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Stop and go over rail station

COUNCIL UNABLE TO APPROVE
STUDY INTO PUTTING HIGH
SPEED RAIL STOP DOWNTOWN

By Daniel DeBolt

High hopes for a downtown high speed rail stop may have come and gone in a flash during Tuesday's council meeting.

The City Council deadlocked 3-3 on whether to ask the California High Speed Rail Authority to study the possibility of a downtown station stop for the 125 mile per hour trains. Council member John Inks abstained without explanation, irritating at least one fellow member.

The next day — after council member Tom Means accused Inks of effectively

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Strange coincidence in 'hate crime'

POLICE PROBE CONNECTION
BETWEEN CASTRO STREET ATTACK
AND EAST PALO ALTO SHOOTING

By Casey Weiss

Four people were arrested on hate crime charges after allegedly attacking people of Indian descent early Saturday morning on Castro Street. But police continue to puzzle over what connection, if any, the attack may have with a shooting that same night in East Palo Alto.

Mountain View police are still looking for two to four more suspects in the alleged hate crime attack, which hap-

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MICHELLE LE

SOLAR ROLLER:

Techies ogle at the Xof1, a solar vehicle built and driven by Canadian Marcelo da Luz, at the Googleplex last Friday. Da Luz, who has broken the distance record for a solar vehicle, brought the car to Google as part of his 12,000-mile journey. See story, page 8.

Budget passed, but uncertainty remains

EDUCATORS STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW BILLIONS IN CUTS WILL AFFECT LOCAL SCHOOLS

By Casey Weiss

It was a long, long wait. But even now, after a state budget was finally passed, local administrators remain uncertain about funding for next year, and how the cuts to education — \$8.4 billion in all — will affect their students, staff and programs.

The new budget addresses California's \$40 billion shortfall by increasing taxes, by borrowing, and by cutting funds from services, including schools. Locally, this means the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District could lose \$2 million, the Mountain View Whisman School District faces around \$3 million in cuts, and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District could be hit by \$5.5 million in cuts.

Administrators say they hope to use reserves to shoulder the costs for the remainder of the year, but they may have to cut classified staff and eliminate programs in the 2009-10 school year.

**"We are going to make
the budget work."**

CRAIG GOLDMAN

"We are going to make the budget work," said Craig Goldman, chief financial officer of the elementary school district.

Goldman said he is presenting a budget for the remainder of this year to the district board on March 6, and said there should be no "personal cuts this year." But

he said he can't rule out cutting back on classified staff or programs next year.

To finish out this year, Mountain View Whisman will be dipping into reserves. Next year, the district will again fall back on reserves, along with the newly passed parcel tax. Administrators also will downsize some "categorical programs," depending on state funding.

The cuts affect different school districts differently. Under the new state budget, districts will lose 15 to 20 percent of funding for special programs known as "categorical spending." Revenue limit districts, which rely on state funding, will face the biggest cuts. Special education and class size reduction in kindergarten classes are safe from cuts, and schools will

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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Melody Dye.

How did you like this year's Oscars?



"Slumdog' did not deserve eight [awards]."

Prasad Jay, Mountain View



"I think Sean Penn deserved it because I think he brings the defeat of Proposition 8 to the forefront."

Satish Akki, Sunnyvale



"Sean Penn from 'Milk' was incredible: very convincing and powerful performance."

Andreas Ramos, Palo Alto



"The Oscars this year were a little different. The Kodak Theater is smaller so it made the interactions closer. I liked it."

Stephen Chen, Fremont



"Heath Ledger really deserved it. It was an amazing performance. I haven't seen 'Slumdog Millionaire,' but I want to now."

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Island dispatch

By Don Frances

THE PRESS RELEASE came in last week from our very own 129th Rescue Wing, stationed here at Moffett Field: “Guardsmen airlift critical equipment to Farallon NWR.”

The Farallon National Wildlife Refuge, better known as the Farallon Islands or Farallones, is a tiny island cluster about 30 miles off the California coast, due west of San Francisco. It is a major breeding ground for several endangered sea birds, as well as for elephant seals and other assorted weirdo sea life, making it an important spot for biological research. For this reason the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages the islands, contracts caretaker duties to a biological research outfit called PRBO.

It so happens my old friend Derek Lee, a biologist who specializes in elephant seals, works for PRBO, and on winter months he lives on the island and oversees activities there.

According to the press release: “California National Guardsmen from the 129th Rescue Wing assisted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Feb. 17 and 18 by transporting critically needed facility batteries to the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge.

“Two HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters and aircrews were part of the operation to transport 48 photovoltaic batteries, each weighing 300 pounds, for the Fish and Wildlife Service. ...

“After the new batteries were delivered to the Farallon Islands, the used batteries were dropped off on Treasure Island near San Francisco for disposal. In total the helicopters transported more than 14,000 pounds of batteries to power the lighthouse and Fish and Wildlife Service research facility workshop.”

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Local entrepreneur Leland Francois stands outside his Midtown Maintenance workshop, which is decorated with two of his Gardenkits.

Build a garden, save a community

By Andrea Nott

Mountain View-based handyman, inventor and entrepreneur Leland Francois likes to do things his own way. Even his philanthropy is unconventional.

These days, Francois is calling attention to what he calls a “social safety disaster” in East Palo Alto. And he’s doing it through an invention of his own making: Gardenkits.

With Gardenkits — the full

name of these versatile planter boxes is Old Ravenswood Gardenkits, in honor of East Palo Alto’s historical community — Francois hopes to raise both money and awareness, with sales revenue going to programs that fight the poverty, crime, juvenile delinquency and homelessness that has plagued the city for the past two decades. Francois calls these problems “social safety” issues.

“I want people to know that social safety is just as important

as public safety,” he said.

Francois is originally from Palo Alto, but moved to Mountain View in August and now runs the local business Midtown Maintenance. His 25-year-long love of gardening and arts and crafts lead him to invent the Old Ravenswood Gardenkits.

They work similarly to the timeless Erector Set toy. By purchasing different pieces individually, gardeners can construct

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Arrest made in 2007 rape

RAMON JAYARDO OF SAN JOSE ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING WOMAN ON TERRA BELLA

By Casey Weiss

Mountain View police arrested a man last week in connection with the 2007 rape of a 22-year-old woman who was assaulted at knifepoint in her residence on Terra Bella Avenue.



Ramon Jayardo

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, police took Ramon Jayardo, 37, of San Jose, into custody on charges of aggravated rape with a

weapon enhancement at his employer’s office on the 900 block of Terra Bella Avenue, following a short standoff.

The suspect allegedly attacked the victim on Aug. 28, 2007 at her residence, which is also on the 900 block of Terra Bella Avenue. Police say Jayardo, who was working for a construction company in the area, wore a mask and hood

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■ NEWS BRIEFS

POVERTY MAY HAVE LED TO CHURCH STREET FIRE

The victim of a recent two-alarm fire at 288 Church St. may have been living without gas and electricity for months, neighbors say, and fire officials believe the blaze was accelerated by the gas heater, oil lamps and candles being used in the home.

While the exact cause is uncertain, the heating and lighting she used in the house definitely contributed, the fire department says. One neighbor recalled hearing explosions and saw a window in the house blow out when the fire erupted.

The fire broke out shortly after 6 p.m. on Feb. 11. Firefighters controlled the blaze within minutes of arrival, but everything in the house was destroyed. Fire spokesperson Jaime Garrett said she could not release the name of the victim, but neighbors said she was about 50 years old and Filipino. She was taken to a local hospital for her injuries.

Neighbors said the victim lived with her brother, who was not home at the time.

The Mountain View Fire Department would not confirm whether the woman’s gas and electricity had been turned off, but in a press release the depart-

ment is urging those dealing with financial crisis to call 211 or contact the Community Services Agency to get help before tragedy happens. The CSA can be reached at (650) 968-0836.

— Daniel DeBolt

FIREFIGHTERS DOUSE N. WHISMAN BLAZE

Firefighters quickly extinguished a two-alarm blaze at a multi-unit townhouse and apartment complex Friday afternoon.

Fire crews responded to a report of heavy smoke at an apartment complex catering to corporate and

temporary renters at 100 N. Whisman Road at about 3:45 p.m., according to the Mountain View Fire Department.

First responders reported seeing smoke and flames coming from apartment No. 721 on the second story and called a second alarm due to the nature and location of the fire.

The second alarm was canceled shortly after as crews already there had quickly controlled the blaze.

No injuries or evacuations were reported, and investigators were working to determine a cause and damage estimates.

— Bay City News



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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Rainbow after the storm



Wienda Swezey took this photo "this morning Monday, Feb 23 in our neighborhood by Sierra Vista and Middlefield. Such a beautiful sight especially after the rainy and wet weekend."

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

GARDENKITS

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endless combinations of planter boxes and multi-tiered spacers to make original creations, from shelving to garden sculptures.

The Gardenkits can be personalized with greeting cards, interchangeable faceplates and even clocks. Francois believes their versatility makes them appealing gifts for all occasions.

His boxes are eco-friendly as well, built entirely from the recycled wood — mostly torn-down redwood fences and discarded furniture — he comes across during his maintenance work.

"This reflects itself in lower retail cost and less materials going to landfills," he said.

Once Francois' side-business is

able to cover its costs, all profits from Gardenkits will go to two programs he believes strongly in: The Safe-Day Campaign and Free At Last.

Francois has been developing the Safe-Day Campaign himself for the last seven years. Its main focus is on gaps in social programs. East Palo Alto's Boxing Club in the Bell Street Gym, for example — credited with building self-esteem and independence among that community's youth — is one of the benefactors.

Free At Last helps people in East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks to kick substance abuse habits and to rebuild their lives. This nonprofit boasts numerous success stories: people with stable employment who now serve their communities.

"As a follower of Dr. Martin

Luther King and his philosophies, I see the relevance in the name Free At Last," Francois said. "When people graduate from the substance abuse program, they can say, 'I'm free at last.'" ■

E-mail Andrea Nott at anott@mv-voice.com

■ INFORMATION

Those interested in purchasing Old Ravenswood Gardenkits can meet Leland Francois at the Mountain View Farmers Market, where he sets up shop every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Farmers Market is located in the downtown Mountain View Caltrain station parking lot, 600 W. Evelyn Ave. Orders also can be placed by e-mail to gardenkits@aol.com, or by calling (650) 949-4744.

EDITOR'S DESK

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So, just another day at the office for the Air National Guardsmen, and for Derek, who next month will wrap up this season at the Farallones before heading off to French Frigate Shoals to study monk seals (don't ask). Till then he'll continue monitoring the elephant seals as they lay about

making ugly noises and engaging in spasmodic violence.

In fact, one perpetrator of this violence, a bull named Don Francisco, was named after me. You can actually watch a video of Don vanquishing his foes on the "Los Farallones blog," <http://losfarallones.blogspot.com>. (More generally, the blog is a great resource on the islands and the work being done there. A post on the battery-swap currently tops

the site.)

As for the 129th, when they're not assisting the Farallones research facility, they're saving people in distress from capsized ships and flooded cities, plucking them out of the water with their HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters. More info on the 129th is available at www.youtube.com/129thRescueWing. ■

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Transit agencies line up for stimulus funds

OFFICIALS SCRAMBLE FOLLOWING SLASHES TO STATE BUDGET

By Sue Dremann

Local transportation officials were eagerly awaiting the results of a funding vote this week by the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission that could free up hundreds of millions of dollars in money from the federal economic stimulus package.

The MTC vote, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 25, after the *Voice* went to press, could parcel out nearly \$500 million in stimulus money to nine Bay Area counties.

Transportation agencies, including Caltrain, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and San Mateo County Transit Authority (SamTrans) have submitted project lists and are scrambling to meet federal criteria for when the money is released. The funding is designed to have a fast turnaround, spokespersons said.

"It's very intensive. We're trying to do our best to put the money out in the economy and generate jobs," VTA spokeswoman Jennie Hwang Loft said.

Their need intensified after Feb. 19, when California lawmakers slashed \$536 million from the State Transit Assistance account, which funds bus and train operations throughout the state.

VTA will lose \$50 million — \$35 million of it by the end of June — mostly due to the recessionary drop in sales tax revenues, Loft said.

SamTrans will lose roughly three quarters of its state transit assistance, going from \$4.3 million to \$1.1 million, which was used for operations, according to Christine Dunn, spokeswoman for SamTrans and Caltrain. Half of the agency's operating budget comes from sales tax revenue.

Caltrain will see its capital projects funding from the assistance account drop from \$3.7 million to \$930,000. About 40 percent of Caltrain's revenue comes from member agencies, such as San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Another 40 percent is generated by fares, Dunn said.

Things are brighter on the federal incoming-funds side. SamTrans is hoping for money to buy 137 new buses using \$8.3 million from the stimulus package and an additional \$4 million for preventive maintenance, Dunn said.

Caltrain would receive \$5.5 million for track and infrastructure upgrades, \$2.9 million to upgrade train controls and \$7.7 million to replace bridges in San Mateo County — a total of \$16.1 million, according to Dunn.

Loft said hybrid buses are on VTA's shopping list.

The federal money will help, but it won't solve all the agencies' problems, officials agreed. Many are looking for creative ways to close the gap.

"We're currently writing and developing budgets. We don't know how we will make up the losses, but we've got our pencils sharpened," Dunn said.

But with most agencies experiencing record-breaking ridership, Dunn doesn't think routes will be in line for cuts.

"Cutting service is not something we think would be productive," she said.

In Santa Clara County, Loft said, VTA service is safe through June.

"This fiscal year, we were prudent and we absorbed a lot of the deficit," she said.

The cuts could prove detrimental to the system in 2010 and 2011. By the end of June the agency will have a projected \$35 million loss in revenues from sales tax, Loft said.

"Losing [a few] million dollars is one thing. When you start getting into double digits, that's a whole other scenario," she said. ■

Sue Dremann is a staff writer for the Palo Alto Weekly, the Voice's sister paper.

■ INFORMATION

VTA board members will meet Friday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. for a workshop on how to deal with the deficit. The board will discuss the topic at a regular meeting March 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

Notice of Availability and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lanes Project State Route 85 in Mountain View to Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) in cooperation with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to add auxiliary lanes and lengthen existing carpool lanes in a 3.2 mile segment of U.S. 101 between State Route 85 in Mountain View and Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto. An auxiliary lane is a lane that extends between two adjacent interchanges and primarily facilitates vehicle movements onto and off of the freeway.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lanes Project has been prepared which concludes that the project would not result in significant environmental impacts if specified mitigation measures are implemented. The Draft IS/MND and supporting documents are available for review at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

You are invited to attend a public information meeting to learn more about the project, view project exhibits, and to provide comments on the adequacy of the environmental document.

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6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

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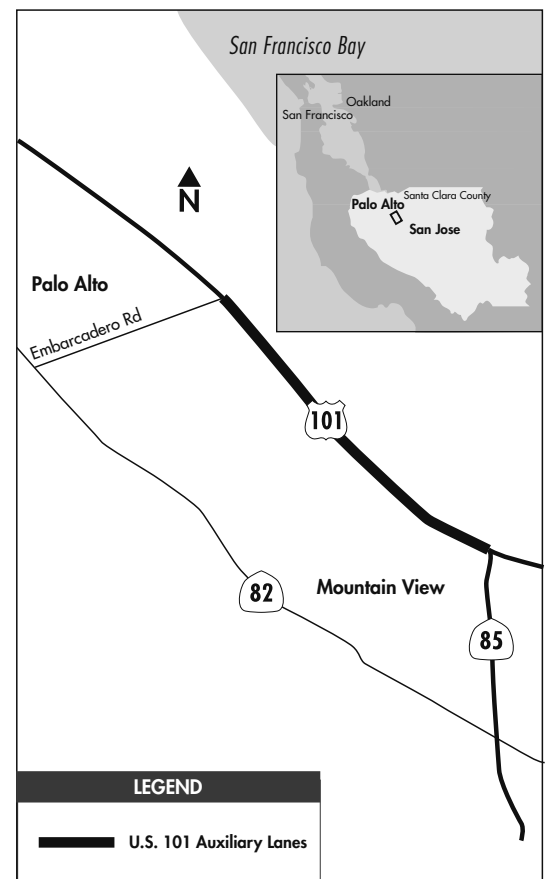
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SUBMIT COMMENTS

Written comments will be accepted until March 27, 2009 and may be submitted via mail, e-mail, fax or the project website with attention to:

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For more information about the Draft IS/MND or U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lanes Project, please call VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575, TTY for the hearing impaired (408) 321-2330; or log onto www.vta.org.



Solar car wows local techies

NOTHING BUT SUN POWERED XOF1 ON ITS RECORD-BREAKING 12,000-MILE JOURNEY

By Daniel DeBolt

Google employees are fairly technology-minded, but even they were amazed by the strange car that appeared at the company's Mountain View headquarters Feb. 20, swarming around the vehicle and looking as though a UFO had landed.

"It's so space age, I love it," said one employee. "Where do you put the groceries?" joked another.

Google was just the latest stop for Xof1, a streamlined solar car on a record-breaking journey. It all started last June in Buffalo, N.Y., and took Canadian driver-creator Marcelo da Luz to the Arctic Circle before the car silently rolled into Mountain View last Friday — 12,000 miles later.

Da Luz' moxie impressed the techies as much as anything. "You didn't know anybody at Google and you just showed up?" one asked. "Yeah," he answered.

Luckily, security guards did not carry da Luz and his \$500,000 car off the Googleplex. Electric vehicle enthusiasts at the company, including Google founder Larry Page,

were told about the car once da Luz arrived, although Page did not make an appearance on Friday.

Da Luz waited for a large crowd to gather before lifting the body up off the chassis and giving a talk about the car. It's a routine by now, as he's given the talk numerous times before, whenever people inevitably gather around. There was laughter when he told the crowd that while driving through Alaska, someone called 911 and reported seeing a UFO driving down the road.

The car took eight years to develop and cost \$500,000, if you add labor costs to the \$100,000 in materials and parts. Da Luz, a former flight attendant from Toronto, mortgaged his house to help pay for the project and recruited 47 volunteers, including Toronto area engineers, professors and college students, all of whom are listed on his Web site.

The car is capable of going 75 miles per hour, but da Luz says he rarely takes it on the freeway. "People don't see it," said John Schaeffer, a volunteer who has been driving the support van behind the car for the last three weeks. Da Luz

relies completely on volunteers that he picks up along the way to drive the support van, which holds spare parts and other supplies.

Made mostly from fiberglass and carbon fiber, the car weighs just 660 pounds with da Luz inside. Its body is low and flat like a manta ray and shaped like a wing for a little bit of lift. Strong storm winds could pick up the car and toss it like a potato chip, and a few times during his journey, da Luz said, he had to take it off the road and put it in the van's trailer to weather out storms.

Because of its aerodynamic shape and efficient AC motor, the car can drive 136 miles in the dark using only 66 pounds of lithium ion batteries. The solar cells generate a 900-watt charge for the batteries, which is about what a toaster uses, da Luz says.

Sometimes a lack of sun for several days would slow the trip down. On his worst day, da Luz traveled four miles. On his best day, he went 292 miles.

Inside the car, da Luz lays flat on a seat custom-molded to his body. While it has no padding, da Luz says the seat is comfortable



Marcelo da Luz shows off the Xof1 in a demonstration at the Googleplex.

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enough that he has found himself dozing off while driving. With his head poking up behind a small windshield, he looks through a camera display on his glasses to see behind him. At night, da Luz relies on an array of powerful LED lights, each no bigger than a pencil eraser, to light the road.

Police and highway patrol officers, not convinced that Xof1 is street-legal, have pulled da Luz over 11 times. In order to legally register the car, he moved to Barbados, the small island nation off the coast of Venezuela, where an obscure 1949 Geneva Convention treaty allows him to drive Xof1 anywhere in the world.

His favorite stories are about the people who have offered help along the way. In one instance, someone

handed da Luz the keys to an empty house. As da Luz drove on 500 miles of gravel roads on the way to the Arctic Circle, truck drivers got on their radios to let other truckers know that they needed to slow down so as not to throw gravel at the fragile solar panels.

The car broke the original 9,364-mile distance record back in Victoria, B.C. But as the trip goes on, da Luz is perpetually increasing the distance record. His plan is to end the trip in Los Angeles, but if he can gather enough financial help, he may continue on to South America.

For more information about the project, visit www.xof1.com. ▀

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killing the idea — Inks attempted to explain.

“It was not to kill it off — it was to say I don’t have an informed opinion on it,” Inks said.

Without the necessary four votes, the council could not ask the Rail Authority to do an environmental impact report, which would have provided detailed information. An EIR is legally required before any plan can be adopted.

Unless the council revisits the issue, the idea of putting a high speed rail stop downtown is over. Although Inks agreed that residents should discuss high speed rail issues as the city goes through its General Plan update, he didn’t think his abstention killed the idea of a downtown stop.

“I don’t consider a straw vote, on an informal motion, as having a lasting policy effect,” he said.”

Currently a stop is in the works for Palo Alto. But Dominic Spaethling, regional manager for the Rail Authority, said if the Palo Alto City Council sent a letter opposing a stop there, the Rail Authority would drop its plan for Palo Alto and look instead to Mountain View or Redwood City.

“I’ve had more Mountain View residents say ‘We want a stop here’ than any other city I’ve been to,” Spaethling said.

The council voted to send comments to the Rail Authority that outlined various alternatives for running it through the city, including the possibility of using portions of Central Expressway in order to get the train through the city’s downtown area, which is already crowded with Caltrain and light rail tracks.

“Unless it’s in the comments, we won’t study” a Mountain View stop, Spaethling said.

Council members Tom Means, Mike Kasperzak and Margaret Abe-Koga supported further study of the idea, saying the location is a good one because of existing bus and light rail connections.

“To me it makes a lot of sense,” Abe-Koga said.

Means said the stop could create major business development opportunities for Mountain View. Later in the evening, the city’s economic development director presented a plan to help fill the city’s \$6 million deficit by attracting biotechnology companies and clothing and hardware stores, among other plans.

However, council members Jac Siegel, Ronit Bryant and Laura Macias seemed to have made up their minds against the stop.

“I don’t think we have enough

area for a high speed rail stop” downtown, Macias said, adding that “I don’t think we’re going to win a knock-down-drag-out fight with Palo Alto for a stop.”

After the meeting, Spaethling said a stop doesn’t require lots of space, but parking might be an issue. A two-story parking garage is already planned for Mountain

Council member Bryant feared the favored plan to depress Rengstorff halfway along Rengstorff Park to get it under grade level tracks would “ruin the neighborhood.” But Mike Fuller of the Public Works Department said the Permanente Creek rail crossing was too close to the intersection for the tracks to run under

of interest. The city attorney is expected to make a call on the matter.

Solar power station?

In a study session, the City Council discussed a state bill that encourages the city to build a million-watt “renewable energy facility” — possibly a solar farm

for a city. According to the bill, AB2466, a solar farm or wind turbine power plant could offset energy use at city buildings and be paid for in part with state and federal loans.

The Public Works Department said the panels would require three acres of land. Two possible sites included the meadow along Highway 85 at El Camino Real, but the council favored using the city’s parking lot at the Shoreline Amphitheatre.

Local solar expert Bruce Karney recommended that the city compare the cost to leasing the panels from a private firm. He added that one megawatt is enough energy to power 300 to 400 homes. Google’s headquarters uses a 1.6 megawatt solar array that is expected to pay for itself in seven years. ■

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In a study session, the City Council discussed a state bill that encourages the city to build a million-watt “renewable energy facility” — possibly a solar farm on a Shoreline Amphitheater parking lot.

View’s downtown train station, though Valley Transportation Authority officials put those plans on hold until high speed rail plans are finalized.

A Caltrain spokesperson said Palo Alto’s train station was the second most used in terms of ridership behind San Francisco, with Mountain View very close behind.

“According to our February 2008 Annual Ridership Count for Caltrain, Mountain View is our third busiest station,” wrote spokesperson Tasha Bartholomew. “It has an average weekday ridership of 3,137 people.” San Francisco has 8,306 weekday riders on average, Palo Alto 3,672.

Grade separations

Grade-separated crossings for Castro Street and Rengstorff Avenue were the focus of the council’s concerns Tuesday. Unlike other cities, there are no known homes along the tracks in Mountain View that face eminent domain in order to make way for four tracks down the corridor.

At Castro Street, the council favors digging a large trench under Castro Street so the trains can flash through at speeds of 125 miles per hour. Other alternatives to be studied include closing off Castro Street altogether or running Castro Street under the tracks, which would have huge impacts on half of the historic 100 block of Castro Street. Tunneling the train underground is considered prohibitively expensive, and was not favored by any council members.

The possibility of raising the train on a berm or stilts seemed to be a real possibility for some members. But many invoked the image of a “great wall” dividing the city if not done correctly.

Few residents spoke. Julie Lovins expressed interest in using Central Expressway for the downtown portions, which could mean running the tracks down the expressway median, staff said.

Rengstorff.

Inks may not be able to participate in future decisions about high speed rail, as his Showers Drive home is near the railroad tracks and may pose a conflict

on a Shoreline Amphitheater parking lot.

The council decided to have staff further study the cost benefits of the idea, which has not been attempted yet by any Cali-

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Administrators in the high school district say they were expecting \$2 million in reductions, but are surprised by how much is being cut from adult education in the new budget. Though it is losing 15 percent of its funding for categorical programs, the high school district is not affected by revenue limit reductions.

A budget committee is scheduled to present possible cuts to the MVLA board during its March 9 meeting. The district will not lay off certified staff, according to Superintendent Barry Groves, but cuts could hurt special programs and, possibly, result in increased class sizes.

The district also is using reserves and "current funds" to make it through the year," Groves said.

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More than half of the district's cuts will hit the Adult School, which is losing over \$1 million from its budget through 2010. The cuts come as more residents are returning to school to be retrained during the economic downturn, educators said.

“More people are requesting services, but we will be providing fewer,” Groves said of the Adult School.

Community college administrators say they are experiencing a similar scenario, with more students and fewer resources. The Foothill-De Anza district did not receive a cost of living adjustment this year, even as health care costs for employees increased by 9 percent. As a result, administrators had to reduce hundreds of class sections, reduce contracts and freeze hiring.

“What you are doing is shredding community colleges when student demand is at an all-time high,” Chancellor Martha Kanter said. ▣

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Petitioners oppose hospital purchase

EL CAMINO'S TAKEOVER OF LOS GATOS IS TOO COSTLY, OPPONENTS SAY

By Casey Weiss

By buying the Community Hospital of Los Gatos, El Camino Hospital administrators and board members will put a strain on services and finances at the Mountain View facility, according to a group of district taxpayers petitioning against the purchase.

At a hospital board meeting earlier this month, six of the petitioners voiced their concerns about the purchase. They say it's bad timing to buy the \$45 million hospital during an economic downturn, and that the facility will cost another \$10 million to \$20 million to bring it up to seismic standards, and more for start-up costs.

El Camino spokesperson Judy Twitchell told the *Voice* she was not sure of the cost of the earthquake upgrades, but said the upgrades could be spread out over several years. The hospital, she added, would not comment on initial start-up costs.

Mountain View resident Bill Krepick started the petition, and said it has been signed by 121 residents who live within the public hospital district, which includes Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, most of Sunnyvale, and a small portion of Cupertino. (Residents of the district elect the hospital board which approved the acquisition plan.) At the Feb. 11 meeting, each petitioner was given about three minutes to comment.

They said El Camino Hospital administrators should focus on the new \$480 million, seismically upgraded hospital which opens in Mountain View this fall, instead of investing in the Los Gatos hospital, which has been losing money.

"Unfortunately, I predict that patients and physicians at El Camino Hospital will suffer as it also tries to reactivate Los Gatos at the end of the summer," Los Altos resident Duncan MacMillan read to the board from a letter he wrote. "Residents of the tax

district will get to suffer later when El Camino Hospital comes looking for a bailout."

El Camino administrators announced in December that they were in escrow to buy the Los Gatos hospital, and would take over management on June 1. Administrators say the purchase of the 143-bed facility will allow El Camino to revive the Los Gatos hospital, which lost its reputation after it became a private organization. It would also help El Camino meet its strategic plan by expanding services to residents outside its district.

El Camino administrators said the hospital currently has \$300 million in unrestricted funds generated from profit, and that taxpayer funds would not go toward the new acquisition. The hospital spends about \$8 million collected in district taxes each year on community outreach and capital costs.

"El Camino Hospital has been very conservative and well managed over the last several years, and we really are in a good position to do this," Twitchell said. "In a tough economy, it is good to have a strong financial position."

Administrators began negotiating this summer, but said they could release only limited information due to a strict disclosure agreement.

"We are a hospital that tries to be transparent in every way," Twitchell said. "As soon as the escrow is completed, we will make public those documents which are appropriate."

But petitioners say they want more information about the acquisition.

"The district has not provided adequate information or an adequate business case to justify the Los Gatos hospital acquisition," Mountain View resident Dolores Razavi read from notes during the meeting. "You left taxpayers shaking their heads at your decision." ▀

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RAPE

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and hid outside the victim's home, waiting for her on the morning of the crime. He allegedly confronted the victim as she was leaving, and dragged her back inside.

"He knew what time she was leaving," police spokesperson Liz Wylie said. "We were suspicious the suspect was stalking her. As it turns out, he was working right there."

Police say there was no evidence connecting Jayardo to the rape at the time of the crime. Jayardo moved to Georgia shortly afterward, according to Wylie, and has multiple aliases. He is often known as Melchor Paredes and has a criminal record, she said.

Jayardo returned from Georgia in December and started working for the same construction company. Police received a tip three weeks ago from someone who knew Jayardo, and became suspi-

cious that he may be connected to the crime. Police are not releasing the informant's name.

"The tip was vague, but it was all we had," Wylie said.

Following the tip, police started investigating Jayardo and collected physical evidence from him, Wylie said. The County Crime Lab confirmed last weekend that this physical evidence matched evidence collected at the time of the crime.

Police located Jayardo at his employer's office on Tuesday. The suspect attempted to hide in the attic, but after an hour officers entered and took him into custody. He was booked into the main jail in San Jose on one count of rape with a \$500,000 bail. He faces a lifetime sentence, Wylie said.

Police are still investigating the case and working with Georgia police, she said.

"We have concerns about what he did while he was there," Wylie said. "Who else did he rape?" ■

HATE

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pened on the 200 block of Castro Street at around 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 21. Meanwhile, East Palo Alto police say the incident may be connected to a shooting that happened the same night, apparently involving some of the same people. Police from both departments have yet to sort out details.

The victims of the attack — three men and a woman from Sunnyvale and Fremont — were walking to their car on Castro and talking in Hindi, their native language, when two women approached speaking racial epithets, according to police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

"The suspects were making fun of Hindi and saying the victims did not belong in America," Wylie said.

The confrontation turned violent after they began punching the female victim, Wylie said, and

her husband tried to protect her. Four to six male suspects then appeared at the scene, pulling the husband away and punching and kicking him. They also punched the two remaining suspects when they tried to intervene. All four victims suffered minor injuries but refused treatment.

The attackers fled in two cars, but the victims noted the license plate number on one of the cars, which police traced to a house on the 2500 block of Annapolis Avenue in East Palo Alto. They contacted East Palo Alto police, who said they had already visited that same house in response to a shooting earlier in the evening, and that some of the suspects were at Stanford Hospital with the shooting victim.

At the hospital, police arrested Frisco Tuipulotu and Richard Juarez, both 23. East Palo Alto police located a third suspect, Frisco's cousin Tuuta Tuipulotu, 20, later that morning at 10:30 a.m. as he drove the vehicle identified during the Mountain View incident. He was arrested for possession of a concealed weapon, and turned over to Mountain View police, who charged him in connection with the hate crime.

A fourth suspect, Caroline Evaimalo, 24, was arrested that afternoon, and police say they are looking for at least two more.

Wylie said the suspects, all from East Palo Alto, are Pacific Islander or Latino.

Police are still investigating any possible connection between the alleged hate crime and the shooting. East Palo Alto and Mountain View police aren't even sure where the shooting victim, Lutoviko Tausigna, 22, was when he was shot in the chest. He initially told police that he was shot on Annapolis Avenue in East Palo Alto; but a "shotspotter system," which detects gunshots fired in the city, did not record any activity there that night.

Detective David Carson of East Palo Alto said the two crimes are likely connected, and that the shooting may even have happened in Mountain View. "It is too coincidental," he said.

But Wylie said there is no evidence the shooting happened in Mountain View, and noted that no one reported hearing gunshots that night.

"We are not getting any indication that the victim of the East Palo Alto shooting was in our town," she said. "Until we know where it happened, we cannot investigate."

She added the suspects in custody are being cooperative, and that police are still working with them to figure out exactly what happened that night. ■



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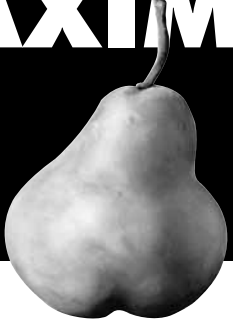




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Binkley gets no jail time for second holdup

By Daniel DeBolt

Under a plea bargain made Feb. 18, the Los Altos native and Army veteran who held up two Peninsula pharmacies for painkillers will serve no jail time.

After being found not guilty by reason of insanity last month for the holdup of a Mountain View Walgreens, Sargent Binkley agreed to a plea bargain Wednesday for a similar robbery in San Carlos.

In that deal, San Mateo County prosecutors gave up the chance to send Binkley to prison for 12 years and Binkley gave up his chance to be found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Deputy district attorney Steve Wagstaff said his office decided to offer Binkley a plea bargain instead of going to trial because a second trial would have likely been a "re-run," with many of the same expert witnesses as the Santa Clara County trial. Also, he said, Binkley does not appear likely to re-offend.

"If we felt we were dealing with an inherently evil person we thought was coming back to us, we would have gone forward" with a trial," Wagstaff said. "We're not dealing with that sort of individual."

Several veterans rallied behind Binkley, a West Point graduate and former Army captain who served in Bosnia and Honduras, making him a central figure in the discussion about how veterans should be treated in the courts.

But many other veterans were highly critical of Binkley, saying that his conduct, during and after his service, was disgraceful. In the Santa Clara County trial, prosecutor Deborah Medved argued that Binkley had only imagined the horrific scenes that led to his PTSD. Psychiatrists disagreed, saying that the military could have covered up the drug raids that Binkley supposedly was involved in. Binkley said he killed a young person in a firefight during such a drug raid.

Binkley will be officially sentenced in San Mateo County after he serves a minimum six month sentence in Atascadero State Hospital for the Mountain View crime. But he has to be found sane before he can be released, Wagstaff said. ▀

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EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Living with less

The economic wave that is crushing the country and the state is now officially on Mountain View's radar screen. And the city's first walls of defense are going up.

Last week, city manager Kevin Duggan led the City Council through a general assessment of the city's approximately \$86 million general fund budget, preparing them for the painful decisions they will have to make before they adopt a plan for 2009-10 on June 9. The bottom line: Duggan sees a nearly \$6 million shortage caused by lower sales tax income and \$3.8 million in higher personnel costs over the coming year.

To make it up, the city will have to reduce spending. Duggan already has asked each department for a plan to cut 10 percent from last year's budget, and also raised the possibility of asking voters to increase sales taxes, although we doubt that will happen this year. Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga said the city possibly could make up some of the shortfall by increasing fees that are below the average of nearby cities, including higher charges for non-residents' use of the Senior Center and the city's sports fields.

Another way to close the gap, Duggan said, is for the city to use a portion of its \$5 million rainy day fund, although he was clear that his goal is to repay the fund any monies withdrawn during the current crisis. He said that the city's \$292 million in reserves is almost entirely committed and would not be available to cover short-term losses.

At this point, it does not appear that the city is in real financial danger. Mountain View boasts an income today that is the envy of many other municipalities currently struggling to make ends meet.

Still, although no decrease is predicted in the city's \$25 million in property tax income in the next budget year, anything can happen in the current volatile economy. Even the city's strong cash reserves, and income from lucrative rent and ground leases with companies like Google, may not be enough if the Valley economy continues to fall. In San Jose, for example, city department managers have been asked to plan for a 20 percent reduction in spending.

Happily, Mountain View has played its cards right over the years by budgeting conservatively and making the most of its assets, especially the Shoreline- and Bayshore-area property leases. The city is doing more with fewer employees, despite serving a population that has increased from 67,460 to 74,000. (Since 1991, the city's workforce has lost 16 employees, although the fire and police departments have added 21 employees in that same period, and their share of the budget has increased from 36 percent in 1991 to 50 percent today.)

In his briefing, Duggan said, "We know there is going to be sacrifice from everyone, including the public." For now, residents can only take comfort in the fact that we're in good hands.

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FOOD CLOSET RUNNING SHORT OF PRODUCE

Editor:

The Community Services Agency food closet, which serves Mountain View and Los Altos, is extremely short of produce to help the growing number of clients coming for food each weekday.

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Janet Hayter
Yale Drive

IN TOUGH TIMES, PEOPLE TURN TO PRAYER

Editor:

This year's Silicon Valley Prayer Breakfast may provide evidence that in tough economic times, people return to traditional values and prayer.

It could be that as the economy slows, it gives people cause to reflect on what matters most to them in life — their families, faith, friends and community. Perhaps that is why, this year, record attendance of some 400 people is anticipated at the prayer breakfast by people of all levels of faith. They

will hear successful leaders give testimony to the power of faith and prayer in their lives.

This 15th annual speaker event is 7 to 8:30 a.m. March 12 at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara. This year's speakers are NASA astronaut Col. Rex J. Walheim and Dr. Cheryl Ho, medical director for the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program. Both will be speaking on the "Joy of Serving."

Walheim has completed two space flights with his most recent in February 2008. On that mission, he and the crew visited the International Space Station, traveled over 5 million miles in orbit, and took three space walks.

As head of the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program, Ho, the event's second speaker, says she considers it a privilege and honor to serve the most vulnerable members of the Silicon Valley every day. She and her team care for the chronically homeless, individuals with drug and alcohol addiction, the mentally ill, runaway youth, and migrant farm workers. She is also a clinical instructor at the Stanford School of Medicine

The Silicon Valley Prayer Breakfast is an event organized by volunteers to feature speakers with inspiring Christian testimonies. It is neither a fund raiser nor associated with any particular church or denomination.

The cost of the upcoming event is \$35 per person or \$350 for a table of 10. Reservations and payments can be made on the SVPB Web site, www.svpb.net.

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As usual this tax is about drumming up more money instead of addressing the root cause. We have to come up with better methods for our garbage. We build space stations for crying out loud, but we can't even come up with viable ideas for all the waste we produce.

Sue, a resident of another community

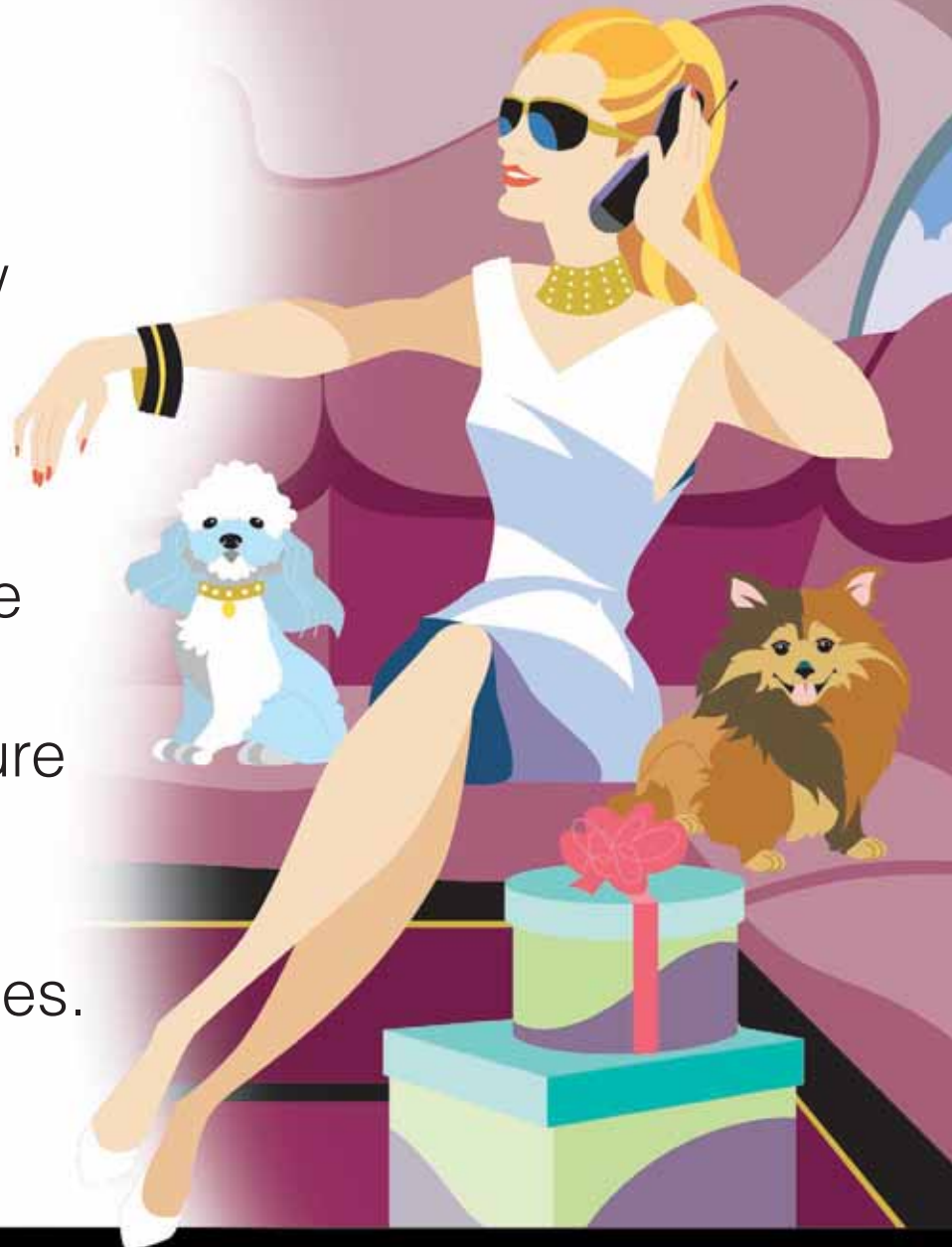
Sue I agree with you in some ways ... but just think about how many more plastic bags you use than shampoo containers; every time you go to the store you get a ton of bags, and many people do nothing with them.

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The smoked salmon tart flambé features leek compote and creme fraiche.

VERONICA WEBER

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Banking on change

MENLO PARK'S LEFT BANK
EXCELS AFTER A MAKEOVER

By Dale F. Bentson

Left Bank in Menlo Park reopened in early December after a 10-week hiatus to update the premises and reinvigorate the French-California-styled menu. Open since 1998, the brasserie was ready for an overhaul: The ever-popular eatery was showing signs of fatigue, both physically and gastronomically.

The interior still has sky-high ceilings and huge framed posters on the walls with lots of glass facing both Santa Cruz Avenue and Doyle Street. The bar area has been updated with smart new detail; the closed-in mezzanine dining room has been opened

up, and a wrought-iron staircase added for access; the kitchen has been enclosed and tables added where booths formerly existed.

There is a dazzling new tile floor and a temperature-controlled wine room. The space is still open and airy, festive without being raucous. Open long hours, it's a good place for families and night owls as well.

Co-owner Roland Passot, who owns the Michelin-starred La Folie restaurant in San Francisco, has kept many of the old standards but infused the menu with several exciting additions. The old dishes have a new crisp-

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Manuel Martinez, a chef at Left Bank, prepares the *Coq Au Vin* tableside at the restaurant.

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ness to them as well, fresh and sparkling like everything else at the brasserie.

One of my perennial favorites at Left Bank has been the Salad Lyonnaise (\$8.50) made with frisee lettuce and lardons (chunks of diced, blanched, fried bacon), dressed with a mustard vinaigrette and topped with a poached egg. The egg, when pierced, oozes onto the other ingredients, creating a warm, luscious taste sensation. Unfortunately, on two recent occasions, the egg was hard-boiled, which stole away the soul of the salad.

House-made pates were enticing and filling. I tried both the country (pork) pate and the duck and pork rilette (cooked in fat). Rustic and elemental, the pates contrasted nicely in texture, one silky and gelatinous, the other coarser and chewy. Both delicious. Also available was pig's feet terrine. Ordering all three pates cost \$14.75, two \$9.75, one \$5.50.

Frit de mer (\$10.75) was a plate of fried calamari, Laughing Bird shrimp (billed as farm-raised, hormone-free, ecologically bal-

anced white shrimp) and crispy onions with a mustard vinaigrette for dipping. The calamari seemed tired and wasn't up to par with the shrimp, which were so plump and delicate that the vinaigrette wasn't needed.

I was enthusiastic about the tartes flambees, Alsatian thin-crust tarts. Atop a broad crisp cracker crust similar to Armenian cracker bread, they came with four options for toppings. The smoked salmon (\$12.50) had layers of thin sliced fish crowned with a suggestive leek compote and buttery crême fraîche. It was seriously wonderful with plenty to share.

I also loved the duck confit (\$11.75) with onions and mushrooms, sprinkled with truffle vinaigrette. What could be more French than duck and truffle? It was a captivating combination with loads of dark, rich duck meat, earthy onions and fleshy mushrooms, with resonant overtones of truffle.

Main courses were equally satisfying. Loch Duart is highly

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regarded Scottish sustainably farmed orange-pink salmon (\$21.75). The Brussels sprouts, lardons, butternut squash and capers enhanced the dish adding nutty, zesty, unctuous flavors.

The butternut squash gnocchi (\$15.75) with spinach and sage brown butter were perfect little clouds of flavor. House-made daily, those petite puffs were elastic but not rubbery, airy and not sticky, delicate yet flavor-packed.

Also good was the coq au vin (\$18.75) with baby carrots, pearl onions, lardons and egg noodles. The chicken was meaty and cooked through, tender with a fresh clean taste. A French classic.

No self-respecting brasserie would be complete without steak frites (\$19.75). The skirt steak was tender with just enough fat to infuse flavor. The pommes frites were crisp and non-greasy. Add \$3.50 for a choice of bear-naise, bordelaise or green peppercorn sauce.

Desserts were offered two ways, full serving and petite. I love the idea. The full serving of profiteroles (\$6.25), for example, consisted of three buttery cream puffs filled with vanilla ice cream and covered with chocolate sauce. The petit version — one cream puff — was \$3.25.

Service alternated between efficient and wanting. Bussing seemed to be the biggest problem. While I applaud Left Bank for instructing bus boys not to snatch away plates until all the diners have finished, the wait was often too long.

The wine list has been updated and boasts an appealing selection from both California and France. Prices are fair with few wines above the \$100 mark. Corkage fee is \$12.

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Several chamber music superstars, including the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, left, are coming to the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts this spring.

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Genius on Second Stage

BY DIANA REYNOLDS ROOME

World-class musicians come to Center for the Performing Arts in chamber music series

A succession of world-class musicians will be arriving to play at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' Second Stage this spring, boosting Mountain View into the musical stratosphere.

The series of five Monday evening concerts, from March 9 through June 1, has been organized by Chamber Music San Francisco, with most concerts "piggybacking" on weekend performances in the city.

Normally heard in venerable venues such as Carnegie Hall, and difficult to fund in smaller venues, these stellar musicians have agreed to stay an extra day or so under a scheme dreamed up by Daniel Levenstein, director of CMSF, who plans the series as the first of an annual spring chamber music event in Mountain View.

The musicians, too, have been unreservedly enthusiastic about the opportunity.

Violinist Jaime Laredo, for example, has played all over the world, both as a soloist and with the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, which has been celebrated in the world of chamber music for 32 years (the trio made its debut at Jimmy Carter's Inauguration at the White House in 1977). Also a viola

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Anna, left, and Jessica of Mountain View check out a costume design at TheatreWorks' 40th anniversary party.

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TheatreWorks celebrates 40 years

By Casey Weiss

Shakespearean characters and 18th century Parisians took over the plaza outside the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts last week, as actors celebrated TheatreWork's 40th birthday.

The local theater company honored its anniversary on Feb. 18 with costumes, music and a raffle drawing. Robert Kelley, founding artistic director, also announced the eight plays scheduled for 2009-10: TheatreWorks will start the season off with "Tinyard Hill," a country-pop musical depicting the life of a blacksmith in a small Georgia town in the 1960s.

"We don't normally do anything as exciting as this," managing director Phil Santora said of the all-day celebration. "It's a big year and we wanted to celebrate."

The company had its debut in 1970 at the Lucy Stern Center in Palo Alto, performing "Popcorn," a musical about generational gaps and the Vietnam War. The play "spoke to the issues of our community," Kelley said, "And turned out to be a great hit."

"Everyone involved was pretty young," Kelley said of the founding days. "We have grown, and now TheatreWorks is the third largest theater in the Bay Area."

After two decades in Palo Alto, TheatreWorks expanded to Mountain View in 1991, just after the Center for Performing Arts opened.

As its official anniversary approaches in July, TheatreWorks celebrates eight world premiers and several plays that have traveled around the country. The theater company attracts hundreds of actors and other artists each year, several coming from Broadway to perform in Mountain View and Palo Alto.

With TheatreWorks gearing up for the new season, Kelley said locals should keep an eye out for the eight new plays, especially "Yellow Face," a comedy by David Henry Hwang, award-winning author of "M. Butterfly." ■

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Performances are through March 15 every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20 for general admission, \$12 for students and seniors on Thursdays and Sundays. Fridays and Saturdays they are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for students and seniors.

Call the box office at (650) 254-1148 or (800) 838-3006 for credit card purchases. Online ticket sales are at www.thepear.org. The Pear Avenue Theatre is at 1220 Pear Ave. in Mountain View.

**'AT HOME AND ABROAD'
AT CSMA**

The paintings of Rebecca Miller and Scott Hewicker, both former faculty members at the Community School of Music and Arts, are currently on exhibit at CSMA's Finn Center.

The exhibition, titled "At Home and Abroad," "Refers to the artists finding inspiration both at 'home' in the local, personal and known, as well as 'abroad' in the global, vast, imaginary and fantastical," said Linda Covello, CSMA curator.

The exhibition will continue through the end of March in the Mohr Gallery at the Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. The free gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more, visit www.arts4all.org.

**'RAGING GRANNIES'
SCREENS AT CINEQUEST**

A documentary on local protest group Raging Grannies by Mountain View resident Pam Walton will have its premier in the International Film Festival, Cinequest, on March 7 and 8.

The film features the lives of the Raging Grannies, women activists age 50 and over who frequently demonstrate against all they deem unjust. The eccentrically dressed Grannies often

hold creative and eye-grabbing protests, bringing them nationwide acclaim and ridicule.

Walton, an award-winning independent video producer, has had her work screened at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, at the Margaret Mead Film Festival, and aired on PBS.

The screening will be March 7 at 2 p.m. and March 8 at noon. For tickets, visit www.cinequest.org. For more information about the Grannies or Walton, or to see a clip from the film, visit <http://pamwaltonproductions.com/raginggrannies.shtml>.

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For ages 6 to 14, the program is available in two week-long sessions from June 15 to Aug. 15. The cost for two weeks is \$400. For ages 3.5 to 8, PYT offers a 45-minute mini-camp at its studio in Mountain View once a month for \$77.

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**INFRARED PHOTOGRAPHY
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The work of Tony Coluzzi, a local artist who uses infrared light to take stunning landscape photographs locally, statewide and worldwide, will be shown at a reception at Gallery 9 in Los Altos next week.

The reception is March 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. His work will remain on display at the gallery every day from March 4 to April 4.

To see some examples of Coluzzi's work, visit his Web site at www.tonycoluzzi.com. For more information about the Gallery 9, one of only five artist-owned cooperative galleries on the Peninsula, visit www.gallery9losaltos.com.

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MUSIC

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player, Laredo has performed and recorded with such musicians as Isaac Stern, Yo-Yo Ma and pianist Glenn Gould.

Despite these credentials, Laredo said that a small recital hall on the Peninsula is “the kind of place I love to play the most. There’s something about the interaction with audience where you really feel the intimacy, playing for someone you can almost touch, whereas it’s not that kind of feeling when you’re playing in a large hall.”

“I was absolutely delighted,” said Lynn Harrell, the world-renowned cellist, who has played with Itzhak Perlman and Vladimir Ashkenazy (their recording of Beethoven’s Piano Trios won a Grammy Award), and as a soloist with many of the world’s great orchestras.

“We love to play in small venues and intimate surroundings, because that’s how most of the music for a small string ensemble was intended, meaning that the subtleties and gentle strokes of color and sound painting can be capitalized upon. ... I think the communication of the music itself is enhanced.”

Harrell’s wife, Helen Nightengale, a well-known violinist, will be playing with him, along with three other distinguished musicians.

Both Harrell and Laredo know the Bay Area, having performed often in San Francisco. Laredo spent part of his childhood in Menlo Park, living on Middlefield Road in the mid-1950s. His family had moved from Bolivia, where Jaime was born, to San Francisco where he could get a more specialized music education.

“Every time the plane lands in San Francisco, I look at my wife and say, ‘Oh God, it feels so good to be back,’” said Laredo, whose wife Sharon Robinson is the trio’s cellist. Famed for their performance of the Beethoven piano trio cycle at Lincoln Center’s Great Performers Series, they will be playing Beethoven’s most famous trio, known as the “Archduke,” Op. 97, at Second Stage on March 30.

The concert will include a piece by Shostakovich, who was “obsessed by Beethoven,” according to Laredo. While Shostakovich was writing the Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op. 67, “he found out about the death of a close friend in a concentration camp,” said Laredo. “He was an incredibly depressed, brooding individual ... but this is one of the most powerful pieces I’ve ever heard.”

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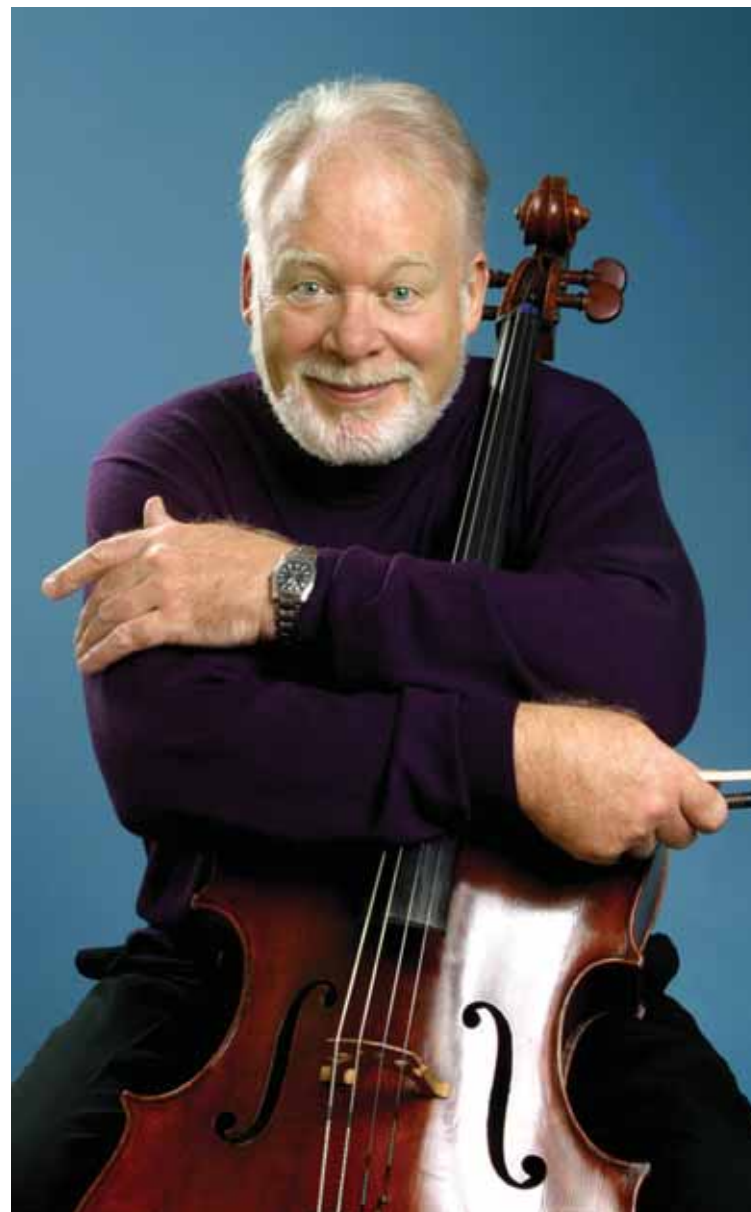


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Cellist Lynn Harrell

that Laredo plays will also be returning home to California, where it spent many years under glass, as part of a collection of rare instruments owned by the banker Samuel Crocker and displayed at the Crocker Art Gallery in Sacramento. It was there that Laredo played his first big recital when he was 8 years old, though he did not possess the instrument until years later.

The violin “has the power to carry a 5,000-seat hall if I need it, yet it has a sweetness and tender quality that suits an intimate place, even a living room. It’s more than my baby, it’s part of me,” he said.

Pianist Nelson Freire, who will give a solo piano recital on April 27, is usually found performing with the world’s great orchestras. His program will include several lively Chopin pieces, works by Debussy, Brahms and Bach, as well as the dancing rhythms of Brazilian composer Villa-Lobos (Freire is also Brazilian).

The series opens Monday, March 9, with the Prazak Quartet, which originated in Prague and performs all over Europe and North America. They have released over 35 award-winning CDs. Their concert will show-

case the uniquely rhythmic music of Eastern Europe, with Dvorak and Janacek, as well as an early quartet by Haydn.

On April 13, the young violinist Corey Cerovsek and pianist Paavali Jumppanen will play Janacek, Schubert, Faure and Symanowski. Cerovsek completed his doctoral course work in mathematics and music at age 18. Jumppanen is a pioneer in the field of new music, and has already distinguished himself in new interpretation of established repertoires. Their prodigious talents offer a hopeful glimpse into the future of chamber music. ▣

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MOVIE TIMES

- A POWERFUL NOISE LIVE (NOT RATED)** (Not Reviewed)
Century 16: Thu. at 8 p.m. Century 20: Thu. at 8 p.m.
- THE CLASS (PG-13)** ★★★★★ Guild: 2 & 5 p.m. Fri.-Wed. also at 8 p.m.
- CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG)** ★★★
Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25 p.m.
Century 20: 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.
- CORALINE (PG)** ★★★1/2 Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 1:55, 4:20, 7:05 & 9:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.
- THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG-13)** ★★★1/2 Century 16: 12:10, 4:05 & 8 p.m.
Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 3:15, 6:45 & 10:10 p.m.
- DOUBT (PG-13)** ★★★ Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2:20, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.
- ECHELON CONSPIRACY (PG-13)** (Not Reviewed)
Century 20: Noon, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:20 p.m.
- FIRED UP (PG-13)** (Not Reviewed)
Century 16: 12:15, 2:50 & 5:25 p.m. Fri.-Wed. also at 7:50 & 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:20 & 10:35 p.m.
- FRIDAY THE 13TH (R)** (Not Reviewed)
Century 16: 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 12:35, 3, 5:25, 8 & 10:40 p.m.
- FROST/NIXON (R)** ★★★★★ Century 16: 12:55, 3:45, 6:50 & 9:40 p.m.
- GRAN TORINO (R)** ★1/2 Century 16: 6:55 & 9:45 p.m.
Century 20: 1:10 p.m. Fri. - Wed. also at 6:50 p.m.
- HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13)** ★★★1/2
Century 16: 12:45, 3:50, 7:05 & 10 p.m.
Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 2:25, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.
- HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG)** (Not Reviewed)
Century 16: 1:10 & 4 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 2:40 & 5:05 p.m.
- THE INTERNATIONAL (R)** (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:45 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:25 p.m.
- JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3D CONCERT EXPERIENCE (G)** (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7 & 9:20 p.m.
Century 20: 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7 & 9:10 p.m.
- MILK (R)** ★★★ Century 20: 1, 4, 6:55 & 9:55 p.m.
Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:25 & 7:20 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10:15 p.m.
- PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG)** (Not Reviewed)
Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 2:25, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m.
Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 1:40, 4:15, 7:10 & 9:25 p.m.
- PINK PANTHER 2 (PG)** (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2, 4:35 & 7:10 p.m. Century 20: 12:10, 2:45, 5, 7:25 & 9:50 p.m.
- PUSH (PG-13)** (Not Reviewed) Century 20: 3:50 p.m.
Fri.-Wed. also at 9:30 p.m.
- THE READER (R)** ★★★★★1/2 Century 16: 12:50, 3:40, 6:45 & 9:35 p.m.
Century 20: 1:15, 4:10, 7:05 & 10 p.m.
- REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R)** ★★★★★1/2 Century 20: 7:30 & 10:15 p.m.
- SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R)** ★★★★★ Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:50, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m. Aquarius: 3:30, 6:45 & 9:30 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 12:30 p.m.
- STREETFIGHTER: THE LEGEND OF CHUN-LI (PG-13)** (Not Reviewed) Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:15, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m.
- TAKEN (PG-13)** ★★★ Century 16: noon, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25 & 9:50 p.m.
Century 20: 12:45, 3:20, 5:35, 8:10 & 10:25 p.m.
- TWO LOVERS (R)** (Not Reviewed) Aquarius: 2:30, 5, 7:30 & 10 p.m.
- TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13)** (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.
Century 20: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45 & 10:15 p.m.
- WALTZ WITH BASHIR (R)** ★★★★★
Palo Alto Square: 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.
- WATCHMEN (R)** (Not Reviewed) Century 16: Thu. at midnight.
Century 20: Thu. at midnight.
- THE WRESTLER (R)** ★★★ Century 16: 1:20, 4:10, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.
Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:30, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:20 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE CLASS ★★★★★

(Guild) Director Laurent Cantet's drama looks like a documentary but isn't one. Shot in cinema-verite style with a hand-held camera and starring actual French high school students, the film seamlessly fuses fiction and fact. Francois Begaud-eau adapted his autobiographical novel about teaching in the multiracial 20th arrondissement of Paris into a screenplay — and plays the French-language teacher named Francois. The film has a slice-of-life feel, as though a fly on the wall captured the complexities of teaching and learning in today's ethnically and economically diverse classroom. Like an exceptional teacher, "The Class" presents complex ideas in a clear, accessible and entertaining way. Cantet's success in tackling such sensitive, topical subject matter earns top marks. *Rated: PG-13. In French with English subtitles. 2 hours. 8 minutes.* — S.T.

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) "Confessions" is more cautionary tale than comedy. Although ingenue Isla Fisher shines in her leading-lady debut and serves up plenty of laughs, the film's resonant message about credit, debt and over-spending proves a dramatic and apropos undertone to an otherwise formulaic chick flick. Rebecca Bloomwood (Fisher) is a journalist who aspires to write for popular fashion magazine Alette. In order to climb the corporate ladder, Rebecca scores a job at a financial magazine where she struggles with the subject matter and swoons over British-born editor Luke Brandon (Hugh Dancy). Despite Rebecca's newfound fame and a looming romance with Luke, her daunting vice — shopping uncontrollably — constantly derails any potential for genuine happiness. *Rated: PG for some mild language and thematic elements. 1 hour, 52 minutes.* — T.H.

CORALINE ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Writer-director Henry Selick's delightfully imaginative toon delves into another dreamscape. His dark vision conjures a look similar to "The Nightmare Before Christmas" but falls squarely on spunky Coraline Jones. The animated adaptation of Neil Gaiman's 2002 horror novel is a creepy cautionary tale. Eleven-year-old Coraline (voiced by Dakota Fanning) and her workaholic parents have just moved into a Gothic old house. Coraline is bored, and her parents (voiced by Teri Hatcher and John Hodgman) shoo her away. She finds a small door that leads to an alternate version of her home. Be careful what you wish for: "Coraline" doesn't serve up sweet dreams for small children. Beware. And enjoy. *Rated: PG for thematic elements, scary images, some language and suggestive humor. 1 hour, 40 minutes.* — S.T.

MOVIE CRITICS

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Life in Afghanistan Presentation Former Mayor Rosemary Stasek will be giving her presentation about "A Little Help" and their work in Afghanistan. Foothills Congregational Church will be hosting and providing free child care for those families interested in attending. Sat., Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m. Free. Foothills Congregational Church, 461 Orange Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-8430. www.foothills-church.org

CONCERTS

Blue Highway bluegrass concert Blue Highway bluegrass music. Sat., Feb. 28, 8-11

p.m. \$22/advance, \$25/door. First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-691-9982. http://www.rba.org

Prazak Quartet The Prazak Quartet (from Prague) will perform quartets by Haydn, Janacek, and Dvorak. Mon., March 9, 7:30 p.m. \$45. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.chambermusic.org/MountainView.html

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Growing Cooler Educational forum to find out how sustainable neighborhoods are smart

development are tools in the fight against climate change. Wed., March 11, 7-9 p.m. Free. Google, Building 43, Tunis Room, 1600 Amphitheatre Pkwy, Mountain View. www.SustainableMountainView.org, www.GreenTownLosAltos.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Graham Benefit Variety Show Graham Performing Arts Association presents a variety show featuring Graham faculty, parents and alumni. Ticket sale proceeds benefit the Performing Arts students' Southern California tour; pre-show silent auction benefits the Graham Performing Arts Association's general fund. Fri., Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. \$10. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View.

LIVE MUSIC

The Corner Laughters and the William Cleere Band Indie power-pop band The Corner Laughters and piano-rock group The William Cleere Band perform original music Friday, March 6, Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. www.redrockcoffee.org

ON STAGE

"Beauty and the Beast" Los Altos High School Performing Arts Department students present the Broadway musical "Beauty and the Beast." Feb. 26 - March 1, evenings and matinee performances at the LAHS Eagle Theater. \$15/general admission, \$10/students and children. Los Altos High School Eagle Theater, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Religion/

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Kim Harrison at Books Inc. Kim Harrison will read excerpts from her seventh installment of the Rachel Morgan series, "White Witch Black Curse," at Books Inc. in Mountain View. Fri., Feb. 27, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc, in Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. http://www.booksinc.net

TALKS/AUTHORS

NASA Ames Lecture Series: Darwin A new NASA Ames lecture series celebrating the evolution of science and technology will begin with a lecture about Charles Darwin. Dr. James Strick will attempt to interpret Darwin's writing on the origin of life and will also draw connections to modern origin of life research sponsored by NASA. Thu., March 12, 7-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/events/index.html

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum J. Christopher Anderson, Asst. Professor in the UC Berkeley Bioengineering Department, describes the synthetic biology movement and areas in which engi-

neered biological systems could be beneficial, and surveys the research being done in his lab. Engineering Biology, on Tue., March 10, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$11, \$12 for nonmembers. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. http://tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Essay Contest - High School Students The local chapter of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance will be holding its annual national essay contest in Mountain View on Sat. March 7, 2009. High school students will compose an essay of 500 words or less on a topic to be announced during the contest. 10 a.m.-noon, Mountain View. Call 650-965-2555.

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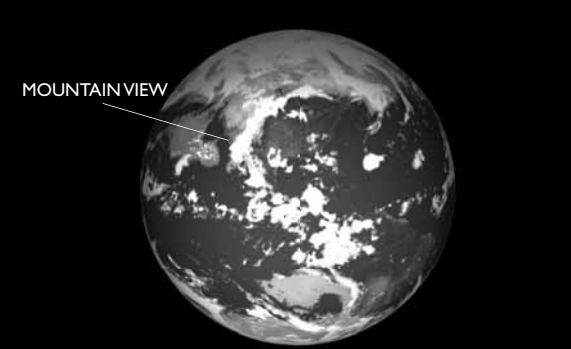

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TWELVE34 STUDIOS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519382
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Twelve34 Studios, 425 Crescent Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County:
ARTHUR M. OKADA
425 Crescent Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1/16/2009. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 27, 2009. (Voice Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2009)

WM LANDSCAPING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519426
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, WM Landscaping, 1147 Ayala Dr., Suite 1, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, Santa Clara County:
WALTER M MARTINEZ
1147 Ayala Dr. # 1, Sunnyvale, CA 94086
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 01-27-09. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 28, 2009. (Voice Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2009)

THE CAR DOCTOR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519109
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, The Car Doctor, 2239 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County:
GARY SCHALLER
38554 Royal Ann Common
Fremont, CA 94536
CHRIS SCHALLER
1235 Wildwood Ave. # 47
Sunnyvale, CA 94089
This business is owned by a General Partnership.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1-21-09. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 21, 2009. (Voice Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2009)

AKANE JAPANESE CUISINE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519489
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Akane Japanese Cuisine, 250 Third Street, Los Altos, CA 94022, Santa Clara County:
KANEYOYA, LLC
250 Third Street
Los Altos, CA 94022
This business is owned by a Limited Liability Company.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 01/01/2009. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 29, 2009. (Voice Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2009)

SWEET & YUMMY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519605
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Sweet & Yummy, 1920 California Str. Apt. 2, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:
PETER ZSUBORI
1920 California Str. Apt. 2
Mountain View, CA 94040
HENRIETTE VEN ZSUBORI
1920 California Str. Apt. 2
Mountain View, CA 94040
This business is owned by a General Partnership.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 30, 2009. (Voice Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2009)

THE KITCHEN CRAFTER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519437
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, The Kitchen Crafter, 1931 Old Middlefield Way # 208, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County:
JOHN BEELEY
1931 Old Middlefield Way # 208
Mountain View, CA 94043
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 02/02/2009. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 28, 2009. (Voice Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2009)

TRADICIONES PERUANAS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519726
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Tradiciones Peruanas, 1161 N. Lawrence Expwy., Sunnyvale, CA 94089, Santa Clara County:
MARIA MANDUJANO
1860 Chesnut St. #3
Santa Clara, CA 95054
FREDDY ORDONES
728 San Miguel Av.
Santa Clara, CA 95050
VICTOR ASCUNA
440 Whifmal Tark
Mountain View, CA 94043
This business is owned by a General Partnership.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 3, 2009. (Voice Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2009)

HOMESTEAD FAMILY DENTISTRY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519880
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Homestead Family Dentistry, 633 W. Homestead Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County:
MICKY LEE, D.D.S.,
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
633 W. Homestead Road
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
This business is owned by a corporation.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 02/23/99. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 9, 2009. (Voice Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2009)

PharMerica
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 519262
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, PharMerica, 145 East Dana Street, Suite B, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County:
PMC PHARMACY SERVICES, INC.
1901 Campus Place
Louisville KY, 40299
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 January 26, 2009. (Voice Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2009)

HELEN VANDERBERG & ASSOCIATES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 520218
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Helen Vanderberg & Associates, 65 Gladys Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County:
HELEN VANDERBERG
65 Gladys Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94043
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting

business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 17, 2009. (Voice Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2009)

NIJUIA MARKET
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 520075
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Nijui Market, 143 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:
JINON CORPORATION
2180 W. 190th Street
Torrance, CA 90504
This business is owned by a Corporation.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on June, 98. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 12, 2009. (Voice Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2009)

HUNGRY MINDS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 520277
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Hungry Minds, 1929 Crisanto Avenue #801, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:
BROWNING NEDDEAU
1929 Crisanto Avenue #801
Mountain View, CA 94040
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 18, 2009. (Voice Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2009)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 520187
The following person(s)/entity(ies) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
1.) ADVANCED DENTAL LAB, 2.) SUPERIOR DENTAL, 3.) VISION DENTAL
570 E. El Camino Real #C
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
FILED IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ON:
05/28/2008
UNDER FILE NO. 509982
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
ADVANCED DENTAL LAB., INC.
570 E. El Camino Real #C
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY a corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 17, 2009. (Voice Feb. 27; March 6, 13, 20, 2009)

GREENPOINT COACH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 520286
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, GreenPoint Coach, 188 S. Whisman Rd. Bldg. 'A', Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County:
SUSAN M. DAVIS
257 Mountain View Ave.
Mtn. View, CA 94041
ROBERT R. DAVIS
257 Mountain View Ave.
Mtn. View, CA 94041
This business is owned by a Trust.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on January 2009. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 18, 2009. (Voice Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2009)

997 All Other Legals
SUMMONS ON CROSS-COMPLAINT (Citacion Judicial)
Case Number M84636

(Numero del Caso)
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(Aviso al Demandado):
CROSS-DEFENDANTS: DFS dba MSA INDUSTRIES; DUPONT FLOORING SYSTEMS, INC.
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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(Lo esta Demandando el Demandante):
CROSS-COMPLAINANTS: LPR ASSOCIATES, LP; LAS PALMAS RANCH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.; and W.S.F. CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., dba FLETCHER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

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The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y direccion de la corte es):
MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address, and telephone

number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado es):
Chadney C. Ankele, SBN 131220
Low, Ball & Lynch
2 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 110
Monterey, CA 93940
Phone: (831) 655-8822
Fax: (831) 655-8881
Date: February 8, 2008
(Fecha):
Clerk, by Connie Mazzei, Deputy (secretario) Dana Littlefield (Adjunto)
(Voice Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2009)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (SUBJECT TO OWNER'S 90-DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION)
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER THE DECLARATIONS OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS RECORDED DATE BY THE Fountain Brook Homeowners' Association. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On March 18, 2009, at 10:30 A.M. of said day of said day at the North Market Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 190 North Market Street in the city of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California, the law offices of FONG & FONG, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, as Trustee for the Fountain Brook Homeowners' Association, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of Mountain View in the County of Santa Clara State of California and described as follows, to wit:
APN: 160-25-049
UNIT: 7c LOT: 1
TRACT: 6716
FILED: October 11, 1979
BOOK: 451
PAGE(S): 15 and 16 inclusive
SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDER

Commonly Known as: 100 East Middlefield Road, #7c, Mountain View, CA 94041

Current Owner of Record is:
Josh G. Malander

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, recorded August 25, 1988, Instrument Number 6908777 of the Official Records of the County Recorder in and for the county of Santa Clara.

The amount owing on the subject obligation is: \$6,440.50

DATED: February 10, 2009

By: _____
Richard Fong, Jr., Esq.,

for Fong & Fong, A Professional Corporation as Trustee for Fountain Brook Homeowners' Association (Voice Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 2009)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
EDWIN V. KARBOWSKI
Case No. 1-08-PR-164132
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDWIN V. KARBOWSKI.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: JOHN M. KARBOWSKI in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHN M. KARBOWSKI 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 19, 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 B. Sines
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(Voice Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 2009)



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Oversized 1.5 car garage

- Dual zone heating & air conditioning
- Electric start gas fireplace
- Pre-wired media bundle
- 3/4" solid hardwood flooring
- Upgraded carpet and pad
- Ample use of natural stones
Travertine, Marble and Granite
- High 9' ceilings on 1st & 2nd floors
- Bonus built in cabinets - marble tops
- Kohler whirlpool tub in master bath
- Bosch Evolution ultra quiet disposer
- Spacious pantry
- Thoughtful laundry area
- Landscape lighting & sprinkler sys.
- Fully fenced yards with patios
- No HOA
- All underground utilities

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• Crittenden Middle School
• Mountain View High School

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LOS ALTOS

303 QUINHILL ROAD

\$1,450,000

View, Views, Views says it all for this wonderful lot on top of a knoll with spectacular bay views one direction and Los Altos Hills Mountain views the other. This rare large Los Altos hilltop lot features large flat areas for a separate house and yard. Build your dream home or remodel the existing home.

#8 FARM ROAD

\$939,000

2BR/2BA + den townhouse includes bright kitchen, breakfast nook, living room with vaulted ceilings, dining area and private patio. Complex features spacious patios, 16 acres of grounds, serene setting, recreation room, veggie garden, pool and pool house. Ideal, quiet location with lush landscaping and mature trees, only minutes to shopping and major commute routes.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

604 EL RANCHITO WAY

\$829,000

Spacious bungalow style home near downtown Mountain View. Large back yard, 3br/2ba, approximately 1700 sq. ft. of living space. Large family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, freshly painted.

SUNNYVALE



838 TICONDEROGA

\$1,249,000

Stunning 4brm 2 ba Mid Century Modern Eichler on a favored street in Sunnyvale. Impeccably remodeled Designer's showcase. Schools are :Cherry Chase, Sunnyvale Middle and Homestead High.

▼ OPEN SUNDAY, 1:30-4:30

LOS ALTOS



1476 FAIRWAY DR.

\$3,798,000

Newly constructed 5 BR home on approximately half AC flat lot. Beautiful gourmet kitchen, open family room, soaring ceilings, crown moldings, hardwood floors, office, 3 car garage.

1520 MONTEBELLO OAKS

3,495,000

Custom designed home w/exceptional attention to detail. Soaring ceilings, crown moldings, gorgeous stone & hwd floors. Sep. in-law quarters w/living rm plumbed for kitchenette, laundry & separate entry. Game rm, wine cellar, sauna, theatre rm. Wonderful yd w/professional landscaping & rm for pool.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

2517 WESTFORD WAY

\$1,449,000

Gorgeous Remodel! Waverly Park Beauty features remodeled 4 bedroom, three bath ranch style Adobe home on great lot in premier neighborhood. Chef's gourmet kitchen opens to family room, separate dining room, spacious living room, vaulted ceilings, and wonderful yard for outdoor entertaining.

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BURLINGAME

SPACIOUS TOP FLOOR UNIT

\$589,900

Wonderful end unit features two bedrooms, two baths, kitchen, dining area, breakfast nook, living area. Great views of the hills. Light and airy top floor unit with high ceilings, convenient location near downtown Burlingame.

EAST PALO ALTO

1982 WEST BAYSHORE ROAD #232

\$479,000

Wonderful one bedroom, one bath third level condominium with convenient access to major commute routes, shopping, and more. Spacious family room, kitchen with breakfast nook, and private patio with views of the Western hills and Creek.

LOS ALTOS

CLOSE TO TOWN

\$2,648,000

Fabulous Wendell Roscoe designed home perched high on a knoll top with views of the hills. The great floor plan features a large great room, formal dining room surrounded by windows with views and a lower level room with bath that could be used as a four bedroom, office or theater room. Beautiful mature landscaping and patio enhance outdoor living with pool and koi pond.

LOS ALTOS HILLS

CUSTOM BUILT HOME

\$13,600,000

This elegant estate includes a library, two family rooms, theater room, au-pair quarters, wine making facility, pool, cabana, 8-10 car garage. MBR suite w/sep. retreat and fireplace. 2,000 SF guest house. Palo Alto Schools.

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\$2,395,000

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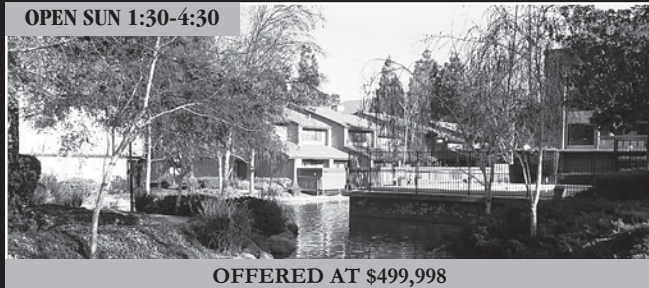


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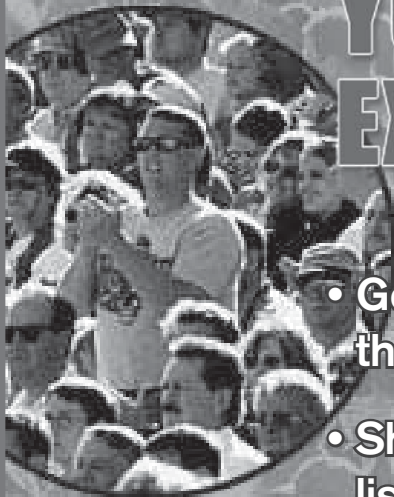
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MOUNTAIN VIEW 1 BR | 1 BA

500 W MIDDLEFIELD RD #99 \$350,000
Renovated condo in Willow Park. Granite counters in kitchen & baths. New appliances.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW 3 BR | 2.5 BA

648 & 654 WILLOWGATE ST \$795,000 & \$815,000
Willowgate Townhomes combining traditional craftsman architecture in a collection of 11.
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SARATOGA 4 BR | 3.5 BA

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Beautiful remodel with family room kitchen, vaulted ceiling. Bonus room, separate dining room, hardwood floors, French doors. Glorious oversized lot w/landscaped backyard and patio in desirable Glen Una Neighborhood.
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EUROPEAN MASTERPIECE \$2,999,999
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BEAUTY IN THE DETAILS \$2,975,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Mediterranean completed in 2007. Near Club. Marble, mahogany, art glass & oversized doors.
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140 MERRITT RD SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,888,000
4 BR 3 BA Striking architectural design & fine quality craftsmanship.
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ALL BELLS & WHISTLES! \$2,699,890
4 BR 3.5 BA Custom, new construction with high end finishes. Chef's kitchen. Oversized family room.
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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.
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ALLURING REMODEL \$1,990,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Desirable Carriage Square. Exceptional kitchen with great family room. Remodeled baths.
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NEW REBUILT SOPHISTICATE \$1,988,000
5 BR 3.5 BA Highlands! Huge living room has soaring ceilings. Granite kitchen & adjoining family room.
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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.
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RARE ACRE LOT! \$1,646,000
3 BR 2 BA Remodel or expand on approx. acre lot! Large kitchen/family room. New paint & hardwood.
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EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY \$1,585,000
2 BR 1 BA Rarely available approx. 16,200 sq. ft. lot. Build your dream or expand this home.
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ARTISTIC DESIGN \$1,489,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Secluded cul-de-sac. Fantastic kitchen. Remodeled baths & master. Family room. Near town.
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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

MENLO PARK

2157 AVY AV SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,048,800
3 BR 2 BA Instantly appealing story-book home in Xlent Las Lomas SD. Nicely updt'd ba & modern kit
Francis Rolland 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 1bd/1ba units w/tenants, hwd flrs,FP,new custom tile baths
Tim Trailer 650.325.6161

692 BRYANT AVE SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,698,000
5 BR 3 BA Top-of-the-line upgrades, heated gazebo, pool. Full wet-bar,bonus loft, outdoor kitchen.
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TUCKED AWAY... \$1,575,000
5 BR 3 BA Cul-de-sac near MV High. 2,940+ sq. ft. Remodeled kitchen. Large family room. Patio, pool.
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750 TELFORD AVENUE SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$668,000
3 BR 2 BA Large Living Rm,open kit w/ ample counter space & sep din area.Enclosed sunrm. Lrg bkryrd.
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1528 LILAC LN SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$625,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious 4 bed t/home.Fabulous Updtd Kit & baths,1 whirlpool.Laminate/wood floors
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347 SIERRA VISTA AV ##1 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$599,000
3 BR 2.5 BA HW flrs on 1st lvl. LR w/ FP. Remod Kit w/ gran cntrs. Sep DR w/ bay wndw.
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2 BR 1.5 BA "Short Sale" offer and the bank might accept. Opportunity of a lifetime!
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1 BR 1 BA Renovated condo in Willow Park. Granite counters in kitchen & baths. New appliances.
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PALO ALTO

2025 WAVERLEY ST SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$5,495,000
4 BR 4 BA A timeless renovation inside & out in desired loc. Minutes away from major commute areas.
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655 KINGSLEY AV SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,799,000
5 BR 4 BA ~3700sf of living space, open flr pln, 3 levels. Designed: Stephen Pogue; Built: J5 Homes
Mandana Nejad 650.325.6161

730 ASHBY DR SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,595,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Timeless charm in this Inviting Crescent Park home w/step-down living room
Rod Creason 650.325.6161

515 CENTER DR SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,498,000
4 BR 3 BA Gracious updated home, spacious rooms, open kitchen/family rm w/ french doors to rear yard
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1212 PARKINSON AV SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,450,000
4 BR 3 BA Community Center Home! Open, Bright & Spacious. 2500 sqft living space & 5000 sqft lot.
Maha Najjar 650.325.6161

3286 SOUTH CT SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,998,000
4 BR 4 BA Open and elegant home - thoughtfully designed & multi-featured. Solar power & central A/C
Lan Bowling & John Chung 650.328.5211

734 CHIMALUS DR SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,980,000
3 BR 3 BA Charming 6 year old Barron traditional home in pristine condition. 2513 sq ft lng space
Alan & Nicki Loveless 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO

1444 PITMAN AVE SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,975,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Exceptional opportunity in the Duveneck elem district. FR w/ beam ceilings & fireplace.
Hunt & Robinson 650.325.6161

904 COWPER ST SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,800,000
4 BR 2 BA Beautiful vintage 2-story home in terrific downtown location. Gorgeous woodwork.
Sharon Witte 650.325.6161

535 N. CALIFORNIA AVE SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,650,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Charming 3 BR, 2.5 BA Home in Most Desirable Location. Must See!
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NEW FUTURISTIC HOME \$1,349,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Sustainable, energy efficient home by award-winning Classic Communities. Select finishes.
Dante Drummond 650.325.6161

4191 BRIARWOOD WAY SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,325,000
4 BR 2 BA Chefs Kitchen w/Large Island, Lots of Cabinets & Family Area. Spacious LR w/HW floor
Greg Stange 650.325.6161

990 AMARILLO AVE SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,295,000
5 BR 2 BA Spacious, conveniently located home w/ new flr, granite, dbl pane & patio & hot tub.
Emily Chang 650.328.5211

881 LYTTON AV SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,288,000
3 BR 1.5 BA Living w/ recessed lights, wood burning fp, wood flrs & crown molding. Eat-in kit
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2363 SIERRA CT SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,149,000
3 BR 2 BA Don't judge from the street. This house is large. Designed by an artist to bring light
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3244 WAVERLEY STREET SAT/SUN 1:30-4:30 \$998,000
2BR/1BA. Close to top rated PA schools. Wall of windows look out to beautiful garden setting
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72 ROOSEVELT CIR SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$995,000
3 BR 2 BA Too good to be true... Extensively remodeled and absolutely gorgeous!!
Lynne Mercer 650.325.6161

3600 RAMONA ST SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$799,000
2 BR 2 BA Light & Bright in tranquil setting. Updated kit & baths. Over 1000 sq. appx lot 5500 sq.
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500 FULTON ST #202 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$798,000
2 BR 1.5 BA Top flr condo. Palo Alto shops, restaurants. Remodeled kitchen & baths. Inside laundry.
Teresa Lin 650.328.5211

PALO ALTO

155 S CALIFORNIA AV #G204 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$610,000
2 BR 1.5 BA Two story w/remodeled kitchen & tree top views. Just steps away from shopping, inside W/D.
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3152 MIDDLEFIELD RD SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$548,000
2 BR 1.5 BA Two story townhouse plus large rear yd! Away from the road, & almost all dbl pane windows
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SAN JOSE

2743 ASHLEY CT SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$915,000
4 BR 3 BA Spacious home-park like corner lot.Large Master Suite w fireplace.Many special features.
Gordon Ferguson 650.328.5211

FANTASTIC HAPPY VALLEY! \$729,000
3 BR 2 BA Updated baths & kitchen. Master suite. Formal living & dining/family rooms. Newer roof.
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5503 SPINNAKER DR #4, UNIT 4 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$171,500
2 BR 1 BA Bank-Owned/REO Listing, one level on second floor, corner location building.
Samira Chalhoub 650.325.6161

SANTA CLARA

4022 FITZPATRICK WAY SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$679,000
3 BR 3 BA Townhome in prime Rivermark loc. \$30K quality upgrades. Meticulously care for by owners
Yasemin Richardson 650.948.0456

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NEW LISTING! \$1,100,000
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839 SAN MATEO CT SUN 1 - 4 \$649,500
4 BR 3 BA Ideal w/Mother in law qurtrs. 4 br/3 ba, 2 kit, 2LR. Enclosed patio area. 2 car atta gar.
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GREAT CURB APPEAL \$563,000
3 BR 1 BA Charming brick home near new Town Center & Murphy Park. Fireplace. Formal dining room.
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838 SAN MATEO CT. \$499,000
3 BR 1 BA Great Starter Opportunity - home improvements recently done on the exterior; paint & fence
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695 S KNICKERBOCKER DR ##23 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$498,500
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Corner unit w/private balcony, Homestead High. Fresh paint Euro-style kit. Inside laundry
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LOS GATOS

POSSIBLE SUBDIVISION! \$2,475,000
On track to be annexed to Los Gatos. Possible subdivision into 2 lots. City water hookups.
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