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County turnout even lower than expected



MICHELLE LE

Mountain View poll centers, like this one in the Graham Middle School gym, were nearly empty for much of the day Tuesday.

THOSE WHO DO VOTE GIVE THUMBS-DOWN TO FIVE OF SIX STATE PROPOSITIONS

By Casey Weiss

As a few people trickled into City Hall during their lunch hour to vote in Tuesday's special election, poll workers said it was the most crowded they had seen the polling center all day.

"This is now our rush hour," said poll worker Toby Garcia.

Election workers throughout the city and county had similar stories, with an even smaller percentage than expected of registered voters showing up to vote. Those who did vote were in a generally negative mood about the election, turning down five of the six statewide measures by a wide margin. The only one that passed, Proposition 1F, put a cap on pay raises for state politicians — the very politicians who put the measures on the ballot in the first place — whenever California has a deficit.

A majority of local voters mailed in their ballots beforehand, or dropped them off at one of the 20 Mountain View polling centers, leaving only a handful of people to vote

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SCHOOLS BRACE FOR CUTS IN WAKE OF BALLOT DEFEATS

By Casey Weiss

After watching five of the state's six budget measures go down in flames Tuesday, local school administrators had one overarching response: Our schools and community colleges have a rough road ahead.

"We don't know the impact to us, but education is going to be hit substantially," said Joe White, associate superintendent of business services for the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.

On Tuesday, school administrators agreed it was too early to tell exactly what the election results meant for local districts, which are still waiting to see how much will come from the federal stimulus package.

But even though uncertainty reigned, administrators were sure they would be crunching numbers through the summer in an effort to balance their budgets.

"Everyone thinks when they do the election projections at 8:03 p.m., we will know," White said. "We will not know for the longest time about the impacts." State politicians, he noted, "still have to pass a budget."

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Thoits sells

FIRM TO UNLOAD KEY 14-ACRE
PLOT AT SAN ANTONIO CENTER

By Daniel DeBolt

After owning the land for more than 60 years, Thoits Brothers Inc. has decided to sell its portion of the San Antonio shopping center to a developer who appears to have a fresh vision for the property.

Merlone Geier Partners of San Diego has agreed to buy a key 16 acres at the corner of San Antonio Road and El Camino Real for an undisclosed amount. The Thoits family decided to sell after the family's plans for

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Gazing into the city's future

MONTA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD
IS FIRST STOP FOR SERIES OF
GENERAL PLAN MEETINGS

By Daniel DeBolt

A series of neighborhood hearings on the city's General Plan kicked off at Monta Loma Elementary School on Monday.

About 60 residents of the "Monta Loma, Farley and Rock Street" neighborhood assembled in the school's multi-purpose room to discuss the city's future. The city is currently updating its General Plan, which aims to translate residents' hopes and aspirations into a set of policies guiding the city's physical development.

Residents broke into small discussion groups as mediators busily wrote down on butcher paper almost any idea mentioned in discussions on various topics,

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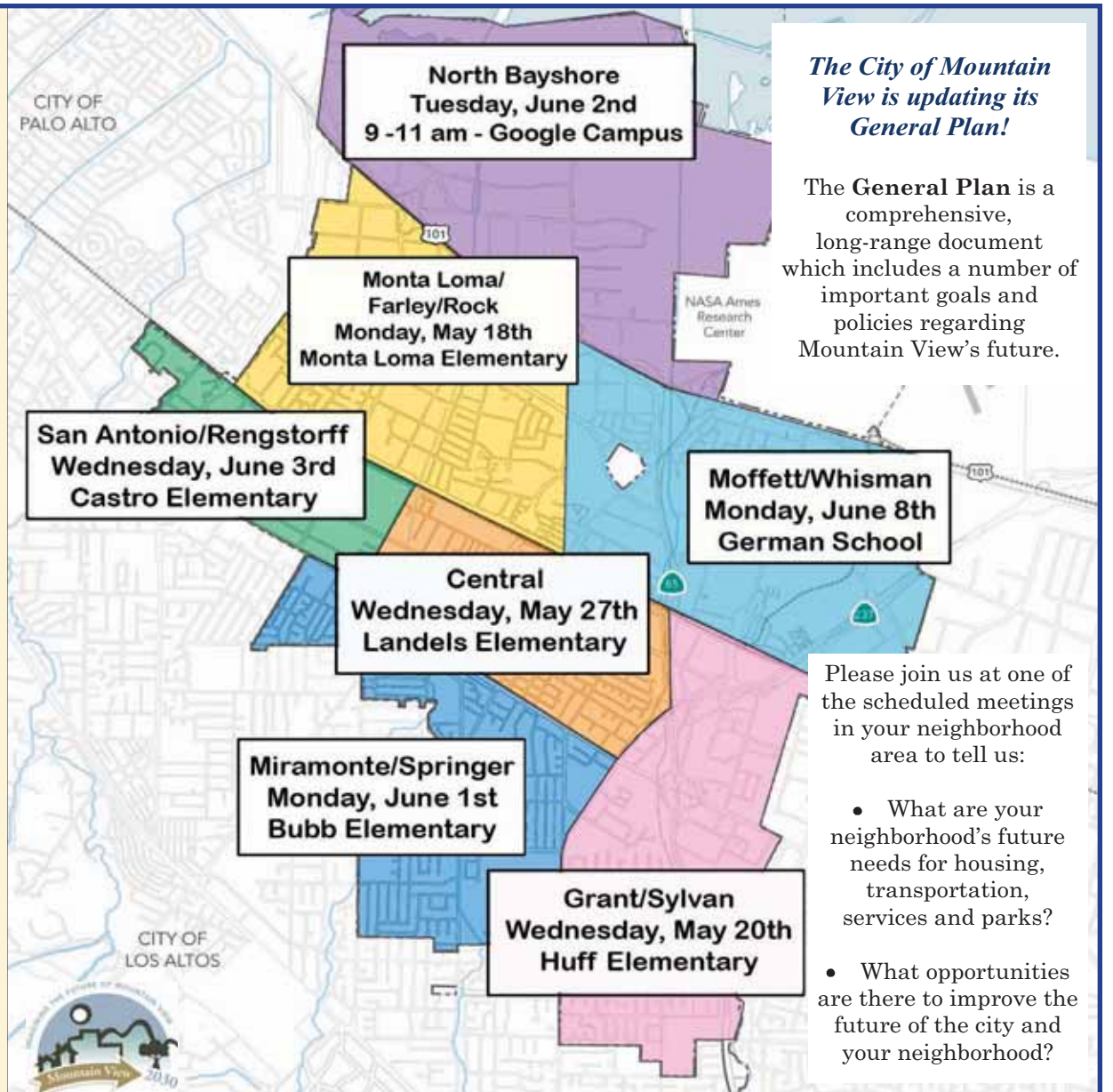
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Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Ed Pereira.

What could Craigslist do to make its services safer?



"Require people to have a Facebook profile before they post, like Facebook Connect, that would at least provide some background information on the person posting."

Sean Ross, Mountain View



"It's pretty much impossible to make it safe; it's easy to lie about anything and no one can tell."

Jessica Candelaria, Mountain View



"Like any other classified there's no way to check anything about anyone. Anybody can advertise on it and you can't do background checks."

Karen Gentry, San Jose



"Craigslist is getting a bad rap. They do try to make sure posts are legitimate by having the flagging system. They do a lot more good than bad. People are just focusing too much on the bad things that have happened recently."

John Squire, Los Altos



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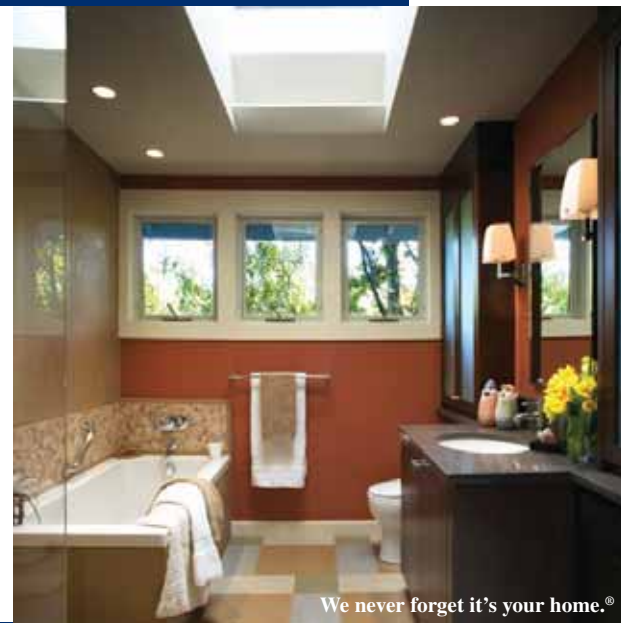
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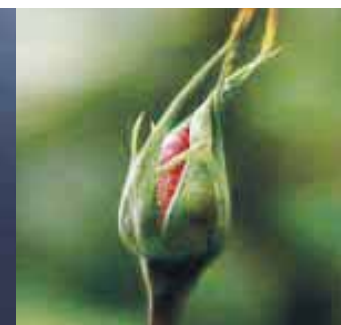
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 100 block N. Whisman Rd., 5/12
 500 block Del Medio Ave., 5/12
 Graham Middle School, 5/12
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 400 block Chiquita Ave., 5/13
 220 block Rock St., 5/14
 580 block Franklin St., 5/14
 190 block Montecito Ave., 5/14
 Safeway on Miramonte Ave., 5/15
 240 block Old Middlefield Way, 5/15
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 270 N. Whisman Rd., 5/16

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City ranked 4th-best

FORBES LIST GOOD TO MOUNTAIN VIEW, BUT MISSES THE RESTAURANTS

By Daniel DeBolt

Of all the cities and towns in the U.S. with populations under 100,000, Mountain View has been ranked by Forbes magazine as the fourth best to live in and the best in the Bay Area.

A May 4 Forbes story titled "America's Top 25 Towns to Live Well" states that, compared to most cities, Mountain View is more likely to rebound from the economic recession and has the sort of business environment often seen only in large cities.

The top 25 list was created by San Francisco-based ZoomProspector.com, which factored in data such as business environment, cultural attractions, average commute time, entrepreneurs per capita, the number of educated professionals between 25 and 34 years old and median income.

Mountain View topped the list in terms of venture capital activity. The report also says Mountain View residents commute 20 minutes to work on average, which is low for the Bay Area.

The city's drawbacks as cited by Forbes are a lack of cultural attractions and, strangely, a lack of restaurants.

"Imagine how we would be rated if they figured out we did have plenty of restaurants and quite a few performing arts venues," said city manager Kevin Duggan.

Cupertino ranked fifth on the list, while Foster City and Belmont ranked 10th and 11th, respectively. ▀

■ WHAT THEY SAID

Population: 70,960

Location: South of Palo Alto on the Bay Area peninsula

Median income: \$88,736

Strongest categories: While there's plenty more to Mountain View, the average commute time of 20 minutes is a rarely found pleasure of Bay Area living. Credit Mountain View's standing as our most active venture capital markets, for an abundance of entrepreneurs running their own businesses, which in turn means they don't have to commute to bigger cities like San Jose and San Francisco.

Drawbacks: There aren't a lot of restaurants, music venues, museums or cultural attractions in Mountain View, though it isn't too far for residents to trek 15 miles to San Jose.

Data provided by ZoomProspector.com



MICHELLE LE

Mountain View police Officer Marco Garcia checks his reports at the end of a workday. Last week, Garcia was honored as a "Champion for Youth" for his exemplary work with at-risk kids.

Mountain View's youth are his beat

MARCO GARCIA IS CHALLENGE TEAM'S OTHER 'CHAMPION'

By Casey Weiss

As local community leaders honored Marco Garcia last week for his work with Mountain View youth, he thanked many of them by name for never giving up on him, for helping him to finish middle school, graduate from high school and eventually serve as a police officer in his home town.

Back in 1992, as a senior at Los Altos High School, Garcia faced

expulsion for fighting. But board members at that time decided to give him another chance.

Some of those same school leaders, including Judy Hannemann, president of the Mountain View-Los Altos school board, came together again last week to talk about Marco Garcia. But this time it was to recognize him as one of their 2009 "Champions for Youth."

Every year the Challenge Team — a group of local commu-

nity leaders who meet monthly to work on issues facing at-risk youth — picks one or more people to honor for their good work as role models and mentors to local youth. This year the group recognized Garcia, 34, and fellow police Officer Katherine Comezana during a breakfast on May 13. The two officers join dozens of other community leaders, including Hannemann and Garcia's

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Fire station design ready, except for the art

By Daniel DeBolt

The Mountain View City Council recently approved plans for a new Shoreline fire station, and all the design needs now is a \$67,000 piece of artwork, the city says.

By June 12, the city hopes to receive proposals from local artists for a work of art with a firefighting theme. It can stand on its own outside, like a sculpture, or be installed as a part of the building itself, like a mural or stained-glass window.

City policies state that all major city projects over \$1

million put 1 percent of the cost towards public art. In this case, the station is expected to cost \$6.7 million once it is constructed across the street from

Shoreline Amphitheatre.

The request for proposals for artists can be found on the city's Web site. Visit www.mountainviewonline.com for details. ▀



College district picks interim chancellor

Casey Weiss

Two years after retiring as Foothill-De Anza's vice chancellor of business services, Mike Brandy has been called back to serve as the district's interim chancellor, trustees announced Monday.

Brandy, who worked in the college district's administration for a decade, has agreed to fill in while the board searches for a replacement for Chancellor Martha Kanter, who President Obama has been nominated to be undersecretary of education.

Brandy has an MBA from Golden Gate University, and worked as an educator for more than three decades. He left Foothill-De Anza



Mike Brandy

in 2007, but has continued to help the district with budget issues and its plan to develop a research park at NASA Ames.

"Mike Brandy brings us a steady hand and a deep knowledge of the district at a critical time," board of trustees president Betsy Bechtel said in a press release. "His competent leadership will go a long way in ensuring a smooth transition and sense of continuity during a time of great challenge for the district."

Pending her confirmation, Kanter will leave for Washington just as the district faces steep budget cuts, and administrators say Brandy has a strong understanding of community college finance. He served as vice president of finance and college services at De Anza College before being promoted to the district's chancellor of business services.

On Monday, district trustees approved Brandy's interim position until mid-December, and hope to have a new chancellor in place by January 2010. ▀

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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Surreal clouds



"The approaching clouds looked surreal," wrote Jessica Gandhi, who sent in this photo of a sunset taken by Soosh Gandhi "from our backyard on Wake Forest Drive."

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Mountain View's Megan McArthur grabs hold of Hubble

ASTRONAUT USES ROBOTIC ARM TO SNAG TELESCOPE
FROM ABOARD SPACE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS

Bay City News

Mountain View's Megan McArthur, an astronaut who is part of the Space Shuttle Atlantis mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope, last week plucked the telescope from orbit, according to NASA.

NASA officials announced on Wednesday, May 13 that

McArthur used the space shuttle's robotic arm to grab onto the telescope. The crew then lowered Hubble into a special cradle called the Flight Support System. The telescope was latched to a lazy Susan-type device while the repairs were made.



Megan McArthur

McArthur attended Saint Francis High School. The school honored her by watching the Atlantis' launch together.

NASA officials say five space walks will be needed to restore and renew the telescope. The first took place last

Thursday. ▀

Los Gatos hospital set to open July 12

By Casey Weiss

El Camino executives, speaking at the hospital district's regular board meeting last week, said the newly fashioned "El Camino Hospital Los Gatos" is scheduled to open in two months. But they added that "It will be a sprint until the end."

After months of escrow, El Camino officially took over the former Community Hospital of Los Gatos on April 11. Executives closed the hospital's doors soon after and plan to reopen it with a slightly different staff and some small renovations on July 12, according to the new hospital's new president, Eric Pifer. Staffers will run the facility as a second El Camino site, and plan

to begin scheduling operations and deliveries as early as June.

"My confidence of getting the hospital open (in July) is actually going up," Pifer told board members on Wednesday, May 13.

Pifer said the hospital has already hired 50 new employees and still has over 275 positions posted online. Many of these new hires were previously employees at Community Hospital of Los Gatos, and some have already started performing surgeries at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, he said.

Executives are also overseeing minor upgrades at the new site, including new furniture in the lobby and emergency room, and will start developing a plan for long-term changes, Pifer said.

"We will keep it roughly in the same condition in which we bought it," Pifer said.

The hospital plans to hold a community barbeque in early August to celebrate the reopening. Pifer said El Camino has been sending out letters to notify the public that the Los Gatos hospital will not stay closed indefinitely.

El Camino executives announced unexpectedly in December that they were in escrow to buy the new site. Following the announcement, more than 100 local residents signed a petition saying the new purchase would siphon away resources and money from the Mountain View facility, which is a public hospital and partially funded by local taxes. ▀

Caltrain calls meetings on service cuts

AGENCY MAY ALSO RAISE FARES TO DEAL WITH \$10 MILLION BUDGET SHORTFALL

Bay City News

Facing a projected deficit of over \$10 million, Caltrain will hold public meetings next week to give Peninsula residents a chance to weigh in on plans to balance the agency's budget.

Those plans could include increasing fees, suspending weekend service and service to Gilroy, and reducing mid-day service.

To discuss those ideas, a meeting for South Bay residents will be held Wednesday, May 27 at 6 p.m. in the VTA Administrative Offices Auditorium, 3331 N. First Street, San Jose. For mid-Peninsula residents, a meeting will be held concurrently at Caltrain's headquarters, 1250 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos.

At a Caltrain board of directors meeting two weeks ago, chief operating officer Chuck Harvey presented possibilities necessitated by the budget challenge the transit agency is facing. The changes discussed were eliminating all weekend service, reducing midday service, increasing both zone and base fare by 25 cents each, and levying a surcharge on bicyclists. The changes may be implemented as early as October.

"We have to look for ways to close the budget shortfall," Caltrain spokesperson Christine Dunn said last Friday, noting that the agency has been impacted by the budget challenges facing partner agencies, which include the city and county of San Francisco, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and San Mateo County Transit District.

"Each are grappling with budget challenges because they're not going to receive state transit assistance funds," Dunn said.

Dunn said the proposed measures would help Caltrain balance its budget. The agency is facing a \$10.1 million budget deficit for the 2010 fiscal year.

Dunn said Caltrain esti-

mates it would save about \$2 million by eliminating all weekend service. Reducing midday service from a half-hourly basis to an hourly basis would save the agency about \$2.5 million.

A 25-cent base fare hike would bring in about \$1.5 million and a 25-cent per-zone increase would generate about \$2.2 million, Dunn said. The increase of both fares would generate about \$3.7 million.

Ridership is projected to be impacted, Dunn said. Caltrain estimated losing 1 million annual rides with the elimination of weekend service, and between 100,000 to 200,000 annual rides by cutting midday service.

The increase of the base fare would lead to the loss of an estimated 400,000 annual rides, and raising the zone fare would lose 600,000 annual rides. The implementation of both fare increases would cause Caltrain to lose about 1 million riders on an annual basis.

In January, Caltrain hiked its base fare by 25 cents in response to the high cost of diesel fuel.

Dunn said the community meetings held next week are to receive feedback on the measures under consideration.

At its next Caltrain board meeting on June 4, in addition to discussing the possible changes, the board intends to declare a state of fiscal emergency as it anticipates running out of money within the year. The board is scheduled to take action on the measures on July 2. ■

■ INFORMATION

Comments on Caltrain's plans will be accepted until June 4, when the agency's board is scheduled to review the various proposals. The comments may be sent by e-mail to changes@caltrain.com; by mail to District Secretary, Caltrain, PO Box 3006, San Carlos, 94070; or by phone to (800) 660-4287. For more information, visit www.caltrain.com.



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CHALLENGE

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brother Oscar, as Champions for Youth.

"How I graduated, I do not know. It was miracle," Garcia told the Challenge Team last week.

Then, looking directly at Hannemann, he added, "Thank you for allowing me to stay here."

Garcia said his experiences growing up in Mountain View allow him to relate to the youth he works with every day. He always knew he

had to eventually return home to work with them, he said.

"I see me in some of these kids, and I know they can make it," he said.

Community leaders said they wanted to recognize Garcia for his work with Mesa de la Comunidad, a nonprofit Garcia started with his brother Oscar in 2005 to give the Latino community a voice. Garcia also worked as at-risk-intervention supervisor at Graham Middle School before training to become a police officer. He just finished his training this week.

He still serves as vice president of



Marco Garcia

"His dedication to troubled youth is unparalleled," police Chief Scott Vermeer said during the Challenge Team event.

Garcia lives with his wife, daughters and extended family on the

Mesa, volunteers with the YMCA and is involved in the Police Activities League, in which officers organize and play sports with at-risk youth.

same property where he grew up. The Garcias built a new, bigger house there, he said, and living and working in Mountain View allows him to stay connected.

"It is unique to have the background I have," he said. "I grew up here. I am part of the system."

Garcia told Challenge Team members that he first started getting into trouble at Castro Elementary School, and was suspended as a third grader for bringing a switchblade to class. By the time he graduated he had had several run-ins with authority, and had fathered a child at age 18.

"I needed people to give me an opportunity," he said. "I had to be at the right place at the right time."

After graduation, Garcia joined the Marines and was stationed in Japan. When he returned to the states, he sold air conditioners. But he knew he was meant to work with kids.

"I was making some decent money, but that is not what I wanted to do," he said.

While still in sales, Garcia began planning a camp for at-risk youth, and he realized that working with these kids was his true calling. He quit his job and started volunteering at Graham and the YMCA.

"It is only a thought if you never put it to action," he said.

His volunteering at Graham turned into a job as at-risk coordinator for the school district. Even now, nearly a year after he left the middle school, parents and students are still turning to him for help.

He said he tries to help the families and students as much as he can. After all, he said, he still sees himself in most of those students.

"I am just a little punk kid," Garcia said. "And my name is going to be printed up forever as a Champion of Youth with people like Judy Hannemann." ■

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MV Whisman made basic aid district

SWITCH MEANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS GET MOST OF THEIR SUPPORT FROM PROPERTY TAXES

By Casey Weiss

Further complicating the financial uncertainty over Mountain View Whisman's future, the local elementary school district recently became a basic aid district, and will now be funded primarily through local property taxes.

The state uses a complex system to fund public schools, requiring that each district receives a minimum level of funding. Property taxes help to support the schools, but if these taxes do not provide enough money, the state funds the remainder by providing a direct payment per pupil.

Mountain View Whisman chief financial officer Craig Goldman uses the common "bucket" analogy to explain funding. If property taxes fill the bucket, the district is basic aid, and gets to keep the surplus. But if property taxes do not fill the bucket, the district is a revenue-limit district, meaning the state adds enough money to fill up the bucket.

Until recently, the Mountain View Whisman School District was a revenue limit district, mean-

ing it received the majority of its funding from the state. But the district found out this spring that it will become a basic aid district, and should be officially certified in July.

The state, facing a big deficit, is cutting back the amount of funding required to become a basic aid district. Mountain View Whisman property taxes meet this smaller requirement.

"The amount of money the state is allocating," Goldman said, "is projected to be less than the amount of property tax we will be collecting this year."

The Los Altos School District and Mountain View-Los Altos High School District are both basic aid. Since Mountain View Whisman was a revenue limit district, it previously took bigger hits during budget cuts, since the state targeted many of its reductions at revenue limit districts and cut back the amount of money it provided per pupil.

Now Mountain View Whisman administrators say the change in funding systems could protect them from some hits as the state continues to slash schools to balance its budget. ■

REACTION

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The results of the special election came as a blow to the state Legislature, which put Propositions 1A through 1F before voters in hopes of stabilizing California's troubled economy. Instead, voters defeated the first five measures by two-to-one margins.

California public schools have already been hit hard by budget cuts over the last several years, and Props 1A and 1B would have helped to refund \$9.3 billion the state owes the schools. 1A would have set up a reserve, and 1B would have used this reserve to pay back money the state owes educational institutions.

Since the Legislature passed a budget in February, California has fallen ever-further into debt, and now suffers from an estimated \$15 billion shortfall. But after to the rejection of the ballot measures, local school administrators said that number could grow to \$21 billion, and worry that more than \$5 billion could be cut from public schools and community colleges, depending on what the Legislature does next.

"These ballot measures are part of the budget solution," Andy Dunn, vice chancellor of business for Foothill-De Anza, said before the election results were

known. "Community colleges and K through 12 are really facing some tough budget times."

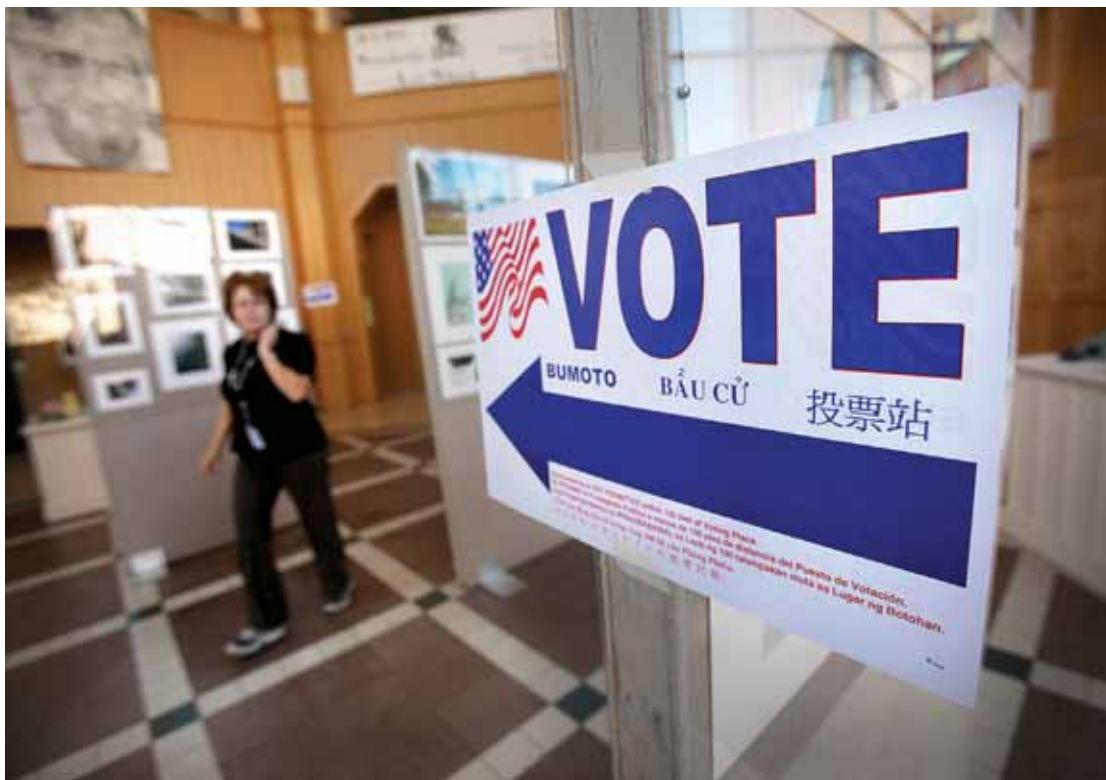
White and Dunn said the deficit as it now stands could lead to cuts of \$2 million from the high school district and \$28 million from Foothill-De Anza.

As for the Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District, administrators wouldn't even hazard a guess, in part because the district just became a basic aid district, meaning that it will be primarily funded through property taxes (see story, this page). Craig Goldman, the district's chief financial officer, said administrators are still waiting to see what happens next.

The district does expect cuts to some of its preschool programs since California voters rejected a measure, Proposition 1D, aimed at changing the way the state funds social and educational programs for children under the age of 5.

In his May revise of the budget last week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger predicted more painful cuts in education, depending on election results. These cuts were targeted at revenue-limit districts, which are school districts receiving the majority of their funding from the state.

The state has not yet laid out cuts to basic aid districts, but they could face reductions in funds to special programs and to things like maintenance. ■



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City Hall was one of 20 voting locations in Mountain View.

ELECTION

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in person, volunteers said. By lunchtime, poll workers at City Hall said they had seen 57 voters.

"It has kind of come in spurts," said poll worker Susan Webb. "But even so we haven't had more than two or three at a time. But there has been a steady trickle all day."

Officials at the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters were not surprised by the low turnout. On Monday, registrar spokesperson Elma Rosas said her office expected that only 40 percent of registered voters would cast ballots in the county. Of them, most had already voted by mail; the rest were expected to come to the polls on Tuesday.

By comparison, she said, around 60 percent of Santa Clara County voters cast ballots in the 2003 recall election, and 51 percent voted in the November 2005 special election.

"We are not seeing the excitement and interest" this time, Rosas said on Monday morning.

But the registrar's predictions turned out to be optimistic. On Wednesday, Rosas said that only about 25 percent of registered voters in the county seem to have voted, although not all mail-in ballots had been counted.

Budget battles

After months of wrangling over the state's budget deficit through 2010, California politicians finally passed a long-overdue budget in February. But even that budget wasn't the final word

on the matter: Legislators decided to let California voters make the decision on major aspects of the budget, including cuts to social and educational services, transferring money from special funds and deciding whether to borrow against lottery profits.

The complicated nature of the measures — and the fact that the state's budget problems have only compounded since February — seem to have left many Californians frustrated with the job being done Sacramento. A May 1 Field Poll, for example, stated that "only 14 percent of the state's registered voters now approve of the job that the state legislature is doing, while three out of four (74 percent) disapprove. This is the poorest rating of the state legislature ever recorded by the Field Poll in trend measures dating back to the early 1980s."

The negative feelings toward legislators apparently translated into a lack of enthusiasm for this election. On Tuesday, some of those who did vote said they were disappointed in the apathy.

As she left Graham Middle School after dropping off her ballot, Mountain View resident Jan Austin said the empty polling center was "kind of sad."

"And it's at a school," she added.

Austin said she had never missed an election, and this one seemed especially crucial since it would determine the funding for California public schools.

"My kids go to school," Austin said. "I think it's important."

Jim Cripps filled out a provisional ballot at the same polling center at Graham. Cripps, a San Jose resident, said he forgot there was an election today, partially due to lack of hype.

He was in Mountain View substitute teaching, he said, and was afraid he wouldn't make it home in time to vote.

"I forgot today was the day," Cripps said. "I knew it was coming on May 19th, but this morning was still a surprise." ■

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■ INFORMATION

Measure	Percent of voters in favor*	
	County	State
1A.....	45.5	34.2
1B.....	51.9	37.5
1C.....	46.0	35.4
1D.....	41.2	34.3
1E.....	43.2	33.6
1F.....	83.8	73.9

Sources: Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, League of Women Voters
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PUBLIC NOTICE REGIONAL WATER BOARD BEGINS THIRD FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF CLEANUP AT THE TELEDYNE/SPECTRA-PHYSICS SUPERFUND SITE 1300 Terra Bella Drive and 1250 West Middlefield Mountain View, Santa Clara County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Water Board) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have begun the third five-year review of cleanup actions undertaken at the Teledyne/Spectra-Physics Superfund Site (Site) in Mountain View. The review will evaluate whether the cleanup actions for the Site remain protective of human health and the environment.

FIVE-YEAR REVIEW PROCESS

When the cleanup remedies leave some waste in place or the remedy will take longer than five years to complete, the Superfund law requires an evaluation of the protectiveness of remedial systems every five years, until the Site has been cleaned up sufficiently to allow unrestricted access. The purpose of the five-year review is to understand how the constructed remedy is operating and to measure the progress towards achieving the Site's cleanup standards.

The Regional Water Board will look at the movement and/or breakdown of the Site's remaining contaminants, the operation of soil and groundwater treatment systems, the application and monitoring of the deed restriction, and changes in scientific knowledge about site contaminants and exposure pathways. The Regional Water Board project manager will talk with company representatives, other regulatory authorities, and interested members of the public. The review will be completed by September 30, 2009.

CLEANUP PLAN

To achieve Site cleanup, Teledyne and Spectra-Physics were required to implement the following remedies:

- 1) Soil vapor extraction and treatment
- 2) Groundwater extraction and treatment
- 3) Discharge of treated water under NPDES permit
- 4) Deed restriction prohibiting the use of shallow groundwater for drinking water
- 5) Long-term groundwater monitoring

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Regional Water Board is always interested in hearing from the public. If you have any issues or concerns about the Teledyne/Spectra-Physics cleanup plan, and particularly if you have direct knowledge regarding the operation or implementation of the remedy, the Regional Water Board would like to talk with you. Please contact the project manager at the number below. If you would like to be included in our mailing list and receive future fact sheets, please contact the Regional Water Board.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For a copy of the report and other Site documents, please visit the Regional Water Board's website at: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>. Enter the unique Case/Global ID numbers for these Site properties, which are 43S0128 and 43S0120. Then click on the "Report", and then on the "Geo Report/Site Documents" link under the Electronic Submittals heading. You may also review the report and other Site documents at the Regional Water Board offices at: 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612 - phone (510) 622-2300.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information: contact Regional Water Board project manager Roger Papler at (510) 622-2435, or rpapler@waterboards.ca.gov.

Escuela condo project rejected

DEVELOPER WANTED ELEVATOR, UNDERGROUND GARAGE

By Daniel DeBolt

In a strange process Tuesday night, a 14-unit condo project at 574 Escuela Ave. was denied 6-1 by the City Council, even though several members appeared to support it.

Despite opposition from city staff who say the project is too large, developer Wayne Aozasa has been a passionate advocate for his three-story condo project across the street from Castro Elementary School, which he says would "diversify" the city's housing. In efforts to meet the unmet need for housing suited for seniors, the classic hotel-style project, called "Escuela Terrace," includes an elevator from an underground parking garage. A smaller project would make those items financially unfeasible, Aozasa says.

"If you are 63 years old and you go out looking for an apartment, where are you going to find a 1,400-square-foot unit that you don't have to lift a foot to walk in?" Aozasa said Tuesday afternoon. "We are trying to diversify the housing stock and they are not permitting me to do that."

After Aozasa refused to significantly change the project after several rounds of review by the City Planning Department, planning director Randy Tsuda allowed it to go before

the council. Because the project lacked the legally required California Environmental Quality Act documents, the council was told by city attorney Michael Martello that they could not legally approve the project. Martello also cautioned against a detailed critique of the project. "The environmental document is something you have to have before you can weigh in," he said.

Council member Jac Siegel was the biggest opponent of the project, saying the \$700,000 price for each unit was not "affordable" for seniors. Other council members, including Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga and Mike Kasperzak, appeared to be supportive of Aozasa's goal of more diversity in housing, and member John Inks seemed to like the project as well. However, the council voted 6-1 to deny the project (Inks was opposed), after the city attorney told members that denial would be similar to allowing it to continue through the planning process.

Aozasa left the meeting unsure about what had happened. He appeared to be seriously considering giving up on his plans for the underground parking garage and the elevator. Tsuda encouraged him to come back the next morning to get started on a new project.

City planners said Aozasa's

vision could be brought into compliance with the zoning code with some adjustments, but in their professional opinion, the project would still be too large for the long, narrow parcel and would dominate the landscape when finished. City planners want row homes or townhouses for the site.

A church sits to the south, a single story duplex to the north, and an apartment building to the rear of similar height. Story poles currently sit on the site to show how the proposed structure compares to neighboring buildings.

Aozasa says his three-story, 33-foot-high project is well within the R3 zoning for the site, which allows for a height of 45 feet.

Despite meeting notices sent by the city to neighbors, no neighbors came to the meeting Tuesday night to oppose the project. But several neighboring property owners, some of whom have similarly shaped lots, showed up to support it.

At the end of the night, member Laura Macias suggested that the City Council make it clear what it wants for the long narrow lots, like Aozasa's, that appear throughout Mountain View. City Manager Kevin Dugan suggested the council discuss the problem as part of the city's General Plan update. ▀

THOITS

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"phased redevelopment" of the site failed to gain much traction in preliminary discussions with the city, co-owner Fred Thoits told the *Voice*.

"We talked about doing phased development ourselves," Thoits said. "But the city didn't like that."

The 57-acre shopping center has been a popular topic in General Plan hearings, where residents have echoed the City Council's call for redevelopment. But in February, Thoits told the *Voice* that redeveloping the shopping center in such a way was a "pipe dream" because of the center's 16 owners and Wal-Mart's 50-plus year lease. Thoits also expressed resentment towards the council for rejecting plans for a Home Depot to replace Sears, which he

said cost his family \$85 million in lease revenue over 35 years.

In a May 8 letter to planning director Randy Tsuda, Merlone Geier chairman Bradley Geier said his company is looking forward to planning a redevelopment of the property into a "modern retail shopping destination potentially incorporating other uses."

The news of the sale pleased council member Ronit Bryant, who was a leading opponent of the Home Depot plans.

"I think that San Antonio shopping center is not living up to its potential," Bryant said. "Anything that moves us towards a thriving, hopefully mixed-use development there sounds like good news."

Geier added that his company will move forward with the acquisition no later than March 31, 2010. Thoits said a price has been agreed upon but would not disclose the amount, and Mer-

lone Geier representatives were not immediately available.

"I know they've put a substantial deposit down," Tsuda said. "It looks like they are very committed to purchasing the property but it might take about nine months because of their purchase agreement."

The Thoits family company — a longtime Palo Alto property management and development firm that Fred Thoits said has been around since 1892 — has owned the property at San Antonio since the mid-1950s when it was farmland. But the family never developed the property themselves.

"Basically it's been out of direct management of the family since 1957," Thoits said. It was leased to a developer who managed the Sears property until 2005 and the rest of the property until 2008. ▀

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■ CITY BRIEF

COUNCIL GIVES STIMULUS FUNDS TO HOMEOWNERS

The City Council voted unanimously to give homeowners a break Tuesday night by directing federal stimulus funds towards home energy conservation.

At a cost of \$288,000, the city will have three to six new employees conduct energy audits of over 1,500 homes over the next two years. The audits will inform homeowners on how they can save money on energy bills, and several devices and appliances could be given to homeowners free of charge or at a discount to help save energy.

The city is receiving a total of

\$719,000 in stimulus funds aimed at energy conservation and job creation. In addition to the home energy audits, the city will also be installing LED light bulbs on some of the Cuesta Tennis courts, and will replace the turbines at Shoreline Park that turn the methane gas from the former landfill into electricity. The council decided to pass on the option of using some of the money to create a green building code.

The audits are expected to save 3.4 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, while the lights and turbines, as proposed, would save 82,561 and 334,912 tons, respectively.

GENERAL PLAN

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including “transportation,” “neighborhoods” and “greenhouse gases.” There appeared to be widespread agreement about concepts such as walkability, the need for better public transportation and the “network of villages” concept.

But many said Monta Loma, a neighborhood known for opposing 500 homes at the former Mayfield Mall, didn’t need any new housing development.

Chris Beynon of MIG, the firm that is helping the city with the General Plan update, started the workshop with a speech. The General Plan, he said, “needs to reflect where the community wants to go in the future.”

Beynon said the meeting was only partly about broad visions for the future. He said he also wanted to know what people thought about specific intersections and project sites. As an example, he showed renderings of what the 7-Eleven property on Old Middlefield Way could look like if developed with a two- or three-story mixed-use retail and office development.

Speaking generally, some residents said they liked the idea of more retail development for Old Middlefield Way, while others said it was important to save space for the auto shops that exist there now.

The city is already considered “jobs rich,” and over the next 20 years is expected to have an even higher proportion of jobs: Population is expected to grow by 21 percent, or 1,500 new residents, while jobs are expected to grow by 38 percent, or 19,000 jobs.

“That’s an astounding number,” Beynon said about the projected job growth. “A lot of communities around the Bay Area would love to have that balance.”

But Monta Loma residents talked more about park space than building homes for workers. There was no shortage of unusual ideas for increasing the green space north

of El Camino Real, including a proposal to tear up sidewalks and portions of streets in order to create a greenbelt around Monta Loma.

To address the inequity of park space per capita in the northern and southern halves of the city, one group suggested that the city sell a portion of Cuesta Park for housing development and use the revenue to buy park space north of El Camino Real. Another wanted to use the now vacant shopping center at Alvin Street and Old Middlefield Way as a temporary community garden.

Many residents complained that the fields at Monta Loma Elementary School had been taken over by youth sport leagues.

At least one group talked about redeveloping San Antonio Center with “a more cohesive plan” for mixed use: retail and residential development.

In one group, remarks by a young woman about the merits of building upward and building densely were met with concern by an older man.

“You should be sensitive where” you plan that, he said. “You can put all the high density you want along El Camino Real and in North Bayshore.”


Some residents expressed concern about putting tall buildings next to single-family homes, and one woman claimed that even the addition of one story to a single story home could make neighboring homes harder to sell.

Plans for a high speed rail line along the Caltrain corridor were discussed by at least two of the groups. One group said Mountain View should have its own high speed rail stop, while a resident in another group said high speed rail should not come through the Peninsula at all.

The next neighborhood meeting will be held Wednesday, May 27 at Landels Elementary School at 6:30 p.m., after the *Voice* goes to press. It will focus on the downtown and surrounding areas.

For more information about upcoming General Plan neighborhood meetings, see www.mountainview2030.com. ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

A unified voice on rail project

Despite the popularity of the state's high speed rail project in Mountain View and other nearby cities, we have always been concerned about how the trains would fit into the narrow rail corridor between San Francisco and San Jose. Negotiating these pricey suburbs, with their outspoken residents, could easily become contentious and costly for overseers of the rail project.

In the early going, shortly after voters approved the nearly \$10 billion bond issue in November, residents whose homes back up to the tracks had no forum to raise their concerns about how the 125 mph trains would affect them. Even city councils could not get answers from the High Speed Rail Authority, which at the time barely had enough money to operate.

In Mountain View, concerns were raised about the impact of grade separations at Castro Street and Rengstorff and Central Expressway, and the challenge of fitting additional tracks at the downtown station. But the real heat came from Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Atherton, where residential and commercial property owners have major concerns about the impact of the trains.

No doubt the toughest decision on the Peninsula segment of the project will be whether the tracks are built in a tunnel, in a trench, at grade or on an elevated platform. Although no polls have been taken, we suspect the underground option is by far the most popular along residents of the densely populated Peninsula corridor. But building a tunnel probably would add millions, if not billions, of dollars to the cost of the project — hardly an acceptable plan given the condition of the state's economy.

Some council members from Peninsula cities, including Mountain View, are working together so they can present a unified voice to the Rail Authority on issues of common interest. This ad hoc group has already received a promise from the Rail Authority that it will share early drafts of some of its environmental studies with the cities. That will make the process more transparent, and give all those interested more information about how the project will affect their lives.

Another idea, to sponsor a design charrette (a series of collaborative design sessions), would be invaluable in giving local residents a peek into the future look and feel of their communities after high speed rail is built. Architects taking part in the charrette would build models depicting what a future urban landscape would look like.

Given the tremendous cost and complexity of building the high speed rail line, it is a daunting task for local jurisdictions to speak up when they feel they are being run over by this gargantuan project. There is a distinct possibility that a single city's concerns may not be heard. But five cities — or better yet, the entire Peninsula — will wield considerable clout as the environmental review process goes forward. ■

■ TOWNSQUARE VOICES FROM OUR WEB SITE

ON FORBES MAGAZINE CALLING MOUNTAIN VIEW THE FOURTH-BEST SMALL CITY TO LIVE IN

I thought the comment by Forbes magazine that there was a lack of restaurants in Mountain View to be very strange. We have a wealth of wonderful places to eat here! In fact, we used to go to San Francisco many years ago to find places to eat, but no more ... did the magazine actually walk down Castro street and the side streets around here?

**Arlene Imagawa, a resident of
the Blossom Valley
neighborhood**

Problem with data aggregation with little/no human intervention. Miss the obvious that Mtn. View is a mecca of diverse cuisine. I don't know if anyone (Yelp? UrbanSpoon?) has a firm count of restaurants. I'm guessing 50 or so in the downtown core alone. Wonder what constitutes "a lot" of restaurants for a city of 75,000?

**Brent Harrison, a resident of
the Old Mountain View
neighborhood**

I've lived here since 1989. My wife and I moved here because we liked the look of the place and the then not-too-high real estate costs. In short, we got what we were looking for.

We didn't care what the population was, and for the Bay Area, like most modern urban sprawls, where the only way you know

what city you're in is by the color of the street signs, I can't imagine that anyone looks at a city's population to decide where to live.

It's nice that Forbes likes MV, but that kind of praise is strictly by the numbers, and is really meaningless.

If they want a meaningful indicator, they should poll residents about the overall quality of life here, and not just count items in categories. MV is a fine place to live, but not because we have a lot of x and a fair amount of y and z. I pity people who simply count quantities in life and not the quality of life.

**Phil, a resident of the
Cuesta Park neighborhood**

Perhaps Forbes should have qualified their statement about a dearth of restaurants with the word "great" or "excellent." Then I would agree. As others have pointed out, there are lots of restaurants in MV, plenty of which are "good," but I have yet to find any that are "excellent" and on par with five or six restaurants located in our big brother to the north, San Francisco. Don't tell me Cascal, or even Chez TJ, Michelin rating notwithstanding, where I twice blew \$350 on a meal not worth \$100.

Nevertheless, I think my hometown rocks and is worth the high rating and notoriety by Forbes no matter how it was determined.

**JB, a resident of the Whisman
Station neighborhood**



■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Works in progress

MAYFIELD BAKERY & CAFE IN PALO ALTO PIQUES APPETITES, BUT SUFFERS FROM SPOTTY SERVICE

By Dale F. Bentson

Some new restaurants, especially when they're trying to master being both a restaurant and a full-blown bakery, take longer to iron out all the kinks. That's the case at Mayfield Bakery & Cafe, located in the revamped Town & Country Village in Palo Alto. So far, some things work, others are works in progress.

The cool whitewashed interior partially overlooks the patio area and its inviting tables with expansive umbrellas. The long, open kitchen occupies a side wall with rotisserie and wood-fired oven. The starched white linen tablecloths, covered with brown

craft paper, suggest a relaxed ambiance and hint that the food is fun, casual and worthy.

Adjacent to the cafe is the bakery with a glass wall in between. Bakers can be observed making breads and pastries throughout the day. In all, Mayfield is an energetic and ambitious project.

Opened in early February, the restaurant bears a name honoring the extinct town of Mayfield, which sat on this tract of land before Stanford University and Palo Alto. The project is owned by Bacchus Management Group, which operates Spruce restaurant in San Francisco, the Vil-

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VERONICA WEBER

Mayfield Bakery & Café's sour cherry bread pudding with honey-whipped creme fraiche.

Dinner near a movie



"Pizzeria Venti, across from Century Theater, boasts delicious food and great ambiance"

The *Mountain View Voice* said, "they pride themselves on cooking with only the highest quality ingredients, including oil and water imported from Italy to make their pizza crust. **Pizzeria Venti** proved to be much more than just a pizza place, they offer 16 different explosively flavorful pasta dishes, great wine selection, Italian illy coffee, an impressive gelato bar with 16 different flavors from which to choose. As for location, rather than clustering with the other restaurants downtown on Castro Street, they have set up shop across from the Century Theaters on Shoreline Boulevard with an outdoor patio for those perfect outdoor entertaining occasions.

"As for dinner, **Pizzeria Venti's** spacious room — with its burnt orange and tan hues, faux roman columns and ornate mirrors — makes it a wonderful and relaxing destination.

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Burrata Bruschetta served with grilled artichokes and olive vinaigrette. VERONICA WEBER

MAYFIELD

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lage Pub in Woodside and the Pizza Antica chain. Nancy Pitta (Hawthorne Lane, Boulevard) is the *boulangier principal* while experienced Herb Harms is the cafe's general manager.

The menu is appealing, accenting American comfort foods with California freshness. Many of the dishes sparkled but a few were ill-prepared. Desserts, though, were excellent. The wine list had broad appeal and fair prices. Service was touch-and-go.

For starters, the roasted golden beet salad (\$10.50) with horseradish yogurt, walnuts and chopped fennel looked appetizing. The beets were cooked al dente but the horseradish yogurt dressing was disappointingly bland. No horseradish was evident, not the faintest hint.

The burrata bruschetta (\$10.50) was a delightfully unusual rendition with grilled artichokes draped over the burrata (cream and mozzarella cheese) and grilled bread, all drizzled with olive vinaigrette. The bruschetta was a fun twist on an Italian classic but offered creamier, more pungent flavors. A great start.

Mayfield offers several side dishes that could also serve as starters. My favorites were the crisp Brus-

sels sprouts (\$4.50) with chilies and lemon and the grilled delta asparagus (\$6) with preserved lemon and olive oil. Both were fresh and delicious. The Brussels sprouts alone are worth a trip.

Almond wood-grilled Hawaiian dorado (mahi-mahi, \$24) came with crispy heirloom potatoes, spring onion and green garlic aioli. The fish was firm and just grilled through (as I requested). The aioli needed another clove of garlic to make it sing.

The baked ricotta gnocchi (\$14.75) were set in a pool of melted parmesan cheese dotted with black chanterelles. I might be missing the point here but gnocchi are supposed to be feather-light potato dumplings — light, as in light as air. Baking them in cheese weighed them down, made the dish heavy (although the portion was small) and rendered the gnocchi stringy and somewhat rubbery.

Spit-roasted chicken (\$20.75) with artichoke puree and pepper soffrito (onions, garlic, carrots, et al.) was irresistible. The half chicken was fall-off-the-bone tender, juicy and aromatic. The vegetables added depth and some zing to the plate.

Niman Ranch pork shoulder (\$18.50), spit-roasted, was laced with chunks of pancetta layered over a bed of Brussels spouts leaves. The pork was mouthwatering with a high-flavor profile.


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The pancetta was plenty salty but the Brussels sprouts were so salty that they were inedible. Someone in the kitchen got carried away, ruining most of what was an otherwise delicious dish.

Spit-roasted leg of lamb (\$24) came with an excellent grainy English pea risotto, baby escarole and mint salad. The thin-sliced lamb was imbued with the rich, almost smoky flavors of the almond firewood. I had not had leg of lamb roasted quite that way. It was robust, succulent and non-fatty.

For desserts, I nominate Mayfield's sour cherry bread pudding (\$7.50) with honey-whipped creme fraiche as the dessert of the year. It was jazzy, light, rich, expressive. The cherries added sweet little flavor bombs to the pastry, while the lush creme fraiche gave it a sophisticated air.

Carrot cake (\$7.50) with cream cheese and walnuts was also grand save for the semi-frozen dollop of cream cheese (or creme fraiche — I wasn't sure what it was). The cheese or cream had an unsettling metallic taste. Fortunately, it was on the side and didn't interfere with the scrumptious cake.

Meyer lemon cheesecake (\$7.50) with blood orange compote, ditto excellent, as was the very chocolaty s'more tart (\$7.50) with graham crackers, chocolate ganache and toasted marshmallow.

Service alternated between good and infuriating. One evening, we were asked if "everything is OK" at least a half dozen times. Other visits, I was queried during each course. Once per meal is sufficient; more than that is irritating.

One dinner, an overzealous busboy snatched away my side dish halfway through the course. When I paused to query him, he made a

grab for my not-yet-done-eating dinner plate. I nearly threw my body over the plate to save it.

The wine list features about 100 far-flung labels and not one is priced over \$100. It is one of the most approachable lists I have come across in some time. There are a dozen and a half wines by the glass, none exceeding \$12. Corkage fee is \$10.

Mayfield offers many beers, old-fashioned sodas, milkshakes and ice cream floats. There are coffees galore from the Bacchus Group-owned Roast Coffee Company in Oakland. ▣

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SPANGENBERG THEATRE: 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto (354-8263)

For show times, plot synopses and more information about any films playing at the Aquarius, Guild and Park, visit www.LandmarkTheatres.com



MOVIE REVIEWS

ANGELS AND DEMONS ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Tom Hanks reprises his role as ace Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon, whose keen knowledge of ancient Catholic history makes him ideally suited to the latest Vatican conflict. Once established the narrative kicks off a crazy roundelay of eerie hidden catacombs, high-tempo pursuits and thorny medieval codes. Not to mention anxious cardinals in the throes of Conclave, a perky Pope's assistant (Ewan McGregor as the cherubic Camerlengo Patrick) and the sinister stylings of the rabidly conventional Swiss Guard led by chief watchdog Commander Richter (the consistently impressive Stellan Skarsgard). Director Ron Howard does not disappoint when it comes to popcorn thrills: frenetic chases, kinetic explosions and the kind of nine-lives scenarios that make for head-scratching contingencies. Not surprisingly, the plot — though stuffed to the gills with papal politics and melodramatic conspiracy — is a one-dimensional affair loaded with commonplace distractions that never catch fire the way Dan Brown's prose managed so effortlessly (albeit outrageously) on the page. *Rated: PG-13 for violence, bloodshed and mature themes. 2 hours, 20 minutes.* — J.A.

EVERY LITTLE STEP ★★1/2

(Aquarius) The smash-hit Broadway musical "A Chorus Line" deals with the gauntlet of an audition: a soul-baring performance for a small and judgmental audience, often with a paycheck at stake. So too does a new documentary film about the show and its 2006 Broadway revival: "Every Little Step." The 1975 play "A Chorus Line" memorably depicted dancers auditioning for prized roles in the chorus of a Broadway musical. "Every Little Step" devotes screen time to recounting the development of a play referred to as "every performer's story" and "the history of dance in theater." An oral history of the show includes comments from original co-choreographer Bob Avian, composer Marvin Hamlisch, original "Cassie" Donna McKechnie and original "Connie" Baayork Lee. As director and choreographer of the revival, respectively, Avian and Lee sit behind the audition table, their experience with the play making them especially discriminating and empathetic. *Rated PG-13 for some strong language and sexual references. One hour, 36 minutes.* — P.C.

RUDO Y CURSI ★★★1/2

(Cinearts) Diego Luna and Gael Garcia Bernal rekindle their chemistry in this charming cautionary fable of futbol-playing brothers who go south with a

★ Skip it
★★ Some redeeming qualities
★★★ A good bet
★★★★ Outstanding

For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit www.mv-voice.com and click on movies.



vengeance. Beto and Tato Verduco are living life on the edge in rural Mexico. Beto (Luna) is an idealistic hothead making endless promises to his fed-up wife and kids. Tato (Bernal) is the charismatic clown, a happy gadabout living one day at a time in clueless obscurity. In true fairy-tale fashion an eager scout (Guillermo Francela) turns up at the ubiquitous dirt pitch where the boys take out their physical frustrations on the futbol-frenzied locals. He offers Tato a tryout with a professional team — while negotiating an outrageous finder's fee — and somehow Tato makes the cut. Beto, consumed with jealousy over Tato's mercurial celebrity, leaves his family on a lark to make the rival team's starting lineup as their beloved keeper. Now it's mano a mano family-style, sans the brotherly love. *Rated: R for profanity, brief violence and nudity. 1 hour, 43 minutes. In Spanish with English subtitles.* — J.A.

STAR TREK ★★1/2

Director J.J. Abrams and company have achieved quite a bit in reframing the future adventures of the explorers of Starfleet (a "peacekeeping and humanitarian armada"). The crew of the Enterprise includes Capt. Christopher Pike (Bruce Greenwood), first officer Spock (Zachary Quinto), communications officer Uhura (Zoe Saldana), Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy (Karl Urban), helmsman Hikaru Sulu (John Cho), 17-year-old navigator Chekov (Anton Yelchin), and the brash and unwelcome James T. Kirk (Chris Pine), destined to follow in his father's footsteps to become a Starfleet captain (also on the fringes: Simon Pegg's Scottish starship engineer Montgomery Scott). Before the Enterprise takes its maiden voyage in response to a

mysterious threat (involving Eric Bana's Romulan "war criminal" Nero), Abrams gets to work with some surprisingly rich and certified-fresh myth-building. It's a stroke of genius to conceive of Kirk and Spock as two rebels looking for a cause, who butt heads on the way to becoming lifelong friends. *Rated PG-13 for violence, sci-fi action and brief sexual content. Two hours, seven minutes. P.C.*

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) The story focuses on the relationship between brothers Wolverine (aka Logan) and Sabretooth (aka Victor Creed), from their adolescence to wartime heroics to involvement in the controversial Weapon X program. After being sacrificed to a firing squad Wolverine and Sabretooth are approached by General William Stryker (Danny Huston). Stryker convinces the men to join a team of tough mutants that includes sharpshooter Agent Zero (Daniel Henney), brawler Fred Dukes (Kevin Durand) and wisecracking mercenary Wade Wilson (Ryan Reynolds), aka Deadpool. It turns out Stryker has sinister intentions and Wolverine is fortunate to survive the adamantium infusion. As Wolverine endeavors to dismantle Stryker's nefarious program, he turns to fellow mutants for help. Overall, the movie is not unlike the character himself: Rough around the edges but memorable nonetheless. *Rated: PG-13 for violence, intense sequences of action and some partial nudity. 1 hours, 47 minutes.* — T.H.

■ **MOVIE CRITICS**

S.T.-Susan Tavernetti,
J.A.-Jeanne Aufmuth, T.H.-Tyler Hanley



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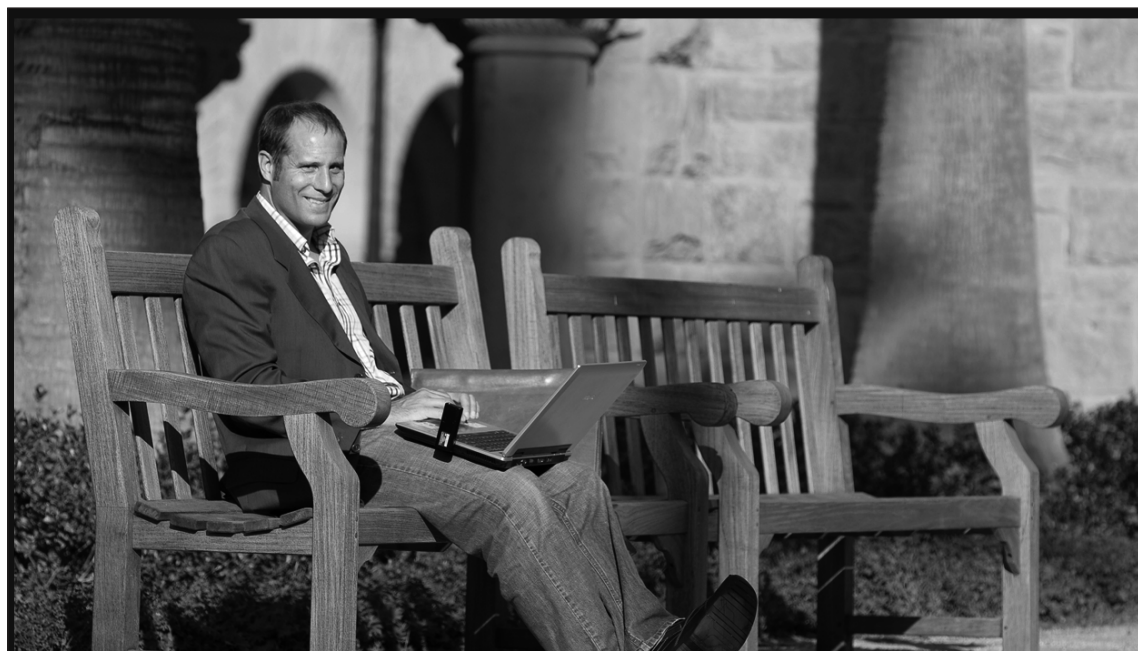
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ART GALLERIES

"He disappeared in the dead of winter" Exhibition of drawings, paintings and sculpture by artist Inga Dorosz. Through May 31, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/view

AUDITIONS

Fabulous Fable Factory - A Palo Alto Children's Theatre Hot Dog Supper Show This musical adventure follows young Monroe as he helps the fable makers recreate some of Aesop's most famous fables. Auditions open to age 8-18. Prepare a short song and a one-minute monologue. Show performs July 8-18. Auditions May 26-27, 3:45-5:45 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930. www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Cooking Class - Summer Desserts Class on preparing summer desserts. Wed., May 27, 6:30-9 p.m. \$45. Palo Alto Adult School, Embarcadero / El Camino, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-3752. www.paadultschool.org

CPR and First Aid Basic CPR and first-aid classes. Healthcare professional/renewal CPR. Call and pre-register. Tuesdays, 5-10:30 p.m. 2 year CPR certification is \$50 (\$40 for renewal), First Aid alone is \$40 (\$30). All Care Plus, Inc, 862 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0204. www.allcareplus.org

Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation Introduction to meditative development of mindfulness to focus on all aspects of experience. Five week course taught by Shaila Catherine and guest teachers. Thursdays, through June 25, 7:30-9 p.m. free/donation. St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Leads Club meeting The Leads Club, a networking organization that aims to help professionals build formal relationships with each other, meets Wednesdays, 7:30-8:45 a.m. \$5. St Timothy's Guild Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-428-0950.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Relay For Life of Mountain View The American Cancer Society invites all cancer survivors to join the Relay For Life event for the ceremonial Survivor's Lap and other activities. Relay For Life brings hope to communities and gives cancer survivors the opportunity to celebrate the progress we've made in the fight against cancer. May 30-31, 10-10 a.m. Participating as a survivor is free. Cuesta Park, 615 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. Call 408-688-0117. www.relayforlife.org/mountainviewca

Robin Kramer 30-year Anniversary at MVHS Celebration for the 30-year anniversary of Robin Kramer's music leadership at Mountain View High School. Sat., May 23, 6-9 p.m. \$35 by 4-10, \$45 after that. Michael's Restaurant, Shoreline Park, Mountain View. <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1167488150&ref=profile#/event.php?eid=72726182576>

CONCERTS

Dr. Anthony Doheny & Dr. Nicholas Isaacs An evening of compositions by Mozart and Schubert by two of CSMA's talented faculty artists. Part of the Music at 7, Faculty & Friend series. Sponsored by Applied Materials. Supported by Target; media sponsor 102.1 KDFC. Thu., May 28, 7-8 p.m. No charge; donations accepted. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/calendar.htm

TEN - Somei Yoshino Taiko Ensemble Ensemble featuring drums, percussion, rare stringed and woodwind instruments, and

unusual costumes. May 22-23, 8-10 p.m. \$26, senior/students/children/group discount available. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. www.taikoensemble.com

DANCE

English Country Dance English Country Dance. Live music, no partner needed, all dances taught, comfortable clothes and shoes. 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays through June. 8-10 p.m. \$9/\$7 members/\$5 students. Flex-It Studio, 425 Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-224-5318. http://www.bacds.org/series/english/mountain_view/

Foothill Repertory Dance Company Stages "One World, One Beat" Foothill Repertory Dance Company presents "One World, One Beat", its 23rd annual spring concert, featuring a two-hour kaleidoscope of music, movement and techniques from Broadway and ballet to ballroom and hip-hop in the Smithwick Theater at Foothill College. May 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, general; \$15, students, seniors and children under age 12. Smithwick Theater at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. www.foothill.edu

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Docent-Led Walks of Shoreline Learn about Shoreline at Mountain View's: maritime history; landfill legacy; environmental processes; ecosystems; birds, wildlife; and more. Walks depart from Rengstorff House and last about one hour on the 4th Sunday of every month. Bring/Wear: layered clothing, walking shoes, binoculars. No advanced reservations required. 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Rengstorff House, Shoreline at Mountain View, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6073. <http://www.ci.mtview.ca.us>

EXHIBITS

Honor Your Mother Ceramic Show The students of the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education Ceramics class are having an exhibit at the Mountain View Senior Center. The items on display are in honor of Mother Earth and all mothers. The exhibit is up through June 3. 9-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. <http://www.mvlaae.net/>

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum Displays of memorabilia, artifacts, photos and aircraft models; tours of museum and view of the exterior of Hangar

One. Open Wednesdays through Fridays. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Moffett Federal Airfield, Building 126, off Highway 101, Mountain View. Call 650-961-8860.

FAMILY AND KIDS

Family Nature Walk Evening hike for families. Meet at the canoe dock. Open to Palo Alto residents and accompanied guests. Wednesdays through July 15, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Foothills Park, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-329-2423. enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org

Messy Art For Kids Four-week class exploring messy art for kids, such as finger painting and clay. Fridays, through June 5. 10:15-10:45 a.m. \$15 per class. Cubes & Crayons, 152 E. Dana St., Mountain View. Call 650-209-4846. cubes.typepad.com/blog

Night Night Sleep Tight: Solve Your Child's Sleep Problems Join Parents Place educator Heidi Emberling and learn strategies for helping children 1-5 fall asleep and sleep through the night. Tue., May 26, 7-8:30 p.m. free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-525-7054. library.mountainview.gov/

The Stinky Cheese Man Favorite fairy tales and stories get a fresh twist when naughty narrator Jack gets hold of them. Peninsula Youth Theatre presents John Gore's adaptation of "The Stinky Cheese Man," the children's book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. May 22-23, \$8. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pyt.net

HEALTH

CPR and First Aid Classes Every Wednesday night, CPR and first-aid classes. CPR basic/health care professional/renewal and basic first aid class by All Care Plus. Please call and pre-register. Can be taken separately or combination. 5-9:30 p.m. \$75 for both. 862 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0204.

LIVE MUSIC

Gujarati (India) Music Concert by Amar Bhatt On May 25, Visiting singer composer Amar Bhatt will present Gujarati (India) poetry in melodic compositions with Dimple Patel on Tabla. Mon., May 25, 6-9:30 p.m. Donation \$ 20/person. Friends Place, 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-858-6854.

Jazz at Pampas Brian Ho Jazz Group performs Fri., May 29, 6:30-10 p.m. Pampas, 529 Alma St., Palo Alto.

ON STAGE

Young Americans The Palo Alto High School Theatre Department presents "Young Americans," an original musical written by the Paly Playwriting Collective which they will perform this August at the Festival Fringe in Edinburgh, Scotland. Three shows only: May 22, 23 and 29. Proceeds support this production. 8-9:30 p.m. \$7 students and seniors; \$10 adults. Haymarket Theatre, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-3857. web.me.com/palytheatre

OUTDOORS

Twilight Hike Twilight, ranger-led hike. Ages 8 and up. Free. Meet at the Gateway Facility. Second Fridays, May 8 through Aug. 14. No hike June 12. 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Pearson Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2423.

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings every Tuesday, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Brainstormer Quiz Night Quiz night at Gordon Biersch Palo Alto. Start your Live pub quiz hosted by a quizmaster. Sundays, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Gordon Biersch, 640 Emerson St., Palo Alto. Call 650-323-7723.

SPORTS

CYSA U15 Boys Soccer Team Tryouts. The Mountain View-Los Altos Firestorm soccer team (Class 3) is adding players for the 2009 Fall season. The Firestorm coach is Jim McGuirk, coach of the Mountain View High School varsity soccer team. Tryouts will be on Monday, June 1, and Wednesday, June 3. Scholarships available. 6 p.m. free. Call 650-940-1625.

TALKS/AUTHORS

Book Talk Pearl Sofaer will read from her book "Baghdad to Bombay: In the Kitchens of My Cousins." Sun., May 24, 3 p.m. free. Books Inc, in Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. <http://www.booksinc.net>

Feed Your Head May 5, "The Gateway to Next Medicine by Dr. Walter Bortz." May 12, "Dance Your Body, Mind and Spirit by Esther Gokhale." May 19, "Your Doctor and Your Brain by Dr. Yusra Hussain." May 26, "Walk Your Way to a Great Body and Mind by Esther Gokhale." June 2-Navigating Aging Adults Through the Healthcare System-Rita Ghatak noon-1 p.m. free. Palo Alto City Library Downtown Branch, 270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436. <http://pac-boomers.blogspot.com/>

Refugee Resettlement t- Santa Clara County Refugees from Burma, Darfur, Afghanistan and Iran arrive weekly to Santa Clara County. Find out how the community through International Refugee Committee/Catholic Charities is helping them resettle here. Talk and discussion at Palo Alto Friends Meeting, Sun., May 24, 12:45-2:30 p.m. Free. Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-283-4261.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING 2009-2010

The governing board of **Mountain View Whisman School District** will hold a public hearing on the adoption of the 2009-2010 proposed budget of the district for the year ending June 30, 2010, prior to final adoption, as required by Education Code Section 42103.

The public hearing will be held on June 16, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

The public hearing will be held at Mountain View Whisman School District, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043.

The budget can be inspected by the public beginning on June 10, 2009, during the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM at Mountain View Whisman School District, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043.

the sick and injured, and the challenges and rewards involved. Thu., May 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-725-2540. blood-center.stanford.edu

Was Jesus a Liberal? A Secular Conversation A humanist dialogue between two Stanford political liberals, Rob Reich and Debra Satz, and the Rev. Scotty McLennan about his new book, "Jesus Was a Liberal: Reclaiming Christianity for All." Wed., May 27, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Building 260, Room 113, Stanford University, Stanford. <http://ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu/ethics-events/events/view/536/?date=2009-05-27>

Waverley Writers Poetry Open Mic Poetry to be spoken and heard aloud. Every First Friday except for July and August. 7:30-10 p.m. Free. Waverley Writers, 957 Colorado (near Greer), Palo Alto.

What's Sun Doing in Social Media with Sumaya Kazi Face to Face with Sumaya Kazi - Senior Social Media Manager at Sun Microsystems. Gourmet dinner and wine are included. Tue., May. 26, 7-9 p.m. \$20 online, \$30 at the door. Samovar Conference Hall, 1077 Independence Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-941-8464. <http://www.meetup.com/CIO-IT-Executives/calendar/10277453/>

TEEN ACTIVITIES

1st Annual High School Battle of the Bands The Mountain View Recreation Division presents the 1st Annual High School Battle of the Bands. Featuring: Syndicate, The Striped Ties, PFL and Project 13 perform. Bring high-school ID to get in. Sat., May 30, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mountain View.

Call 650-903-6410.

Battle of the Bands Are you in High School and in a band? Submit your band's demo and contact information by Friday, May 1. Battle is May 30. 6:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Recreation Division, 201 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410.

VOLUNTEERS

Junior Museum & Zoo Office volunteers are needed to help with fundraising, community relations and special events. Data input, mailings, internet research, etc. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-6338. www.friendsjzmz.org



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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGETS, PROPOSED WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE RATES AND VARIOUS CITY FEES:

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- BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, the 2nd day of June, 2009 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the Council Chamber, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, has been set as the time and place for a public hearing to receive citizen input on the use of funds in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Budget; on the use of funds for the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Capital Improvement Program and Community Development Block Grant, on proposed water, wastewater and solid waste recycling and refuse rates and various City fees.

A public hearing is also scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard to receive citizen input and written protests from owners or tenants of property located within the City regarding the proposed increases to water, wastewater and solid waste recycling and refuse rates. Utility customers objecting to the proposed utility rates may file a written protest with the City Clerk to be received on or before the close of the public hearing on June 9, 2009, but protests are requested by June 5, 2009 and will be tabulated at the public hearing. No utility rate protests submitted by e-mail will be accepted. Following this public hearing, the budget is scheduled for a final public hearing and adoption on June 9, 2009. If you are unable to attend the budget public hearings but would like the City Council and staff to know your views, please send a letter to the City Council, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, California 94039, or an e-mail to city.clerk@mountainview.gov on or before Friday May 29, 2009 for the June 2nd public hearing and on or before Friday, June 5, 2009 for the June 9th public hearing.

Copies of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Budget, supporting documentation for proposed water, wastewater and solid waste recycling and refuse rates and various City fees will be available for review on Friday, May 29, 2009 by 8:00 a.m. at City Hall in the City Clerks Office, 500 Castro Street, 3rd Floor, Mountain View, Monday through Friday, and during public hours at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View. The budget document and related reports will be available after 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 28, 2009 on the City's website at <http://laserfiche.mountainview.gov/weblink7/Browse.aspx>.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2009.

Patty J. Kong
Finance and Administrative Services
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The governing board of **The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District** will hold a public hearing on the adoption of the 2009-2010 proposed budget of the district for the year ending June 30, 2010, prior to final adoption, as required by Education Code Section 42103.

The public hearing will be held on June 22, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

The public hearing will be held at Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School Boardroom, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040.

The budget can be inspected by the public beginning on June 17, 2009, during the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM at Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040.

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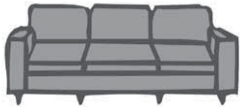
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 7, 2009.

(Voice May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2009)

REFLECT MULTIMEDIA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 524102

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Reflect Multimedia at 14800 Nelson Way, San Jose, CA 95124, Santa Clara County: BROOKE ZHAO PETERSON

14800 Nelson Way San Jose, CA 95124

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 May 11, 2009.

(Voice May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2009)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER

ESTATE OF:
DOROTHY P. HEANEY

Case No. 1-09-PR-165008

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DOROTHY P. HEANEY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: DENNIS G. HEANEY in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DENNIS G. HEANEY 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 JUNE 4, 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/ Joyce W. Levy
Attorney at Law
400 Cambridge Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650)248-0888
(Voice May 8, 15, 22, 2009)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
GENE D. HEANEY

Case No. 1-09-PR-165007

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GENE D. HEANEY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: DENNIS G. HEANEY in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DENNIS G. HEANEY 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.

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(Voice May 8, 15, 22, 2009)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
GENE D. HEANEY

Case No. 1-09-PR-165007

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GENE D. HEANEY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: DENNIS G. HEANEY in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DENNIS G. HEANEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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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 JUNE 4, 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.

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AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JOHN ANDREW PATERSON aka JOHN A. PATERSON

Case No. 1-09-PR-164804

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN ANDREW PATERSON, aka JOHN A. PATERSON.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: DONALD R. MOODY, Public Administrator of Santa Clara Cty. in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DONALD R. MOODY, Public Administrator of Santa Clara County 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 JUNE 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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

Case No. 109CV141672

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANTHONY ESTEBAN HERRERA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ANTHONY ESTEBAN HERRERA to ANTHONY ESTEBAN HERRERIN

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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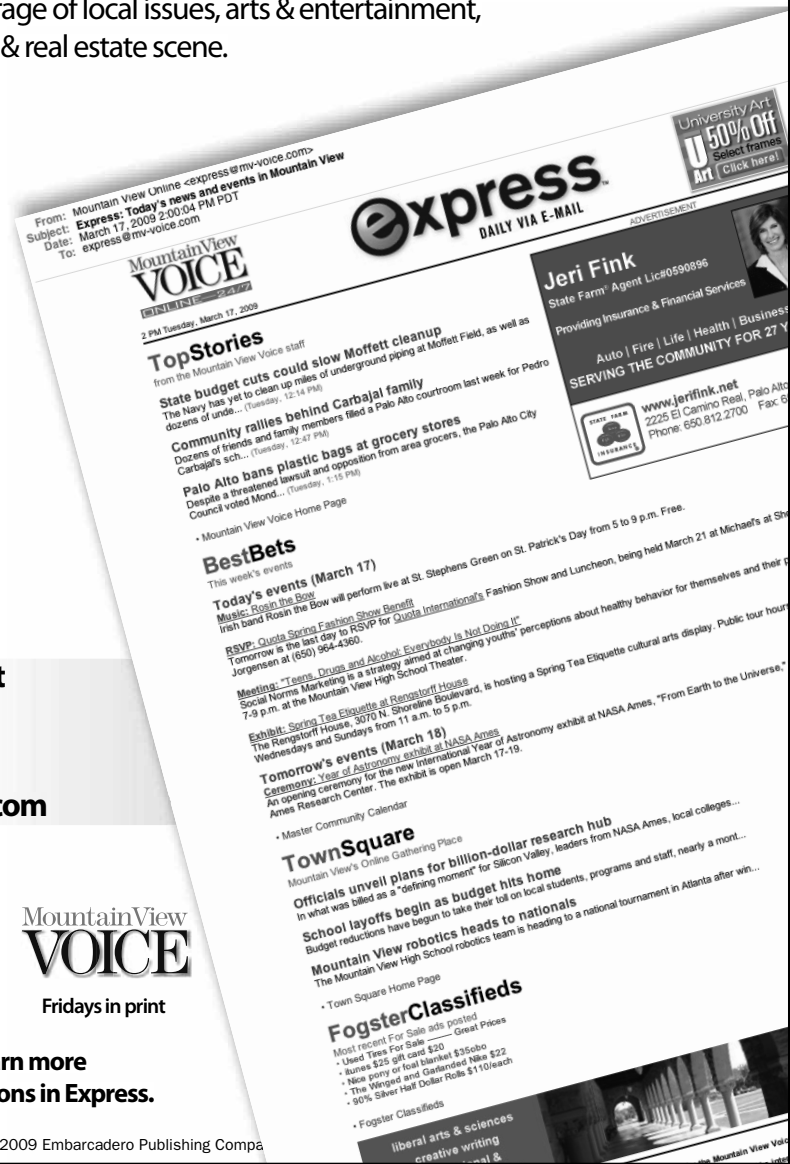
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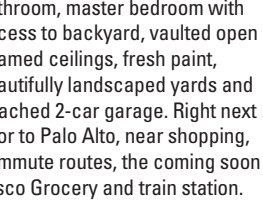


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