIA \$3,399,000
SAT/SUN 1:30-4:30
5 BR 4 BA Stunning Craftsman by J5 Homes. Open Floor Plan, Imported Materials, High-End Finishes!!
Mandana Nejad 650.325.6161

730 ASHBY DR \$2,649,000

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA Timeless charm in this Inviting Crescent Park home w/step-down living room
Rod Creason 650.325.6161

OLD PALO ALTO \$2,639,000

3 BR 2 BA Mediterranean revival home with enchanting walled courtyard. Remodeled kit woodburning fp
Debbie Nichols 650.325.6161

DOWNTOWN PALO ALTO \$1,800,000

4 BR 2 BA Beautiful vintage 2-story home in terrific downtown location. Gorgeous woodwork.
Sharon Witte 650.325.6161

1730 GUINDA ST \$1,698,000

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Great location. Hrdwd flrs, new paint, close to Community Ctr. Over 2000 sq ft living.
Kathleen & Dave Pasin 650.325.6161

VERY SPACIOUS RANCH \$1,325,000

4 BR 2 BA Located on a large lot. Fresh paint hardwood flrs, A/C. Private backyard. Top PA schools.
Doris Deising 650.325.6161

ARTISTIC FLOOR PLAN \$1,199,000

3 BR 2 BA Don't judge from the street. This house is large. Designed by an artist to bring light
Nancy Goldcamp 650.325.6161

617 WELLSBURY WAY \$1,195,000

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Located on a quiet st convenient to Midtown services. Bonus rm, dual pane wndws, Hrdw flr.
Gene Thornton / Jan Aarts 650.325.6161

3600 RAMONA ST \$849,000

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Light & Bright in tranquil setting. Updated kit & baths. Over 1000 sq, appx lot 5500 sq.
Julie Lau 650.325.6161

500 FULTON #202 \$798,000

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 1.5 BA Top flr condo. Palo Alto shops, restaurants. Remodeled kitchen & baths. Inside laundry.
Teresa Lin 650.328.5211

SAN JOSE

4802 CASTLEWOOD DR \$918,000

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Express your style in this comfortable 3BR/2BA residence. Lovely place to treasure!!
Margot Goodman 650.948.0456

BEAUTIFUL END UNIT \$345,000

1 BR 1 BA Open flr plan w/lrg kit. Inside laundry washer/dry inc. Prvt balcony. Community pool.
Alan Huwe 650.948.0456

SANTA CLARA

UPGRADED RIVERMARK THM \$695,000
3 BR 3 BA Townhome in prime Rivermark loc. \$30K quality upgrades. Meticulously care for by owners
Yasemin Richardson 650.948.0456

UPDATED, END-UNIT TH \$475,000

3 BR 2 BA Remod end-unit Townhome. Formal entry leads to living rm w/beamed ceiling. Open remod kit
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

1902 MIRAPLAZA CT #29 \$434,900

SAT/SUN 12 - 3
2 BR 2 BA Updated condo featuring bamboo floors & high ceilings. Fireplace in LR. Remodeled kitchen
Ric Parker 650.948.0456

SARATOGA

TASTEFULLY UPDATED \$1,500,000

4 BR 2.5 BA Lovely ranch on peaceful cul-de-sac. Remodeled kitchen. Landscaped. Pool. 3-car garage.
Terrie Masuda 650.941.7040

SUNNYVALE

919 LA MESA TE #C \$649,900

SAT 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Formal entry leads to LR w/FP. Granite countertops in kit. Inside Indry.2 lrg mstr suites
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

MUST SEE! GREAT POTENTIAL \$649,500

4 BR 3 BA Ideal w/Mother in law qrttrs. 4 br/3 ba, 2 kit, 2LR. Enclosed patio area. 2 car atta gar.
Letty Guerra 650.948.0456

GREAT CURB APPEAL \$619,000

3 BR 1 BA Charming brick home near New Town Center & Murphy Park. Fireplace. Formal dining room.
Ellen Barton 650.941.7040

838 SAN MATEO CT. \$500,000

3 BR 1 BA Great Starter Opportunity - home improvements recently done on the exterior; paint & fence
Greg Stange 650.325.6161

PRIME CHERRY CHASE \$498,500

2 BR 2 BA Corner unit w/private balcony, Homestead High. Fresh paint Euro-style kit. Inside laundry
James Milliken 650.948.0456

LARGE LOT, HARDWD FLOORS \$495,000

3 BR 1.5 BA Fresh paint inside & out, separate dining room, large eat-in kitchen, wrap-around yard.
Owen Halliday 650.325.6161

999 W EVELYN TER #81 \$415,000

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Wood flrs, inside laundry, Sep. DR or office, Pool, tennis, new paint & carpet.
Kathleen & Dave Pasin 650.325.6161



MOUNTAIN VIEW

OPEN SUNDAY

801 REBECCA PRIVADA

RESORT ATMOSPHERE \$997,000
3BR/2BA. Ambiance, amenities, class, elegance & pride of ownership. Mint condition. Low Association fees. Convenient to freeways



Jim Galli
650.948.0456
DRE# 00944554



MOUNTAIN VIEW

OPEN FRI, SAT & SUN

570 FRONT LANE • EXTENDED HOURS OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY 9-2 • SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9-5

3BR/2.5BA \$948,000
Fabulous single family home in downtown Mountain View just steps from Castro Street. Bright open floorplan, eat-in kitchen, separate living & dining rooms. Lush side yard, two car garage, dramatic high ceilings, refinished hardwood floors. 3rd BR being used as loft. Come see views of the mountains.



Kim Copher
650.917.7995
www.justcallkim.com



SUNNYVALE

839 SAN MATEO COURT

MUST SEE! GREAT POTENTIAL \$649,500
Must See! Ideal with Mother in law quarters. 4 bedrooms/3 baths, 2 kitchens, 2 living rooms. Enclosed patio area. Two car attached garage.



Letty Guerra
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DRE #00476585



MOUNTAIN VIEW

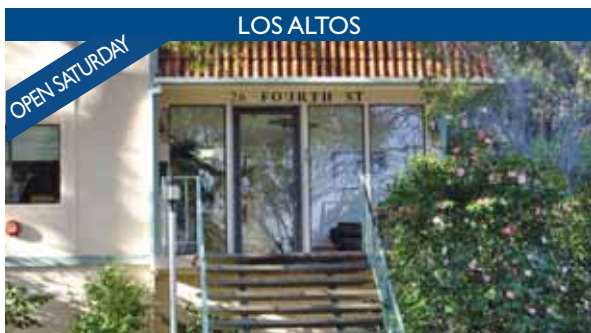
OPEN SUNDAY

1505 BONITA AVENUE

IN DESIRABLE CUESTA PARK \$969,000
3br/2ba. Bright & updated w/double pane windows, hardwood floors, fireplace, bonus room, built-in storage loft in 2 car garage



Nancy Adele Stuhr
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LOS ALTOS

OPEN SATURDAY

26 4TH STREET

IBR/IBA \$519,000
Charming condo only 1/2 block to downtown dining, shopping & community events. Fireplace, air conditioning & inside laundry. Updated kitchen has granite counters & new appliances. Secure underground parking with elevator. Pool.



Pat McNulty
650.917.8262
pat.mculty@cbtnorcal.com



LOS ALTOS

OPEN SATURDAY

1475 CEDAR PLACE

5BR/2.5BA \$1,469,000
Ranch style quality home in a fantastic Highlands neighborhood. Modern updates throughout. Oak floors, crown molding, French doors & 2 fireplaces. Spacious eat-in kitchen, relaxing family room. Top schools including Homestead High.



Terri Couture
650.917.5811
www.terricouture.com



LOS ALTOS

OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00 - 4:00

412-426 TYNDALL

2BR/2.5BA Prices from \$975,000 to \$1,099,000
Brand new distinguished townhomes built with fine craftsmanship by Di Mattei near downtown. Rustic oak floors, fireplace with old world mantle. Granite kitchen has stainless appliances. One car garage, some attached. Some units have interior elevator! State of the art wiring.



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SANTA CLARA

OPEN SAT & SUN 12:00 - 4:00

4022 FITZPATRICK WAY

UPGRADED TOWNHOME \$695,000
3BR/3BA. Spacious townhome in prime Rivermark location. Quality upgrades including hickory wood floors in living room, dining room and kitchen. Kitchen w/Stainless Steel appliances & granite countertops & much more.



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