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City leaders furious over Sacramento money-grab

By Casey Weiss

Sacramento's proposal to take \$4.4 billion in local tax revenue from city governments is "irresponsible," "outrageous" and "unconstitutional," city manager Kevin Duggan said Wednesday.

Earlier this week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders announced their plan to close California's deficit, which is currently at more than \$26 billion. Besides taking billions from cities around the state, the proposed budget would also take \$9 billion from schools and colleges, \$2 billion from health and human services and save \$1.3 billion through furloughs for state workers.

The proposal, drafted by the governor and legislative leaders, was scheduled to go before the Legislature as early as Thursday, after the *Voice* went to press.

Locally, the budget proposal would mean a \$5 million to \$6 million hit for the city, Duggan said. Since the proposal is still tentative,

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Will cars drive off into the sunset?

GROUP SAYS CITY'S POLICY ON
CREATING NEW PARKING SPACES
IS A BARRIER TO PROGRESS

By Daniel DeBolt

As Mountain View continues to reevaluate its development options for the next 20 years as part of its General Plan update, one Bay Area environmental group believes it has some sensible ideas for the city to consider.

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MICHELLE LE

Dozens of Mountain View residents, including Nancy Cummings and her dancing son Sebastian, listen to live music in Pioneer Park on Tuesday morning. Once a week during the summer, local families meet at the Mountain View Public Library for a concert, puppet show or similar event, but this year the events are so popular that they are being held outside.

A midsummer night's dream come true

MORE FAMILIES STAY HOME THIS SUMMER, BRINGING MORE KIDS TO DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

By Casey Weiss

The three Gibson siblings raced from bookshelf to bookshelf in the Mountain View Public Library on Monday, madly seeking out as many facts as possible.

The elementary school-aged kids were participating in "Librology," one of several free activities for children at the public library this summer. As part of the game, participants pick random questions from a box about science or history — for example, they might be asked to "name the explorer who claimed Brazil for Portugal" — then they comb through library resources to find the answers.

"It keeps your mind fresh during the summer," said Tatiana Gibson, an incoming sixth grader at Almond Elementary School.

Karin Bricker, head of children and youth services at the library, said the downtown

facility has seen a big increase in use by children over the summer, as have most other local libraries. The reason, she said, is that fewer families are traveling this summer due to the poor economy.

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KARIN BRICKER

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As a result, the downtown library's three main programs for children — Librology, Summer Reading and Reading Families — have seen huge jumps in participation. Reading Families, the library's most

popular program (in which the whole family signs up to read together), now has 560 families participating, up 25 percent from last year.

On Tuesday mornings at 10:15 a.m., the families meet at the library for a concert, puppet show or similar event. The activities have grown so popular, with crowds of up to 400 people, that they are now being held outside.

Meanwhile, the Summer Reading program, where kids make individual goals about how many books they can read during their nine weeks of vacation, has 1,280 children signed up this summer, a 16 percent increase from last year.

Once the kids meet their goals, they add their stickers to a Spanish-style mosaic being put together by the librarians. With more kids than ever participating, the mosaic is growing larger than usual.

"The goal of the summer is to be creative," Bricker said. ▀

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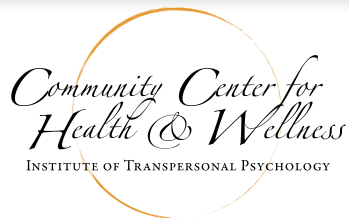
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Local listings

By Don Frances

BRIAN SZABO, executive director of KMVT — Mountain View's very own community television station — rang me up last week to call our attention to a story in the *Mercury News* which he took issue with.

The story ran June 22 and is titled "San Jose's cable-access television is democratic, creative, a wee bit nutty." It's a Bruce Newman feature on San Jose's cable community access TV station, CreaTV.

Of course, as a community TV man himself, Szabo has no problem with highlighting the benefits of community television, which he calls "one of the last bastions of free speech in this era of media consolidation." But he didn't like the too-narrow focus of this particular story.

"If you read that article you'd think they were the only game in town," Szabo told me over the phone. "They're not."

Following up on our phone conversation, Szabo sent an e-mail explaining in detail the region's community TV landscape, and how KMVT (located at 1400 Terra Bella Ave.) fits into it. His message was so thoroughly informative and well-written, I thought I'd print the bulk of it here:

"THE ARTICLE was misleading," Szabo wrote, "in that it failed to mention a critical fact — San Jose's CreaTV is only one of a dozen such stations in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, and one of about 1,000

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JAMES TENSUAN

Spectators at the Obon Festival at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple view the many cultural displays.

Another great year for Obon Festival

By Megan Haigh

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple celebrated its 57th Obon Festival and Bazaar over the weekend, with great food, colorful dancing and good times.

Obon is a midsummer Buddhist holiday held to honor departed ancestors, particularly those who have died in the past year. As part of the celebration, a ceremonial dance, the Bon Odori, was held on Sunday, with the bazaar continuing into the

evening.

The bazaar was an opportunity to see cultural displays, eat excellent food, and play games. On display were flower arrangements and *kimekomi* dolls, which start out as rough wooden shapes and are shaped, painted and dressed in traditional Japanese costumes, a process taking 15 hours on average.

In contrast to the brightly colored *kimekomi* were the *suiseki*, found rocks shaped by nature and placed for viewing.

Volunteers sold tempura, corn, chirashi sushi (a rice dish with pickled vegetables), chicken teriyaki, ohagi (sticky rice wrapped in bean paste) and snow cones as well as some hard-to-find and beautiful plants.

There was also space at the festival for the Asian American Donor Program, an organization that registers marrow and stem cell donors to address a shortage of minority donors.

"This is a great way to open our temple to the community" said the Rev. Dean Koyama. ▣

Police use Tasers to break up fight between two women

By Casey Weiss

Mountain View police used their Taser guns on two young women early Saturday morning on Castro Street after officers were unable to break up a fight between them.

Police received a call at around 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 18 that a fight had broken out at the Monte Carlo Club on Castro Street, according to spokesperson Liz Wylie. She said three male officers responded and were able to calm down an "unruly" crowd that had gathered outside the club.

They then noticed that a

group of men had formed a circle around two women fighting on the corner of Castro and Villa streets. However, "When they tried to get into the ring, they were hindered by the men," Wylie said.

The officers eventually did reach the fighters, but had a hard time breaking up the fight as the two women had grips on each others' hair, Wylie said. In order to stop the fight, the officers used their Taser guns on the two women, identified as Erika Santana, 22, and Karla Jacob, 21, both from Oakland.

"Officers can get hurt from women too," Wylie said. "We

train officers in the academy to not underestimate women. We don't play favorites."

Per Police Department policy, after being hit with the Tasers, the two suspects were taken to the hospital to be evaluated. Both were cleared at El Camino Hospital, though they had suffered minor injuries and abrasions from the fight. Both have been charged with disturbing the peace and obstructing a police officer.

Wylie said police do not know why the fight started, and that they've encountered "zero people who were willing to be witnesses." ▣

Cell phone antennas sprout up around city

DEMAND FOR INCREASED CAPACITY SKYROCKETS DUE TO IPHONE AND OTHER DEVICES

By Daniel DeBolt

Traffic over cell phone networks has exploded lately thanks to modern "smart phones," especially the iPhone with its 3G Internet connection. As a result, Mountain View officials say, there are "dozens of new cell phone antennas going in all over the city."

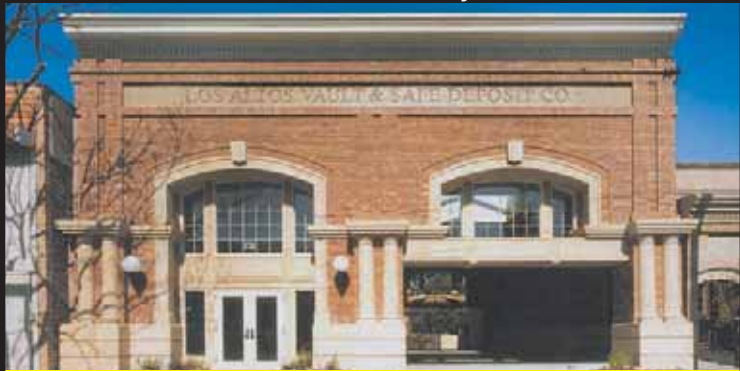
According to city planner Eric Andersen, the installations include 19 new antennas — for GPS, flat panel and microwave — on the Google headquarters and on Google's Crittenden Lane campus. Because those buildings never had cell phone antennas before, the installations were discussed last week by the city's Design Review Committee.

The applicant for the antennas at Google is Clearwire Communications, which aims to launch a new 4G wireless broadband Internet connection soon that uses satellite-based WiMax technology. Google reportedly owns 27 percent of Clearwire as part of a consortium of companies including Intel, Comcast, and majority owner Sprint.

Google also operates a free WiFi broadband network in Mountain View. Karl Garcia, the technical staffer at Google who runs the WiFi network, says cell phone networks have been overwhelmed by the iPhone and others like it, which use a data connection for surfing the Internet and downloading content.

Another site for new antennas is the tall office building at San Antonio shopping center, which "already has ton of antennas and we got applications for new ones," Anderson said. Because of the prior use of antennas there, those new applications don't require a public hearing. ▣

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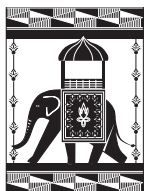
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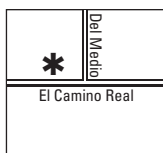
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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Eleven duck eggs



Janet Waiblinger sent in this image of a clutch of duck eggs, which came with the following story:
 "We found [these eggs] in our backyard next to Sylvan Park. Our puppy walked across the lawn with something in her mouth, which turned out to be an egg. I was so perplexed — where could she have gotten an egg from? And I certainly didn't expect there were more! But when the puppy ran over to the lantana bush and was nosing her way in, I went to look. Only from above the lantana could you see that a duck had cleared out a circle of the bush and laid a dozen eggs!"

"The picture only shows 11 — unfortunately the first egg the puppy discovered she quickly ate before I could pry it out of her mouth. There is no fountain, pool, or other water source in our yard, these bushes haven't even been watered in many years, even the lawn is dry ... so no idea what made a duck land in our yard of all places."

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.

EDITOR'S DESK

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nationwide."

He continued:

Each of these stations cablecasts only to its respective city(ies), so only their residents can see that public access TV station. San Jose's CreaTV, Channels 15 and 26, can only be seen by Comcast and AT&T viewers in San Jose and Campbell.

In the article, board chairman Gerry De Young dubbed CreaTV as the "public access channel of Silicon Valley." But in fact it's only one of four such stations that can make that claim: KMVT Community Television, Channel 15, cablecasts

to Mountain View, Cupertino, and Los Altos; the Media Center cablecasts to Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Atherton; and Pen-TV cablecasts to residents of San Mateo County. In addition, there are similar public access stations in San Francisco, Berkeley, Milpitas, the East Bay, Saratoga, Los Gatos, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, etc.

The programming at each of these stations is rich and varied. At KMVT, we shoot over 30 ongoing resident-produced access shows in our studios monthly, many of which have been airing for over 10 years and regularly win national awards. In addition, we also "import" 17 regular monthly shows from public access sister stations from around the country.

Along with public access, KMVT produces the government access programming for Mountain View, Los Altos and Sunnyvale. Our professional staff also produces award-winning promotional videos for local nonprofits and small businesses, as well as covers local elections, civic and cultural events, and a large percentage of local high school sports.

All this is available on our TV channels, as well as on our Web site at www.kmvt15.org and on our Web channel at www.youtube.com/kmvt.

Best regards,
 Brian

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Coffee shop helps in job 'Well Done'

RED ROCK EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE IN EFFORT TO BRING WELL WATER TO AFRICAN VILLAGERS

By Casey Weiss

While in Africa with a Christian missionary-aid organization, Josh To found it harder than expected to safely distribute malaria pills.

Few of the villages he visited, in rural Ghana, had access to clean drinking water, said To, who is now a Google employee.

"They would take these pills down with muddy water," he said. "That brought the issue of water to life for us."

Four years later, To has partnered with Red Rock, the downtown coffee house (itself run by a Christian group) which has done its own charity work in Africa over the years.

Red Rock has served mainly as a staging area for a project To launched through his nonprofit, Brute Labs. The project, dubbed

"Well Done," raises money to dig new, clean wells in rural Ghana where they're needed most.

Getting materials to these villages is hard, and it costs \$8,000 to build a well. But in the last two years, To said, Well Done has funded six wells in areas which he describes as largely "unreachable."

As a result, "We are able to provide water to people who have no other way of getting it," he said.

Well Done launched its campaign at Red Rock, and its posters are prominently displayed there. Cafe employees have been helping the nonprofit by selling T-shirts and taking donations, and by now the coffee shop, To said, has helped raise a few thousand dollars.

Red Rock is also planning to give a free cup of coffee later this

summer in exchange for a \$10 donation to Well Done. Meanwhile, To said, the coffee shop employees "have been crucial in connecting us with artists and scientists."

Steve Joh of Red Rock said Well Done's mission is "consistent with the vision" of the coffee shop.

"We want to provide a common space for people to do good things," Joh said.

For more information about Well Done, visit www.welldone.org. For more on the ways Red Rock is working to help, visit www.redrockcoffee.org/#/water.

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MARY EARLINE UTTER SPITLER

Passed away June 22, 2009. Born in Carthage, MO Sept 22, 1918, 5 months after her father died in the Spanish flu epidemic. She put herself through college and graduated with a B.S. from Kansas State College in 1942. Moved to California and became a registered Occupational Therapist at USC in 1945. She later earned an M.S. in Special Ed from CSU Hayward in 1979. She married Robert Merwin Spitler June 12, 1948 in Berkeley. They were late to their wedding because Harry Truman was giving a speech in Memorial Stadium. Moved to Lawrence Lane in Palo Alto in 1960, an intentionally integrated neighborhood founded in 1949 by the Duveneks.

Active in the League of Women Voters 1953-1955, president and treasurer of the Lawrence Lane Tract Association, as a Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout leader. She worked as an occupational therapist at the Oakland VA, Dibble Hospital in Menlo Park, Agnews and Sonoma State Hospitals retiring in 1983 as an assistant program director. Afterward she established a scholarship at her high school in Carthage for girls interested in science, and donated to Emily's List. She is survived by her two children Gregg Corley and Kim, and two granddaughters. Services have been held.

PAID OBITUARY

CSA among 'safety net' nonprofits getting \$1.5 million in grants

Staff Reports

With an increasing number of people requiring food and shelter in Santa Clara County, two new grants total-

ing \$1.5 million from the Applied Materials Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation are poised to ease the burden on the needy — and on the organizations that help them.

Among the recipients is Mountain View's Community Services Agency, which received \$50,000. The grant will support the nonprofit's food bank and its programs to help pay housing and utility bills for its clients, said director of development Jim Boin.

"We have more people wanting help and we have less food to offer them," Boin said. "This money will help us."

The agency just finished its fiscal year, and Boin said the number of people needing

emergency assistance was up 9 percent over last year and the number of residents using the food bank jumped 13.5 percent, while donations are down 6 percent.

CSA executive director Tom Myers said demand for the agency's services has risen most dramatically in the past few months.

"We're going to focus on the most emergency kinds of things," he said. "It's really important right now."

The grants, announced Tuesday, will be distributed to organizations in Santa Clara County that offer food, shelter and other basic services. Other recipients include Salvation Army Santa Clara County, Sunnyvale Community Services and Sacred Heart Community Service. United Way Silicon Valley is helping to distribute the money.

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CITY SEEKS MEMBERS FOR SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Seniors will now have an established voice in city government with the creation of the Senior Advisory Committee, a spin-off of the Senior Advisory Task Force, and prospective members have a few weeks to apply for a seat.

Before voting in favor of the committee's establishment on June 23, City Council members said they were pleased with the task force, now disbanded, which had released several reports on the state of seniors in Mountain View. The new, five-member committee will advise the City Council on a broad range of senior issues in Mountain View, including programs at the Senior Center.

Those wishing to become a member have until Aug. 14 to apply. For more information, call the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 or visit www.mountainview.gov and click on "all announcements."

— Daniel DeBolt

OBITUARY

DARWIN L. 'TOM' TALMAGE

Darwin L. "Tom" Talmage, a longtime resident of Mountain View, died on June 2 after a five-month illness. He was 86.

Born Feb. 25, 1923 in Seattle, Talmage survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and served in both the European and Pacific theaters during World War II. He was discharged in 1945 and later moved to Pacifica. He moved to Mountain View in 1955, and lived there until the late 1980s, remaining active in the Elks Club and the Eagles. He spent the last 20 years of his life in Sacramento.

Talmage is survived by his sons Rick and Ron; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his former wife and good friend Rose Talmage. He is predeceased by daughter Darlene. Services have been held.

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Health officials turn to Facebook, MySpace to increase swine flu awareness

COUNTY OFFICIALS LOOK TO SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES TO INFORM YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT DANGERS OF H1N1 VIRUS

Bay City News

School may be out for the summer, but the H1N1 flu is going strong. In response, Santa Clara County health officials are developing a back-to-school flu-awareness campaign that utilizes social media such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

The county's public health department is turning to these communication portals in its battle to convince youth — a population that can be impervious to traditional public education campaigns — to wash their hands and cover their mouths when they cough.

Santa Clara County public health department spokeswoman Joy Alexiou said the vast majority of confirmed and probable cases of H1N1 occur in patients younger than 24.

"This is an age group that is disproportionately affected by this flu," she said. "They use different mediums and ways to communicate than I do, so our normal methods for getting the word out probably would not reach them."

County health officials are planning a Facebook and MySpace presence, and considering

Twitter as well, Alexiou said. The pages will go live around the time kids head back to school in September.

The county is also developing a video contest that gives new meaning to the term "viral videos" — videos passed rapidly from viewer to viewer through sites like YouTube.

The contest would encourage residents to develop their own creative approach to educating people about swine flu. The concept is borrowed from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Alexiou said.

Health officials will also send materials to all public and private high schools in the county to refer teens to the new sites. From there, Alexiou hopes students will distribute the information among themselves.

"They do a better job with that than I could ever do," she said.

The H1N1, or swine flu, began to make local headlines in early May as officials closed down schools and counties released daily reports on the numbers of confirmed cases. On June 11, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a pandemic.

Although the hype surrounding H1N1 has died down some-

what, Alexiou said the virus is still very present in Santa Clara County. The number of cases reported by hospitals and doctors has increased considerably over the last two weeks, she said.

Exact numbers of swine flu cases are difficult to gauge at this point. Health organizations are no longer testing people who exhibit symptoms unless they are ill enough to be hospitalized, Alexiou said.

However, at last count, Santa Clara County has 120 confirmed cases, with 32 of those requiring hospitalization. Earlier this month a 44-year-old woman with preexisting health problems became the county's first swine flu-related fatality.

The swine flu deaths reported around the Bay Area have largely been middle-aged or older patients with underlying health problems. However, Alexiou said the county sees hardly any cases in people older than 64.

Santa Clara County sent out Twitter updates during the virus' initial outbreak in May. The county has since pulled its Twitter feed because it had difficulty finding resources to respond to the high number of questions, Alexiou said. ▀

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EPA ANNOUNCES PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE VAPOR INTRUSION PATHWAY FOR THE MIDDLEFIELD-ELLIS-WHISMAN SUPERFUND STUDY AREA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on July 23 to present its Proposed Plan to address the potential vapor intrusion pathway at the Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman (MEW) Superfund Study Area (Site) located in Mountain View and Moffett Field, California. The vapor intrusion pathway is the means by which Site contamination in the subsurface may migrate upwards into overlying buildings and may impact indoor air quality. The proposed response actions will address the potential health risks associated with long-term exposure to trichloroethene (TCE) and other MEW Site chemicals of concern through the vapor intrusion pathway into current and future buildings overlying the shallow groundwater contamination at the Site.

EPA's proposed remedy to address to address vapor intrusion pathway at the Site are: the installation of the appropriate sub-slab or sub-membrane ventilation systems for residential buildings and future commercial buildings and the use of the building's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system for existing commercial buildings.

EPA will host an Availability Session and public meeting on **Thursday, July 23, 2009 at Mountain View City Hall 500 Castro Street Council Chambers – 2nd Floor.**

EPA Information Session - 5 to 6:30 pm: the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the MEW site, the vapor intrusion pathway, and EPA's Proposed Plan.

EPA Public Meeting - 6:30 to 8:30 pm: the public will have an opportunity to hear about EPA's Proposed Plan and to provide formal oral comments.

The 30-day Proposed Plan public comment period runs until August 9, 2009. All written comments should be provided to Alana Lee, EPA Project Manager (contact information provided below). EPA's final remedy selected for the vapor intrusion pathway could differ from what is outlined in the Proposed Plan based on public comments.

For More Information

You may obtain a copy of the Proposed Plan at www.epa.gov/region09/MEW. If you have questions about the MEW Superfund Study Area or the Proposed Plan, contact Alana Lee, EPA Project Manager, Lee.Alana@epa.gov, ph: 415.972.3141, fax: 415.947.3528; 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105

MEW Site-related documents are available at the Information Repositories below:

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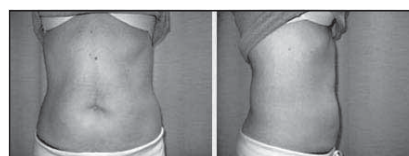
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BUDGET

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he did not have exact numbers. But if passed, he said, the budget would take millions of dollars away from the general fund, the Shoreline district, the downtown revitalization district and funds set aside for city maintenance and improvement.

The state "is asking our citizens to decrease local services because it has been irresponsible over the

last six to eight years," Duggan said. "This is a tremendous hit. It is outrageous."

Duggan said cities should not have to take responsibility for the state's fiscal problems.

"When we have a budget problem we don't look to the state to bail us out," he said. "Being desperate doesn't mean you can transfer consequences of fiscal mismanagement."

Mountain View may join ranks with several other California cities preparing to sue the state over the budget proposal. The League of California Cities called the proposal a "Ponzi scheme."

"We are convinced that a number of these actions are not only irresponsible, but unconstitutional," Duggan said. "We think they do not have the legal authority to take funds."

Once a state budget is ratified, city staffers will spend the next few weeks examining it in order to have proposals ready for the City Council when it returns from recess in late August.

Mountain View officials have

already cut more than \$6 million from the general fund this year, taking \$4 million from, among other things, parks and street maintenance, city planning, code enforcement and library services, and using another \$2.2 million in reserves to fill the gap.

Under the new proposal, they would have to cut millions more.

"We know it is huge," Dugan said of the state budget. "We don't know details yet."

The news is not much better for schools and community colleges, which would lose more than \$6 billion altogether if the proposal passes (not counting another \$3 billion taken from the state's two university systems).

Administrators in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District said the new proposal could take \$2 million from the district, but they were already anticipating these steep numbers.

The state could cut retroactively from the 2008-09 school year, and reduce the budget for the 2009-10 academic year. These cuts could also flow into the 2010-11 school year, said MVLA Superintendent Barry Groves.

The district already passed a budget for the next school year, but Groves said administrators and trustees will have to reexamine it depending on the final state budget deal.

"When the numbers come in, we will look at our budget and see if we have to adjust it," Groves said. ▀

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KEVIN DUGGAN

■ EDUCATION BRIEFS

GRANT MONEY HELPS LAHS SCIENCE CLASS

Students of the Los Altos High School environmental studies class will have access to more advanced equipment when they return to school next month thanks to a \$500 grant to the class' teacher, Greg Stoehr.

Stoehr, who has been with the district for 21 years, was named "teacher of the month" for July by the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. The local organization provides more resources for Santa Clara County classrooms and teachers. Stoehr's award was announced on KBAY 94.5, and he received \$500 to buy supplies for his classroom.

Stoehr teaches biology and advanced placement environmental studies. He used the grant money to buy "probe-ware," used to "measure the dissolved oxygen levels in different water solutions," Stoehr explained in an e-mail.

"The ability to use these specialized instruments for measurement will help students further their experiential understanding of how scientists in the field conduct their work," he wrote.

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GREENBELT

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Greenbelt Alliance, a nonprofit that advocates centralized “smart growth” as an alternative to subdividing open space, says Mountain View, like much of the Bay Area, has plenty of buildings and parcels ripe for redevelopment. While the city is already doing quite well from the group’s perspective, ranking eighth among Bay Area cities in 2006 on its “Smart Growth Scorecard,” the group believes it still has one glaring problem.

Mountain View, they say, requires an unusually large number of parking spaces for its new developments.

This policy, the group says, hurts Mountain View’s ability to create an urban environment of the type that more and more people are seeking, where walking, bicycling and mass transit are convenient and enjoyable alternatives to driving.

Such ideas are a hard sell to current residents, however, as evidenced in most public hearings on new developments, where residents often say there isn’t enough parking downtown, and already too much traffic.

Elizabeth Stampe, communications director for Greenbelt Alliance, explains the sentiment this way: “People don’t really like change very much.”

People on the Peninsula like to say their cities are already “built out,” Stampe said. “We hear that a lot. But think about Paris. They’ve been building and rebuilding Paris for hundreds of years.”

Parking, lots

Stampe said Mountain View’s other land use policies, such as zoning requirements for offices and residential areas, are relatively good. But in a study comparing different cities’ parking policies, Mountain View scored 22.5 on a scale of 100 — one of the lowest in the Bay Area.

In Mountain View, an average of 2.3 parking spaces per housing unit are required — a relatively high proportion, Stampe says. In a hypothetical downtown development of 25 two-bedroom units, Mountain View would require 57 spaces, one of the highest requirements in the Bay Area. Other cities call for as few as 25 spaces for similar complexes in their downtown areas.

Mountain View could also do better by allowing the “unbundling” of parking spaces from the cost of a building, Stampe says. For example, if someone were to buy a home or business building, the parking spaces created with it could be sold separately. This could save money for those homebuyers who would rather not have a car, and at the very least creates an awareness of how much the small pieces of real estate are worth.



These before – and – after images show how an office on Bernado Avenue might benefit from “smart growth.”

Randy Tsuda, the city’s planning director, said Mountain View would likely study its parking requirements after its General Plan update is completed. He noted that reductions to that requirement are currently allowed for senior housing, affordable housing and transit-oriented development, such as the apartment complex proposed for the Minton’s Lumber site at 455 W. Evelyn Ave. (Stampe acknowledged that the Greenbelt Alliance scorecard did not reflect those policies.)

New opportunities

By 2035, the Bay Area’s population of seven million is expected to grow by another two million. Last month, Greenbelt Alliance released a report titled Grow Smart Bay Area (www.growsmartbayarea.com) that is optimistic about accommodating all those people.

With the help of a UC Berkeley database, the group identified 40,000 parcels of land in the Bay Area that are worth more than the buildings that occupy them. And through further calculations and closer examination of each property, Greenbelt Alliance came to the conclusion that, with proper planning, there is plenty of room for another two million people to live and work.

As part of its report, the group “reimagined” a few areas in Mountain View that could be redeveloped, including a set of office buildings at the north end of Bernardo Avenue near Central Expressway, which Greenbelt Alliance hopes will be made into a walkable mixed-use community. (For pictures and renderings, go to the report’s Web site and click on the tab marked “It’s Possible” at the top of the page.)

The purpose of the renderings is to “draw attention to that fact that office parks don’t use land in a smart way,” Stampe said. “It’s just these big low buildings surrounded by seas of parking lots and big streets that don’t feel safe to walk on. There is nothing within walking distance. You have to drive to get lunch.

“It doesn’t have to be like that,” she continued. “It can be a very jobs-oriented place, but it can also be place where people can walk around and get lunch.”

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Grand jury report misses forest for the trees

Civil grand juries are a wild card in the mix of local government. Funded by the court system, the 19-member volunteer juries can subpoena documents but lack any enforcement power. Their only clout comes from holding up alleged misdeeds to public scrutiny.

That was obviously the intent in the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury's recent broadside attack on the high salaries and benefits received by the county's top school officials. The jury took its cue from the current budget crisis, which has left school districts scrambling to cut costs and avoid laying off teachers.

The somewhat predictable and simplistic report, provocatively titled "Who Really Benefits from Education Dollars? (Hint: It's Not the Students)," declared that given the current budget climate, school districts should reduce the salaries and benefits of their top administrators. Among its many targets, the report singled out the superintendents serving Mountain View's schools: Barry Groves of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, whose total compensation was \$216,330 last year, and Maurice Ghysels of the Mountain View Whisman School District, who took home nearly \$190,000 last year.

The report offered data for all school districts in the county, which showed that salaries for both Groves and Ghysels were in the pay range of similar-sized districts. For example, the Moreland Elementary School District, with 3,873 pupils, paid its superintendent \$210,000, compared to Grove's \$216,330 for overseeing 3,617 students.

But the Grand Jury missed some details, too. For example, it did not account for Groves managing the 12,000-student Adult School, a task that justifies some additional compensation.

Perhaps the most ridiculous deduction in the report was the effort to rank superintendents based on their total cost per stu-

dent. No other comparable criteria were used. In the MV Whisman and MVLA districts, the cost-per-student ratios were \$44 and \$59, respectively. This compares positively — but meaninglessly — to, say, the \$195-per-student earnings by the superintendent of an 802-pupil district in the South Bay.

There is no doubt that salaries for top school officials have crept upward — as have those for top administrators in all areas of government. City managers routinely earn more than \$200,000 a year, an amount usually based on the size of a city's population and workforce. As with city management, in the competitive world of school districts there is the challenge of keeping good superintendents on board, lest they move on to a larger district with higher pay.

The revelations contained in the report did grab some headlines, but we doubt they will make much of a difference the next time a school board sits down to determine a superintendent's pay. At that point, the board will want to hire the most competent administrator for the job, and won't worry about paying slightly more to get them. That's especially true in Santa Clara County, where every job seeker is keeping one eye on the area's high housing costs.

In a down economy, it is easy for a grand jury, or anyone else, to sound off about the high salaries being paid to government workers. But few of these attacks acknowledge that there is a free market out there for a limited number of top-notch candidates. We don't believe any school board is eager to overpay a candidate, but we also doubt they would risk losing the best candidate over a few thousand dollars.

Still, the report made a fine populist rallying cry for the many local residents, frustrated by these hard times, who seek a target for their outrage. Those residents should keep in mind that, unlike good school administrators, grand jury reports are a dime a dozen.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

LET'S PUT A MARKET ON MINTON'S SITE

Editor:

I've read stories about homeowners concerned with the high-density housing proposed for the current Minton's Lumber site, and I've read stories about Mountain View officials wanting to bring Palo Alto's JJ&F Market to downtown.

How about building a market on the Minton's site instead of on the Bryant Street location? If you put a market next to the train and light rail stations, the Whisman neighborhood and out-of-town workers could do their shopping via public transportation, and perhaps increase sales revenue for the market without increasing automobile traffic.

Other cities are smart enough to

have markets near their train stations. Why not Mountain View?

Robert Schick
Los Altos Hills

STATE BUDGET ONLY BENEFITS THE RICH

Editor:

Ethics have taken a back seat in the decision by state lawmakers to borrow money from county coffers in order to balance the state budget. It signifies that policymakers are more concerned about padding the pockets of the richest Californians than meeting the basic needs of the poorest with housing, food and health care.

Basic services for low-income people are disproportionately cut, while tax deductions and other public policies which benefit moderate and high-income

earners are left intact.

For example, why didn't the Legislature consider reducing even just a fraction of the benefits received by California homeowners from Proposition 13, which caps property tax rates at 1 percent or less and results in a 57 percent reduction in state tax?

Californians would be well

advised to consider whether the decision to cut basic services for the poor while leaving those in the strongest economic circumstances untouched isn't rather like the old schoolyard bully finding the most isolated and defenseless kid in school to pick on.

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The grilled lamb kebabs at St. Michael's Alley feature lamb, couscous pilaf, grilled vegetables and are drizzled with tzatziki and mint sauces.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Relocated and reenergized

ST. MICHAEL'S ALLEY BRINGS ITS UNIQUE STYLE, EARTHY CUISINE TO NEW PALO ALTO LOCATION

By Dale F. Bentson

In college (OK, it's been a few years), I survived on frozen Swanson chicken pot pies. My local grocery store often had them on sale as a loss leader for 49 cents. Perpetually short on funds, I ate pot pies for both lunch and dinner for weeks on end. Upon graduation, I swore I'd never look another pot pie in the eye.

I changed my tune though after glimpsing St. Michael's Alley chicken pot pie (\$19) being delivered to another table just as we were being seated. After delightful

appetizers, my deep-dish, oversized pot pie arrived, piping hot from the oven, with a golden crust of puff pastry that had oozed over the sides while it baked.

As I pierced the crust with my fork, a steamy vent of appetizing aromas issued forth. Loaded with garden fresh peas, miniature carrots, green onions, leeks and big chunks of white meat, the pie was creamy, crusty and crunchy.

The presentation was so eye-catching that it elicited oohs and ahhs from an adjacent table. It took some time for the pie to cool enough to dig in, but the savory

DINNER BY THE MOVIES AT SHORELINE'S Pizzeria Venti



Recipe from Harry's Bar in Venice

Harry's Bar opened in 1931 when Giuseppe Cipriani, an enterprising bartender at the Hotel Europa in Venice, got some financial assistance from a rich, young American from Boston named Harry Pickering. According to Cipriani company history, Pickering had been a customer at the Hotel Europa for some time, suddenly stopped frequenting the hotel bar. Cipriani saw Pickering one day and asked why he no longer patronized the bar. Pickering was broke, he explained to the bartender -- his family cut him off when it was discovered he had not curtailed his recklessness and fondness for drinking. So, Cipriani loaned his patron a chunk of cash -- about 10,000 lire, or \$5,000 U.S.. Two years later, Pickering walked back into the Hotel Europa, ordered a drink at the bar, handed 10,000 lire to Giuseppe Cipriani -- he then handed Cipriani more. "Mr. Cipriani, thank you. Here's the money. And to show you my appreciation, here's 40,000 more, enough to open a bar. We will call it Harry's Bar," Located on Calle Vallaresso, close to the Piazza San Marco, the bar -- as the Cipriani's have always called it -- was first conceived as a hotel bar, serving no food, and later transformed into a restaurant. There are many imitators, but only one Harry's Bar. To honor this famous Italian culinary icon, we submit our version of one of Harry's Famous recipes...

Tagliolini with shrimp and zucchini from Harry's Bar (TAGLIOLINI CON I GAMBERI E LA ZUCCHINA DALLA HARRY'S BAR)

- 1/2 pound fresh young zucchini cut into 1-inch by 1/4 inch strips
- 1 pound (about 30) medium shrimp, shelled, deveined and cut in half
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/8 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
- salt
- 1 pound dried tagliolini or fettuccine or fresh tagliatelle (egg pasta)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- Splash of dry white wine
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese plus extra to pass at the table

To cook:

Bring a large pot of water to boil before preparing the sauce. If using dry pasta salt boiling water and add pasta. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic, let it cook until golden, about 30 seconds, and discard it. Add the zucchini and cook for two minutes. Add the shrimp, the pepper flakes, and some salt, the wine and cook for three minutes, tossing constantly, until the shrimp are bright pink and firm to the touch. Reserve 1/4 cup of the mixture for garnish. Set aside. If using fresh pasta, salt the boiling water, add the pasta, and cook until "al dente" (about 2-3 minutes). Drain well in a colander. Toss the pasta with the zucchini-and-shrimp mixture, add the butter and the Parmesan, and toss well. Transfer to a heated serving platter dish and garnish with the reserved shrimp-and-zucchini mixture. Pass around a small bowl of grated Parmigiano cheese.

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The chicken pot pie served at St. Michael's Alley.

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pleasures were worth the wait.

Chef CJ Hammer told me that the pot pie was flavored with a pinch of nutmeg added to the white wine, cream and chicken stock base, and a dark roux bound the mixture. Gruyere cheese was added to the puff pastry to achieve the flaky pliable crust he has perfected.

This is the all-new St. Michael's Alley in Palo Alto, at the corner of High and Homer, just around the corner from the original location on Emerson. According to co-owner Michael Sabina, the original site is still used for weekend brunch and private parties. Soon, though, he hopes to start work converting the old space into a neighborhood pizza/pasta bistro.

Sabina, along with wife and co-owner Jennifer Youll, designed and built the new space, which took them two and a half years. A mechanical engineer, Sabina was aided by family and friends who

came from across the country to assist in the build-out. "I think there were at least 20 different people who helped with the project," he said.

"We used a long-felled walnut tree from a friend's property in Woodside to make the bar. I fashioned five different options for Jenny on wainscoting. We drilled through the concrete floor for mechanicals. We recycled and salvaged everywhere we could," he added.

The results are first rate. The space is divided into two separate rooms, three if the outdoor patio is included. One room houses the warm and cozy bar that includes a long striped banquette with tables for those desiring to eat in the lounge.

The dining room is more sophisticated in design, with caramel

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colored walls topping head-high white wainscoting. Contemporary lighting and smart tables and chairs complete an elegant dynamic. Daytime, the patio is the preferred spot. The orange umbrellas glow in the midday sunshine, making both food and patron look healthy and vibrant.

The menu will soon segue into more summery fare, but overall, the food and service have never been better. Perhaps it was just my perception, or perhaps the new space did reenergize the staff.

Appetizers included bruschetta (\$6), an Italian appetizer

America has taken many liberties with. While not the classic bruschetta of garlic-rubbed toast beneath chopped fresh tomatoes and basil, St. Michael's version was appealing. Six toasted baguette slices were smeared with goat cheese and topped with tomato-herb relish that included basil, oregano, rosemary, garlic, green onion, balsamic vinegar and olive oil.

I enjoyed the artichoke and cheese tart (\$7) which was as artistically pleasing as it was good to eat. It was a flavorful and rich cheese custard, similar to quiche but even lighter.

Ginger prawn lollipops (\$9) were another hit. The accompanying Vietnamese-styled complex dipping sauce enlivened the crispy,

fresh tasting jumbo crustaceans.

Also noteworthy was the earthy wild mushroom cake (\$6) topped with crispy leeks and garlic herb sauce. The mushrooms, of course, vary by season. Currently, chef Hammer uses portobellos, oyster and white button mushrooms added to white wine, leek oil, green onions, chives, eggs, cream and panko breadcrumbs.

For main courses, the spring pea risotto (\$17) was a solid bet. Creamy and rich, the still firm grains of rice were studded with leeks, bits of asparagus and wild mushrooms.

Pan roasted juicy Alaskan halibut (\$26) sat atop smashed Yukon gold potatoes infused with sundried tomato beurre blanc sauce. Steamed asparagus with fresh pesto completed the bold flavored plate.

Fresh briny seared sea scallops (\$23) were served with zesty ginger lime beurre blanc risotto topped with fresh mango. Baby bok choy splashed with lime gremolata (parsley, garlic, lime peel) balanced that delicious dish.

Desserts did not disappoint. Strawberry bread pudding (\$7.50) was warm and slightly crunchy. Raspberry parfait (\$8) was a festive frozen puck layered with honey almond mousse, raspberry sauce and whipped cream. Chocolate layer cake (\$7.50) was appropriately dense and gooey, yet not cloying.

Wine prices are fair and many are offered by the glass. There's also a full bar with specialty cocktails.

I liked the old St. Mike's just fine, but am enamored with the new edition. The ambiance is cozy and stylish, the food lively and engaging, the service friendly and knowledgeable. With an ever-evolving menu, it's the kind of place I will never tire of. ▀

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BRUNO ★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen's character Bruno, the gay Austrian fashion reporter, and his outrageous antics are more likely to incite viewers than provide opportunities for insight. Bruno represents a homosexual stereotype that will offend just about everyone — including the gay community — that the comedy's tacked-on ending message of tolerance claims to support. Blacklisted from the fashion runways of Milan, Bruno strikes out for Hollywood with dreams of becoming "the biggest Austrian superstar since Hitler." He doesn't really have a plan, so the narrative meanders from situation to situation like a disjointed sketch comedy. The road to fame and fortune becomes littered with attempts to make sex tapes, volunteer for the coolest charity, get kidnapped and adopt a "man-magnet" baby of African descent. Whereas Cohen's "Borat" holds a mirror up to America and reveals some naked truths, Bruno just gets naked. It's not a pretty sight. *Rated: R for pervasive strong and crude sexual content, graphic nudity and language. 1 hour, 28 minutes. — S.T.*

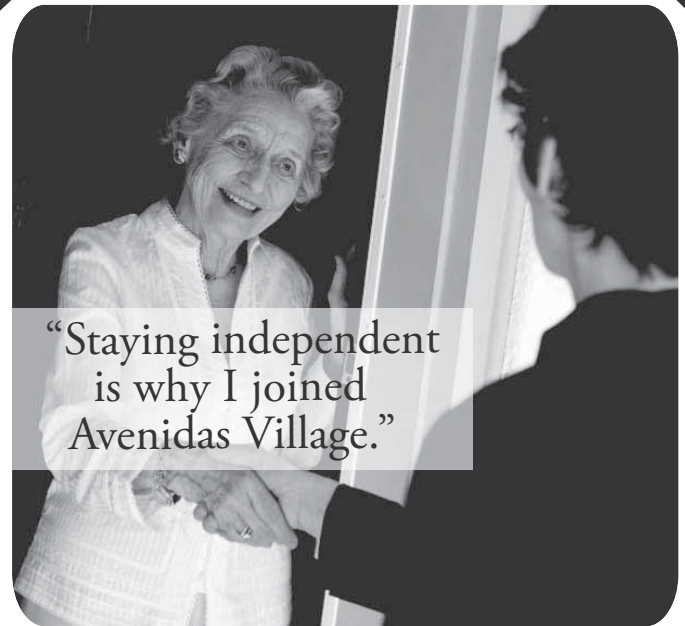
CHERI ★★☆☆1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) The reason to see "Cheri" is the reunion of three key players from the scintillating costume drama "Dangerous Liaisons": actor Michelle Pfeiffer, director Stephen Frears and Oscar-winning screenwriter Christopher Hampton. An adaptation of two Colette novels, "Cheri" doesn't so much get anything wrong; it just fails to go oh-so-right. Retired courtesan Lea takes a 19-year-old lover, nicknamed "Cheri" (Rupert), who shares Lea's experience and is considering retirement for himself. The complications set in after six years of cohabitation, when Cheri's mother Madame Peloux (Kathy Bates) decides that only grandchildren can fulfill her twilight years. Thus Lea must gracefully step aside to allow Cheri to marry properly. "Cheri" would be a devastating short film, but at 100 minutes, it becomes repetitive and a bit dull as the characters impotently fret and argue a fairly obvious situation. *Rated R for some sexual content and brief drug use. One hour, 40 minutes. — P.C.*

FOOD, INC. ★★☆☆1/2

(Aquarius) This film focuses mostly on supply, of corn-fed meat and corn-based products, which account for a staggering number of items on supermarket shelves and fast-food menus. It's all made possible by the assembly-line model, designed for its economic efficiency and justified by its customer guarantee of uniformity. "Food, Inc." paints a fairly dire picture of the stranglehold multinational conglomerates have on our food supply. But before you move to France, the film offers some alternatives. Gary Hirshberg, CEO of

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Stonyfield Farms, proposes beating the system by joining the system or, as he puts it, being Goliath instead of David. And for the ordinary consumer, Robert Kenner follows the advocacy-doc formula by hopefully ending the film with manifesto and website. *Rated PG for some thematic material and disturbing images. One hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

THE GIRL FROM MONACO ★★★1/2

(Aquarius) An upper-class lawyer falls for a middle-class weather girl, raising the hackles of his new best friend, his lower-class bodyguard. Ironically, bodyguard Christophe (Roschdy Zem) may be the classiest of the three characters. Calm, cool, and collected, he's been employed to protect Bertrand (Patrice Luchini), a high-profile criminal. Bertrand finds himself in a co-dependent relationship with Audrey (Louise Bourgoin), a sexpot weather girl who once had a dalliance with Christophe. Presumably reasoning she can capture

some of the big-time Bertrand's reflected gravitas, Audrey resolves to misuse her access to the love-struck Bertrand to fashion a segment invading his personal life, to his probable embarrassment. And thus sexual and class tensions emerge in this "love" triangle, if it can be called that. "The Girl from Monaco" is a fair diversion in what turns out to be a psychological thriller vein, but the decent snap of its comedic first half fails to convert into chair-gripping suspense. *Rated R for language and some sexual content. One hour, 35 minutes.* — P.C.

THE HANGOVER ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Doug Billings (Justin Bartha) wants simply to have fun with his friends before tying the knot. Teacher Phil Wenneck (Bradley) is a smart rabble-rouser. Alan Garner (Zach Galifianakis) is a well-meaning misfit. And dentist Stu Price (Ed Helms) has allowed an abusive girlfriend to quash his sense of excitement. Doug, Phil, Alan and Stu drive to Las Vegas for the bachelor party and alcohol-fueled debauchery. Stu, Phil and Alan wake up the next morning in a trashed hotel room with no memory of the previous night. They also discover two unusual guests in the room: a baby boy and a Bengal tiger. Plus, Doug is nowhere to be found. Panic sets in as the trio tries to piece together the night's events. *Rated: R for drug material, pervasive language, sexual content and nudity. 1 hour, 40 minutes.* — T.H.

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Based on the penultimate novel of J.K. Rowling's seven-novel series, director David Yates' second "Harry Potter" film makes Rowling's characters and environs yet richer and deeper with (coming of) age. Hogwarts' headmaster Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon) focuses on preparing Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) for the task of defeating evil. The key to defeating dark wizard Voldemort is a memory locked away and closely guarded in the mind of his former Potions professor Horace Slughorn (Jim Broadbent, brilliant here), who reluctantly agrees to return to his post at Hogwarts. As Harry plies for Slughorn's secret, the school is thick with romantic entanglements complicated by unrequited love. Harry's best friends Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) are meant for each other, though they haven't yet acknowledged what's apparent to Harry; meanwhile, Harry pines for Ron's sister Ginny (Bonnie Wright). *Rated PG for scary images, some violence, language and mild sensuality. Two hours, 33 minutes.* — P.C.

THE HURT LOCKER ★★★1/2

(CineArts) Films about the Iraq War have shown box-office hoodoo, but director Kathryn Bigelow locates in "The Hurt Locker" both the expected and unexpected drama of an Army bomb squad in 2004 Baghdad. Bigelow immediately establishes her action dynamics and inhospitable setting in a gripping opening sequence of Bravo Company going about its work of

locating, sizing up and defusing IEDs. One member of the company will not survive the operation, which opens the door for Staff Sgt. William James (Jeremy Renner) to join the team. Despite his precise skill, he's exasperatingly cavalier, rushing in where angels fear to tread. His willful, wild disregard of safety protocols can be taken as no-nonsense or pure nonsense, depending on one's point of view. To James' still-shaken colleagues — Sgt. J.T. Sanborn (Anthony Mackie) and Specialist Owen Eldridge (Brian Geraghty) — their new commander is himself a ticking time bomb, whose recklessness threatens to deliver them more fatality. *Rated R for language and war violence. Two hours, 1 minutes.* — P.C.

ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) By bounding happily into outright science fiction, the third film in the "Ice Age" series will work just fine on wide-eyed tots and weary parents glad to take a seat for 94 minutes. Of course, unless you have kids or are a kid, there's really no imperative to see this CGI-animated adventure. It's not bad, but it's also faintly derivative at every turn. This time, Manny the Mammoth and his mate, Ellie (voiced by Ray Romano and Queen Latifah), are expecting a child. Saber-toothed tiger Diego (Denis Leary) is feeling his age when he tries to chase down gazelles. And sloth Sid (John Leguizamo) happens upon three dinosaur eggs to occupy him. When he becomes mama to three baby T. rexes, he buys everyone he knows a lot of trouble. *Rated: PG for some mild rude humor and peril. 1 hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

MY SISTER'S KEEPER ★★★1/2

(Century 20) Cameron Diaz is Sara Fitzgerald, the take-no-prisoners mom of a tenacious teen who's slowly dying of leukemia. But the focus isn't on mom nor is it always on the patient herself (Sofia Vassilieva as Kate), an ethereal spirit who has grown wise beyond her years. The moral crux is Kate's younger sister Anna (Abigail Breslin), a petri-engineered "perfect match" who tires of her role as genetic savior to her big sis and files to become medically emancipated from her parents in order to stop them from donating her kidney. This is a sticky ethical dilemma that's timely and thought-provoking, though director Nick Cassavetes threatens to dilute its message with conventional miscues: clumsy transitions, weepy background tunes and the maximum manipulation allowable for a three-hanky weeper. "Keeper" is a mawkish yet worthy enough addition to the summer line-up. *Rated: PG-13 for language, disturbing images and mature themes. 1 hour, 46 minutes.* — J.A.

THE PROPOSAL ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds share a spark and serve up laughs despite a predictable storyline and a few senseless scenarios. Upright but uber-successful book editor Margaret Tate (Bullock) runs her New

York office with all the compassion of a coyote in a chicken coop. Her assistant Andrew (Reynolds) does her bidding, despite urging from his family to quit. When Margaret faces deportation to her native Canada over a neglected visa application, she blackmails Andrew to marry her so she can stay in New York. As Margaret gets to know Andrew's energetic clan — especially his mother (Mary Steenburgen) and grandmother (White) — she begins to shed her icy exterior and look at Andrew as much more than just a latte-fetching flunky. *Rated: PG-13 for sexual content, nudity and language. 1 hour, 47 minutes.* — T.H.

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. 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), navigator Chekov (Anton Yelchin), and the brash James T. Kirk (Chris Pine), destined to follow in his father's footsteps to become a Starfleet captain. Before the Enterprise takes its maiden voyage in response to a mysterious threat, Abrams gets to work with some surprisingly rich and 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.

UP ★★★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Senior citizen Carl Fredrickson (voice of Edward Asner) wasn't always a gruff and standoffish. He was a boy eager for adventure. He was a loyal husband to his wife, Ellie. He was happy. Following Ellie's death, crews demolished the familiar neighborhood around Carl. Now he sits on his porch, and even exuberant young wilderness explorer Russell (voice of Jordan Nagai) can't lift him from his mood. When the threat of being placed in a nursing home confronts Carl, he decides to do something drastic. He attaches vibrant balloons to the house's chimney and sets off for Paradise Falls, a mysterious locale in South America that Ellie longed to visit. When Carl realizes he has an accidental stowaway in Russell, his plans for a quiet escape are thrown askew. Hilarious, heartwarming and beautifully animated, "Up" is one of the year's first truly exceptional films. *Rated: PG for some peril and action. 1 hour, 36 minutes.* — T.H.

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ART GALLERIES

"Grandchildren on Vacation" The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center presents "Grandchildren on Vacation," an exhibition of batiks by Mathangi Sundararajan, in the Mohr Gallery vestibule. Sundararajan been creating & teaching batik & tie dye for almost 40 years. The show runs through Aug. 13, open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 3. Free. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 x305. www.arts4all.org/view

Art to Awaken the Heart The art of Shiloh Sophia McCloud is featured through September. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Free. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. www.eastwest.com

Our Valley's Emotional Landscape 1997-2008 works on paper by Mountain View-based artist Robert C. Schick, representing images of landscapes of the Mountain View and Los Altos area. Through July 26, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. No charge, donations accepted. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 305. www.arts4all.org/view

AUDITIONS

Peninsula Women's Chorus Auditions The award-winning Peninsula Women's Chorus, an ensemble of 50 women performing classical and contemporary music, is holding auditions for experienced singers Aug. 17, 20 and by arrangement. All voice parts considered. www.pwchorus.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.

CONCERTS

Twilight Park Concert Lydia Pense and Cold Blood play rhythm and blues music. Presented by the City of Palo Alto Division of Arts & Culture Tuesday, Aug. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Mitchell Park Bowl, 600 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4944.

Voices of the Valley Presents 2009 Annual Concert The concert features excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" and Chinese opera "Legend of the White Snake" by Hsu Chang Wei. Sat., July 25, 7:30-10 p.m. \$15 general, \$12 children under 12 & seniors. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. <http://www.voicesofthevalley.org>

DANCE

Ballroom Dancing Waltz and Viennese Waltz will be taught Fri., July 24, 8 p.m. Lessons for beginning and intermediate levels, no experience and no partner necessary. General dance party 9 p.m.-midnight. Singles and couples welcome. Free refreshments. Dressy casual attire. \$8 Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-856-9930. www.readybyte.com/fridaynightdance

Contra Dance / Live Music/ 4th Sat in Palo Alto Free beginners' class 7-8 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m. Caller: Graham Waldon. Band: Alan Snyder, David Hansen. Sat., July 25, admission \$10, members \$8; students \$5. 1st Church Palo Alto 2Fl, 625 Hamilton & Byron., Palo Alto. Call 650-965-9169. www.bacds.org/series/contra/palo_alto

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

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Green Mountain View monthly meeting Discussion group on improving sustainability in Mountain View. Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library Community Room, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-3720. www.greenmountainview.org

EXHIBITS

3 Artists "3 Artists": paintings by Nancy Eckels, mixed media assemblages by Werner Glinka and paintings by Asha Menghrajani. Reception Aug. 21, 5-7 p.m. Paul G. Allen Building (C.I.S.). 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free Stanford Art Spaces, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 650-725-3622. cis.stanford.edu/~marigros

Ben Dean - Account Exhibition Stanford University's Department of Art & Art History presents Account, a multimedia project by Ben Dean, an interdisciplinary artist working in video, film, installation and sculpture. Through Aug. 16, Tue.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Free. Thomas Welton Stanford Art Gallery, 419 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-3404. art.stanford.edu

California Living the Sunset Way Exhibit focuses on the creation of the ideal California lifestyle as portrayed in the pages of Sunset publications in three historically critical periods: the Great Depression; WWII; and the post-war 1950s suburban boom. Emphasis on the Lane family influence on the magazine's success. Through Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

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Pop to Present This exhibition features a selection of works acquired over the past 10 years, chosen for their aesthetic strength, historic significance, and/or rarity. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thu. until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

FAMILY AND KIDS

"Aladdin" Peninsula Youth Theatre presents its production of the Disney classic, July 17-26. \$16 adults, \$14 children 12 and up Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA, 94306. Call 650-988-8798. pyt.net

Baby Storytime Songs and finger plays for ages 6-18 months. Wednesdays through Aug. 12. 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Main Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

Kindermusik demo classes Free sample Kindermusik classes are planned, allowing kids to sing, move to music and play instruments. July 28: 10 a.m. toddlers (18 months-3 years), 11 a.m. babies (0-18 months), 1:15 p.m. preschoolers (3-5 years). July 29: 9:30 a.m. babies, 10:30 a.m. toddlers, 1:15 pm entering K/1. RSVP required. Free. Nelson home, 1404 Bonita Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-968-4733. wendyofmv.kindermusik.net

Pirates, Pirates Everywhere! P&T Puppets will perform "Pirates! The Pie Rats of Penn's Aunt." Sponsored by the Friends of the Palo Alto Library. Aug. 12, 3:30-4:15 p.m. 3:30-4:15 p.m. Free Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

Safety Training This training will include Basic CPR, life-saving skills. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. \$40. Home Safety Training, 862 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0204. www.allcareplus.org

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Yoga with Shyamoli Take a break from your busy day for a yoga class with your child. Shyamoli tells stories about the different poses as she instructs the children. For ages 3-6. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Palo Alto Library. Aug. 2, 2-2:45 p.m. 2-2:45 p.m. Free Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

LIVE MUSIC

Be Green, Give Red at Stanford Blood Center's Bach & Bite Event Food, classical music and blood donations at the Bach & Bite event at Stanford Blood Center's Hillview location in Palo Alto. Sat., Aug. 1, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-723-7265. bloodcenter.stanford.edu

Bells Shake the Sky Bells Shake the Sky plays indie pop-rock just after the release of the band's first EP. July 24, 8 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. www.redrockcoffee.org/

Irish Music Session Irish songs for a pub restaurant and bar. Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. St. Stephen's Green, 223 Castro St., Mountain View. www.ststephensgreen.com/index.html

Maureen McGovern, In Concert TheatreWorks 8th Annual New Works Festival presents the Grammy Award-winning singer, Maureen McGovern in "The Long and Winding Road: The Concert." Featuring the music of James Taylor, Carol King, and Bob Dylan. Aug. 6, 8 p.m. \$75. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

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Mike Edel and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Pop-folk artist Mike Edel and folk band Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful perform together. July 25, 8 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. www.redrock-coffee.org

Peruvian Night DJ MGD spins Latin American songs all night long every first and third Saturday of the month. Free. St. Stephen's Green, 223 Castro St., Mountain View. www.ststephensgreen.com/index.html

The Brian Pardo Group Brian Pardo plays guitar with Lynn Ray Pardo as vocals and Frank Martin on keys. Allan Hall drums while Sheldon Brown plays horns with Peter Barshay on bass. Sat., Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Dana Street Roasting Company, 744 W. Dana St., Mountain View. www.danastreetroasting.com/

The Jack Conway Trio The Jack Conway Trio features classic jazz with vocalist Juanita Harris. Fri., July 24, 8-10 p.m. Free. Dana Street Roasting Company, 744 W. Dana St., Mountain View. www.jackconwaytrio.com

ON STAGE

"Florodora" Lyric Theatre presents the 1900 Broadway show "Florodora" in a semi-staged performance with salon orchestra. Aug. 1 and Aug. 2, 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. \$20 Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, SecondStage, 500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA. www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/mvcpa/aug09.html

"Libation Bearers" by Aeschylus Stanford Summer Theater will present The Electra Festival from July 13 - August 27, 2009, an exploration of one of Greek theater's historic heroines through the stage and film. The festival will include a staged reading of "Libation Bearers" by Aeschylus in Pigott Theater on Stanford's campus. Wed., Aug. 5, 7-9 p.m. Free (reservations recommended). Pigott Theater, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 773-680-2233. summertheater.stanford.edu

"Makeover" TheatreWorks' 8th Annual

New Works Festival presents a staged reading of the new musical, "MakeOver." Abandoned after World War II, a feisty mom parleys her gift for gab and glamor into an empire, catering to the dreams of women across the country. Wed., Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

"Oklahoma!" The first musical created by the team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II comes to life on the stage of the Bus Barn Theater. July 17-Aug. 1, 8 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, students. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

"Tinyard Hill" TheatreWorks presents the world premiere of Tinyard Hill. Set in the 1960's, this new musical tells the story of a young blacksmith in Georgia. When true love and a draft notice arrive within days, his world is turned upside down. July 15-Aug. 16, \$29 (student) - \$67. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

Electra by Euripides Stanford Summer Theater will present The Electra Festival from July 13 - August 27, 2009, an exploration of one of Greek theater's historic heroines through the stage and film. The festival will include a staged reading of "Electra" by Euripides in Pigott Theater on Stanford's campus. Aug. 12, 7-9 p.m. Free (reservations recommended). Pigott Theater, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 773-680-2233. summertheater.stanford.edu

Hurwitt & Kelley TheatreWorks launches its 40th season with the 8th Annual New Works Festival, now open to the public. In this special 40th Anniversary "Coffee Talk with Kelley," San Francisco Chronicle Critic Rob Hurwitt explores 40 years of growth with TheatreWorks Founding Artistic Director Robert Kelley. Mon., July 27, 7:30 p.m. \$10. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

Mel Brooks' "The Producers" Foothill Music Theatre presents the Broadway musical comedy "The Producers" by Mel Brooks. Director Jay Manley helms this show about two Broadway producers trying to get rich quick. July 24-Aug. 16, 8 p.m. \$26 general admission; \$24 seniors (65 and over); \$18 students. Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road (El Monte exit West, off Hwy 280), Los Altos. www.foothillmusicals.com

Rengstorff House Arts Festival Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" presented by Woman's Will, the all-female Shakespeare troupe, in the gardens. Lawn seating. General admission. Sun., Aug. 2, 1-3



SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

"Happy Feet" will be shown. Bring own blanket or lawn chair. Free popcorn and light refreshments served. Sponsored by the City of Mountain View Recreation Division and Youth Advisory Committee. Fri., July 24, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Free. Eagle Park, 652 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. www.mountainview.gov

p.m. Free. Donations encouraged. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.r-house.org

Sophocles' Electra Stanford Summer Theater presents the Electra Festival, July 13-Aug. 27. The Festival includes a full production of Sophocles' "Electra" in Memorial Auditorium on the Stanford University campus. 8-10 p.m. \$20 (general admission) \$15 Stanford alumni with ID, \$15 senior citizens, \$10 students with ID. Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Palo Alto. Call 650-725-5838. summertheater.stanford.edu

The Sparrow and the Birdman TheatreWorks 8th Annual New Works Festival presents a staged reading of "The Sparrow and the Birdman." In a song-filled drama, chanteuse Edith Piaf encounters Jean Cocteau in 1930's Paris. The mysterious star's unforgettable voice proves irresistible to the eccentric writer. Mon., Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

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Star Party Join the Peninsula Astronomical Society on vista Hill for a look at the wonders of the night sky. Telescopes provided or bring own. Open to Palo Alto residents and accompanied guests. Enter park before 8:30 p.m. closing time. July 25, 8:30-11 p.m. Free. Foothills Park, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills.

Sunday Baylands Birdwalks Learn to identify the birds of the Palo Alto Baylands. Designed for beginners (ages 9 and up) and others interested in recognizing the area's birds by sight, sound and behaviors. Meeting time varies to coincide with favorable tides. Call or email for current schedule. Free. Baylands Nature Center, 2775 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2506.

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.

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Sunday Morning Forum The Humanist Community in Silicon Valley holds a weekly Sunday morning forum. Forums cover a variety of social, philosophical and ethical topics. Forum is free: donations appreciated. A schedule of events is available upon request. 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3800 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.humanists.org

SPORTS

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TALKS/AUTHORS

"The Next Big Thing in the Mobile World" In this Commonwealth Club, various people from the tech world will talk about the opportunities and challenges facing mobile-device companies in an increasingly innovative world for wireless handsets. Aug. 5, 6:15-8 p.m. \$15 members; \$25 non-members Microsoft Corp., Building 1, 1065 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Call 1-800-847-7730. www.commonwealthclub.org/sv

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Mountain View Teen Center The Mountain View Teen Center is open to middle school students to come hang out with their friends. This free drop-in program is supervised by trained Recreation Leaders and offers a social atmosphere in a safe environment. Thu.-Sat., 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Teen Center, 298 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/teen_services.asp

Teen Open Gym Teen open gyms on Saturday nights for various sports. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/teen_services.asp



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2544 W. Middlefield Rd., Mountain View
2BR/1.5BA \$460,000
Two story end unit townhouse with many upgrades. Absolutely Gorgeous!!

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CHARMING HOME ON TREE-LINED STREET

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2443 TAMALPAIS STREET, MOUNTAIN VIEW

This lovely home is on one of the prettiest streets in Monta Loma with lush trees and pretty courtyard-style homes. It has the following features:

- Three bedrooms, two baths.
- Updated kitchen with tile floors, dining area, and new dishwasher and refrigerator.
- Light-filled living room with high, beamed ceiling and woodburning fireplace.
- Large, private courtyard with newer patio. Professional landscaping around courtyard and in back of house with new, automatic drip system.
- Approx. 1,280 sq.ft., lot size: approx. 5,000 sq.ft.
- Remodeled bathrooms with lovely tiled floors and shower walls.
- Hardwood floors in living room, hall and bedrooms.
- Attached two-car, dry-walled garage with auto door opener.
- Newer textured concrete driveway and sidewalk.

Listing price \$745,000

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13400 Pastel Lane, Mountain View



4 Beds | 2.5 Baths | Sq. Ft. 1,806 | \$/Sq. Ft. \$712

Rare opportunity!

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Price: \$1,259,999

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12374 Melody Ln, Los Altos Hills

NEW PRICE!



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1:30-4:30

Offered at \$2,695,000

A true treetop hideaway is what this 5/6 bedroom, 4 bath home offers, nestled high in the Hills among dozens of gorgeous coast live oak trees. A private seasonal creek gently flows past the property and large level areas above the home and below provide space for outdoor recreational activities. Inside the home, custom details abound in the living space of over 5,000 square feet.

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1275 WINDIMER, LOS ALTOS

1174 AWALT DR., MOUNTAIN VIEW




Two-Level Mediterranean style home with 3,712 square foot of living area and over 17,302 square foot lot with 5 bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms. Breathtaking interior design by signature Interiors of Los Altos.
\$2,745,000

2-story home w 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Approx. 2,681 sf. Sunny eat-in kitchen with garden window. Xtra large family rm, wood stove and access to outside patio. Formal liv & din rms. Master suite w/ jetted tub. Beautifully landscaped approx. 10,019 sf lot. Private fenced backyard w/patio & sparkling pool.
\$1,450,000

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248 Walker Drive #10 Mountain View

Open Sat & Sun
1:30 to 4:30



Updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo end unit on top floor
Large open living room w/ fireplace & vaulted ceiling
Open kitchen with granite counter top
Private deck overlooks lakes
Master suite w/ walk-in closet
Detached 1 car garage
Inside laundry hook-ups
Complex pool & spa
Priced at: \$518,000

913 Camille Lane Mountain View

Shown by Appointment



Elegant 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath townhome only 6 years old
Dual master suites w/ vaulted ceilings & walk-in closets
Living room with fireplace
Kitchen w/ granite counters
Separate dining room
Attached 2 car garage
Inside laundry hook-ups
2,022 sq ft per Metroscan
Priced at: \$829,000

50 E. Middlefield Rd. #35 Mountain View

Shown by Appointment



Excellent 1 bedroom, 1 bath ground floor condo in park like setting
Living room with wet bar, fireplace & slider to patio
Well maintained complex w/ clubhouse & swimming pool
Conveniently located near Steven's Creek Trail, park and tennis courts
Priced at: \$275,000

181 Ada Ave. #48 Mountain View

Open Saturday
1:30 to 4:30



Desirable 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome w/ dual master suites
Spacious living room with corner fireplace
Freshly painted and new carpet throughout
Remodeled kitchen with granite counter top
Inside laundry
Attached garage plus assigned parking space
Priced at: \$575,000

Downtown Mountain View Living at its Best!

382 MERCY STREET



Open Sat & Sun 1:30-4:30

3 bedrooms + office | 2 baths
This fabulous fully remodeled home offers the best of both worlds - Old Mountain View character & charm along with all of the modern upgrades & conveniences! A rare gem just steps from Mercy-Bush park & Castro Street... this is truly one you will want to see inside.
OFFERED AT \$1,199,000

515 MINTON

SALE PENDING



Shows like model home!
Bright open floor plan, NEW maple bw floors, UPGRADED granite kitchen w/ ss appliances, NEW paint inside & out, upstairs laundry, attached 2 car garage, side yard, balcony & all 3 bdrms together on 2nd floor of this fabulous SINGLE-FAMILY HOME in ideal location just steps from Castro Street, Caltrain & the weekly Farmer's Market!
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171 Stockwell Drive, Mountain View

Sale Pending




Whisman Station Community

- 2 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths End Unit
- Loft/Office can be converted back to 3rd Bedroom
- Property Built in 2006
- Granite Kitchen Counter Tops including Island/Breakfast Bar
- Upgraded Kitchen Appliances
- Recessed Lighting in Kitchen
- Central Heating & Air Conditioning
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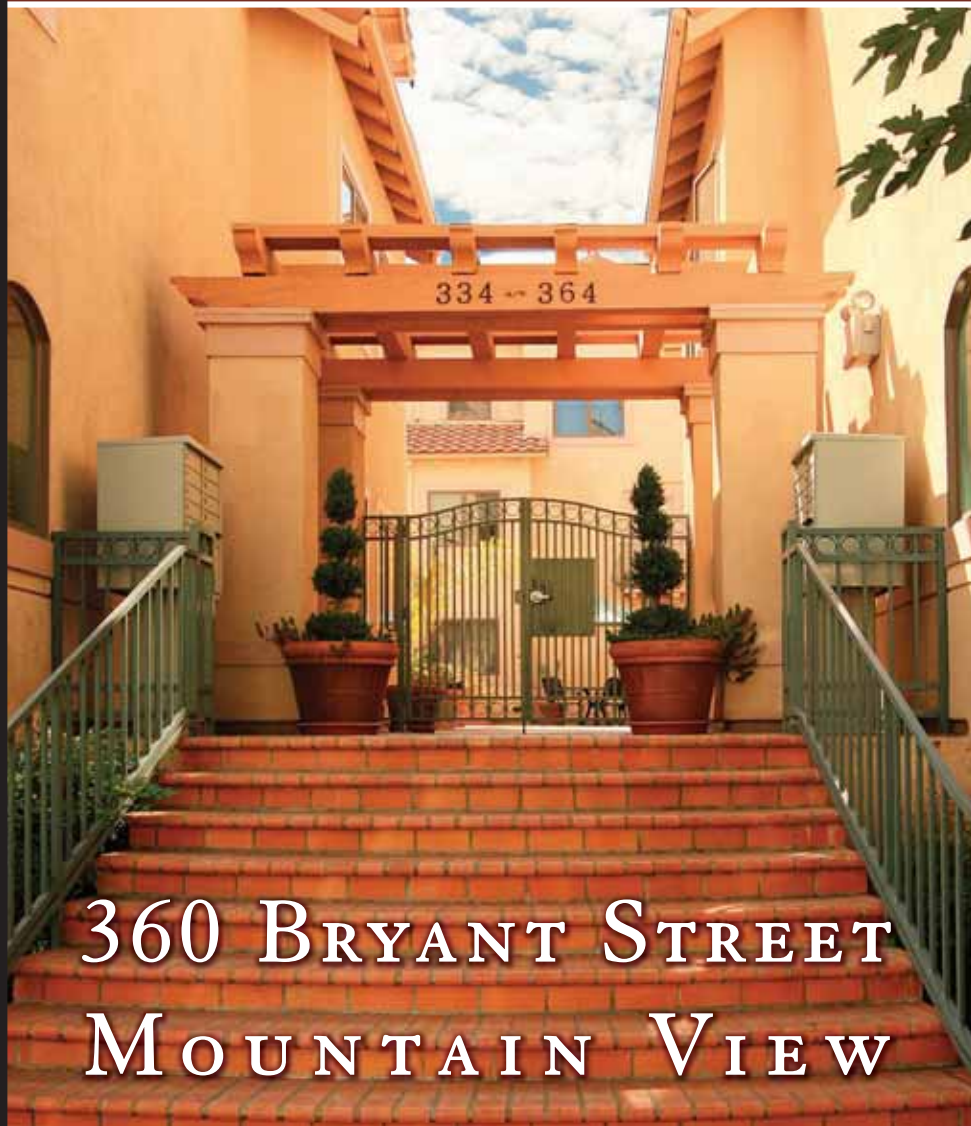
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Listed at \$698,000

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LOS ALTOS HILLS

11655 JESSICA LANE **\$2,895,000**

Situated on one acre of beautifully landscaped grounds, this immaculate home offers an excellent close-in yet private location. With 4 bedroom and 3 baths and approximately 4,000 SF, the home is in move-in condition with gorgeous hardwood floors, intricate ceilings, and expansive walls of windows. Other features include an updated kitchen, spacious media/family/play room, gracious living and dining rooms, pool, spa and level lawn – for the quintessential California lifestyle!

SUNNYVALE

859 MARANTA AVENUE **\$965,000**

Move right in to this picture-perfect 3 BR/2 BA home located on a quiet st in one of Sunnyvale's most desirable neighborhoods. This beautifully remodeled home w/1356 sqft welcomes you with glistening hwd flrs, eat-in kitchen w/granite counters and birch cabinets. Light pours into this cozy family rm w/fp and French doors that lead to the beautifully landscaped backyard & brick patio offering perfect year round indoor/outdoor living.

▼ OPEN SUNDAY, 1:30-4:30

LOS ALTOS HILLS

12011 GREENHILLS COURT **\$4,195,000**

Gated property on quiet cul-de-sac on a highly desired street in Los Altos Hills. Great floor plan featuring 5 bedrooms and 3 baths plus office/study with wet bar. Spacious rooms throughout, newer appliances in kitchen, remodeled master bath, with tennis court and pool, 3 car garage. Minutes to town.



12125 OAK PARK COURT **\$3,498,000**

Great value in this 6,300 sq. ft., 4 acre, newer style home. Nice floor plan with soaring ceilings, 6 bedrooms, 4.5 bath with office and au-pair with separate entrance. Expansive land with many possibilities for pool and tennis court. Huge MDA 54,129 sq. ft. and MFA 22,496 sq. ft.

27682 BRIONES CT **\$2,795,000**

Experience the breathtaking views from this exquisite Mediterranean style estate. This beautifully landscaped property is a showcase for entertaining and family living. Conveniently located, this estate offers easy access to The Village, downtown Palo Alto, and commute access.

LOS ALTOS

253 FREMONT AVE **\$2,595,000**

Beautiful gated estate property situated on approx. 37,600 sq.ft. lot. Charmingly remodeled with 3 bedrms, 2 and 1 half baths, formal living rm spacious dining rm, wonderful kitchen with granite counters opens to family rm. Country club backyard, features separate 2-story gst hs w/ kit/bed/bath, grand pool w/ waterfalls and sprawling lawns, fruit trees, 2-car garage plus room for add. garages.

1642 PARKHILLS AVENUE **\$2,195,000**

Custom built home exceeds all expectations w/ spacious floor plan that has 4BR including master bedrm suite w/sitting area and 3 full baths. Superbly designed w/approx. 2,841sq.ft., the home features a large living rm, formal dining rm, gourmet kitchen w/ grand center island that opens to the family/great rm and breakfast area. Gorgeous hwd flrs throughout.



355 ARBOLEDA DRIVE **\$1,198,000**

First time on the market! Three bedrooms, 1 bath, ranch home features eat-in kitchen, spacious living room/dining room with cozy fireplace. Wall of windows over looks covered patio and large backyard great for entertaining!

▼ BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

PALO ALTO

TOP FLOOR UNIT **\$449,000**

Wonderful 1 bedroom, 1 bath, located on the third level. 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.

MOVE RIGHT IN! **\$430,000**

West of 101. Minutes from downtown Palo Alto, Stanford University, miles of walking and biking trails. 1brm 1ba, walk-in closet, interior laundry, work-out room, swimming pool, jacuzzi all located in a gated, secure building.

LOS ALTOS HILLS

24286 ELISE CT **\$2,649,500**

Located on a secluded acre, this beautifully landscaped classic California Estate features a fabulous swimming pool and gorgeous mountain views. This one of a kind two story family home boasts 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with 3,750 sq. ft. (approx.) of living space. Some of the features include wide plank hardwood floors, double pane windows, remodeled bathrooms, oversized 3 car garage.

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1033 Crestview Dr Unit 316, Mountain View www.1033Crestview.com



New on the market! Beautifully remodeled 2 bedroom/ 2 bathroom penthouse condo in Crestview complex located on a great neighborhood street in Mountain View. Private large balcony, inside laundry, swimming pool, secure building and grounds.

Offered at \$350,000

10 Towne Circle, Mountain View www.10TowneCircle.com



Rarely available largest end-unit townhouse in the Ryland Towne Court complex. 7 years new and in immaculate, move-in condition. This gorgeous townhouse is spacious and bright with 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, approximately 2,128 square feet plus 2 car garage. It has an amazing floorplan with high ceilings, living room with gas fireplace, separate dining area, large family room that opens to balcony and spacious open kitchen with center island, breakfast bar and built-in desk. Upstairs bedrooms are a master suite and junior suite. Don't miss this opportunity to own such an exceptional townhouse at a great value!

Offered at \$769,000

1248 Christobal Privada, Mountain View www.1248Christobal.com



Beautiful one story spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom townhouse is located on a cul-de-sac in the desirable Cuernavaca complex. Approx. 1,703 square feet with dramatic vaulted ceilings in living room and dining room. Sparkling kitchen with breakfast bar and nook. Newer Pergo floors throughout main areas and bedrooms, designer tiles in the bathrooms. Large back and side yards. Attached 2 car garage.

Easy access to the 85 freeway. Well maintained common grounds and tons of amenities in this premier complex: 2 swimming pools, exercise room, clubhouse, private tennis courts, children's playground, green belt. Huff Elementary, Graham Middle and Mountain View High (buyer to verify).

Offered at \$899,000

1690 California St, Mountain View www.1690CaliforniaSt.com



Welcome home to this beautifully rebuilt from the studs up "like new" and expanded one story cottage style home with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths including a spacious new master suite with vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet, private master bath and sliding patio door to the back courtyard. Approximately 1,700 sq ft living space. Desirably located in Old Mountain View close to downtown.

Offered at \$929,000

Please contact Caroline Ratelle 650-380-3389 or David Chung 650-302-6027 for more information or to schedule a showing.



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Open Sat & Sun
LOS ALTOS **5 BR | 3.5 BA**

891 NANCY LN **\$1,975,000**
3000+ SF with family room, hardwood floors, excellent Los Altos Schools
Rod Creason **650.325.6161**



Open Sat & Sun
MOUNTAIN VIEW **2 BR | 1.5 BA**

2544 W MIDDLEFIELD RD **\$460,000**
Cheerful, upscale townhouse with vaulted ceilings, many upgrades, garden-like patio.
Lynne Mercer **650.325.6161**



Open Sat & Sun
MOUNTAIN VIEW **4 BR | 2 BA**

382 MERCY ST **\$1,199,000**
Tons of Old Mountain View charm with all the modern upgrades & conveniences!
Kim Copher **650.941.7040**



MOUNTAIN VIEW **4 BR | 2 BA**

BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM RANCH **\$855,000**
Quality workmanship is evident in this lovely custom built home.
Terrie Masuda **650.941.7040**



LOS ALTOS **2 BR | 2 BA**

CREEKSIDE OAKS RETREAT **\$1,198,000**
2 BR 2 BA Gated community. Fireplace, moldings, built-ins & plantation shutters. Den & dining room.
Joanne Fraser **650.941.7040**



Open Sunday
MOUNTAIN VIEW **5 BR | 2.5 BA**

2724 DOVERTON SQ **\$1,389,000**
Lrg pvt lot, sep fam, liv & din rms, AC, SOLAR panels, remod kit/baths, VERY nice mstr ba
Nancy Adele Stuhr **650.948.0456**

ATHERTON
BEAUTIFUL ATHERTON ESTATE **\$3,995,000**
4BD/4.5BA in main hse, and a fully contained pool hse, sep guest cottage. Pool. 3 car gar
Mickey Shaevitz **650.941.7040**

LOS ALTOS
635 PALM AV
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,549,000**
3 BR 3 BA On a beautiful tree-lined street, totally rmld hm has fantastic appeal both inside & out.
Terri Couture **650.941.7040**

MENLO PARK
VIBRANT & CHEERFUL **\$445,000**
2 BR 2 BA Bright & sunny unit in a great location. For residents 55+. Lovely gated community.
Yasemin Richardson **650.948.0456**

PALO ALTO
2814 SOUTH CT
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,395,000**
5 BR 3.5 BA Old Palo Alto. Charming arbor gated entry. Spacious floor plan spanning 3 levels.
R. Brendan Leary **650.325.6161**

PALO ALTO
153 S CALIFORNIA AV #F109
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$630,000**
2 BR 2 BA Ground floor 1 level unit in Palo Alto Central. Private patio, open floor plan. In-unit laundry.
Kathleen Jarvis Pasin **650.325.6161**

CAMPBELL
664 REGAS DR
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,050,000**
4 BR 3 BA Remodeled Kitchen & Family Room w/ granite, stainless steel appliances
Jim Galli **650.941.7040**

471 PINE LN
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,375,000**
3 BR 2 BA Large liv/din space, 2 fp, Light and bright! Close to top rated Los Altos schools
Karin Clark **650.941.7040**

MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESORT-LIKE HOME **\$1,629,000**
5 BR 3 BA Top-of-the-line upgrades, heated gazebo, pool. Full wet-bar, bonus loft, outdoor kitchen.
Owen Halliday **650.325.6161**

PALO ALTO SCHOOLS
4 BR 2.5 BA Wonderful Palo Alto home situated on a cul-de-sac 2,639 sq ft and 16,200 sq ft lot.
Phyllis Carmichael **650.941.7040**

101 ALMA ST. #304
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$630,000**
2 BR 2 BA Fabulous opportunity to live in downtown. Secured highrise. Updated kitchen & bath. Sunny unit
Amy Sung **650.325.6161**

LOS ALTOS
TRADITIONAL MASTERPIECE **\$3,390,000**
5 BR 5.5 BA Stunning custom designed home w/ exquisite attention to detail. 5 bdrm suites,
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FAR REACHING VIEWS
Views of Montebello Range on a new cul-de-sac. MFA is 5,700 sq. ft.
Gerry Lawrence **650.941.7040**

SPACIOUS HOME **\$1,598,000**
6 BR 4 BA Featuring a gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors, formal dining room, huge living room with vaulted ceilings.
Gary Herbert **650.941.7040**

548 BARRON AVE
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,045,000**
4 BR 3.5 BA New traditional home w/elegant taste. Luxury finishes, Corinthian columns
Jessica Tang **650.328.5211**

SARATOGA
21510 SARATOGA HEIGHTS
SUN 1:30 - 4:00 **\$2,695,000**
5 BR 4.5 BA Stunning views on 1.5 acres. Large sq ftage home includes dramatic kitchen, den, Wine rm, pool hse
Susie Dews & Shena Hurley **650.325.6161**

GOLF COURSE VIEW! **\$3,330,000**
5 BR 4 BA Backs to LACC 13th Fairway! Elegant, light filled Hm. 4178 sq ft, 5BR+ Den, Two, 2 car garages
Charlene Geers **650.941.7040**

65 PASA ROBLES AV
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,275,000**
3 BR 2.5 BA Convenient to top-rated Los Altos schools, shops, downtown, freeways. Updated kitchen.
Jim Galli **650.941.7040**

LUXURY TOWNHOME **\$829,000**
3 BR 3.5 BA FP, hi ceiling, sep family room, 2-car. Nearly new with 2 master suites. Living room with fireplace, high ceiling, wood floors.
Royce Cablayan **650.948.0456**

1212 PARKINSON AV
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,950,000**
4 BR 3 BA Community Center Home! Open, Bright & Spacious. 2500 sqft living space & 5000 sqft lot.
Maha Najjar **650.325.6161**

SUNNYVALE
990 YORKTOWN DR
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,058,000**
3 BR 2 BA Updtd w/chef's kitchen, great room and pretty grdns, 3 car garage, move in ready w/ room to expand
Clara Lee **650.328.5211**

140 MERRITT RD
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,645,000**
4 BR 3 BA Striking architectural design & fine quality craftsmanship.
Julie Lau **650.325.6161**

SUPER SHARP **\$848,000**
2 BR 2.5 BA Desirable Los Altos Sq. location. Recently remod 3 pools, Sauna & Club house.
Dora Thordarson **650.941.7040**

2443 TAMALPAIS ST
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$745,000**
3 BR 2 BA Updated home w/ private courtyard located on tree-lined street in Monta Loma. 2-car garage
Pat Jordan **650.325.6161**

1837 BRET HARTE ST
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,795,000**
3 BR 2 BA Delightful north PA Gem near Rinconada Prk & Jordan school Remodeled & upgraded throughout
Mark Nanevicz **650.325.6161**

1077 ROCKEFELLER DR
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,008,000**
4 BR 2 BA Tastefully updated in a preferred area with a generous sized lot! 1834 sq of living space!
Robert Branden **650.941.7040**

568 SHIRLYNN CT
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,498,000**
5 BR 4 BA Built by builder for himself-no expense spared-open floor plan around huge greatroom
Jerry Haslam **650.948.0456**

EXQUISITE REMODEL **\$4,295,000**
5 BR 3.5 BA Exquisite remodel with views. Approx. 4,195 sq. ft. 2.78+ acres. Palo Alto schools.
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DESIRABLE TOWNHOME **\$575,000**
2 BR 2.5 BA Hardwood entry. Spacious living room w/corner fireplace. New carpet/thruout.
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1476 PITMAN AVE
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,778,000**
3 BR 2 BA Prestigious Crescent Park. Ranch style 3BR 2BA. Hardwood floors eat in kitchen family room FP
Dorothy Gurwith **650.325.6161**

590 DUBLIN WAY
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$979,500**
3 BR 2 BA Upgraded, spacious ranch w/sep FR, LR. Upg kitchen w/maple cab, fantastic floor plan & Cup Schools
Shilpa Merchant **650.941.7040**

490 ORANGE AV
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,495,000**
5 BR 4 BA Gorgeous custom built for owner, features 2 mstr suites, dramatic ceiling elevations, walnut hwd floors.
Gary Herbert **650.941.7040**

DEVELOPER'S FIRST PICK! **\$2,750,000**
Last lakeside lot in prestige Quarry Hills Development. Approx. 1.1 acre with a low slope.
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321 EASY ST #1
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$559,800**
3 BR 2 BA Updated 1-level townhome-style condo w/ large yard. Hardwd flr, granite, limestone finishes.
Dan Ziony **650.325.6161**

230 DAVENPORT WAY
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,549,000**
6 BR 3 BA w/in blk of Robles Pk w/ a nice size Living room, formal dining room, Large family room, eat-in kitchen, Hardwood floors, 2 car garage.
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1662 GOLDFINCH WY
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$849,000**
3 BR 2 BA Very convenient location. Close to major routes, and in the heart of Silicon Valley
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461 PATRICK WAY
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,295,000**
4 BR 2.5 BA Exceptional remodel on a private lot in great N Los Altos neighborhood!
Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen **650.941.7040**

EXCITING & UPDATED HOME **\$2,749,000**
4 BR 4 BA Tree top views! In a wooded two acres. Featuring soaring ceilings crowned by 22 skylights
Karen Scheel **650.941.7040**

550 ORTEGA AVE. #A101
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$558,000**
2 BR 2 BA Ground floor end unit with private patio! Popular, secure complex with great amenities.
Lynne Mercer **650.325.6161**

122 ELY PL
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,275,000**
4 BR 2 BA Well priced and built ranch style home in Gun High district. Almost 2200 sf on 8000 sf lot
Taz Fatima **650.325.6161**

110 SUNSET AV
SAT 1:30 - 4:30 **\$479,000**
2 BR 1 BA Hrdwd flrs, updt kit & bath, dbl pn win's, charm, roomy lot for gardeners or expansion
Nancy Adele Stuhr **650.948.0456**

740 ORANGE AV
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,249,000**
3 BR 3.5 BA Exceptional French Country manor home with Old World Charm and all modern conveniences.
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NATURE LOVER'S DREAM! **\$2,695,000**
5 BR 4 BA Rare! Over 5,000 newly remodeled at end of a cul de sac on over 1 acre! Palo Alto schls
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FIRST FLOOR END UNIT **\$439,000**
2 BR 1 BA Overlooking lawn area. Completely updated, kitchen cabinets with granite counters.
Melanie Johnson **650.948.0456**

365 FOREST AVE. #2E
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,199,000**
2 BR 2.5 BA Wonderful spacious unique 2BR/2.5BA lighted filled Downtown PA Condo w/a European Flair
Jon Anderson **650.325.6161**

617 ARCADIA TERRACE #305
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$405,000**
2 BR 2 BA Compass Place, penthouse unit at the back of the complex. Bright, open floor plan.
Margot Goodman **650.941.7040**

1470 HOLLIDALE CT
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **CALL FOR PRICE**
5 BR 3.5 BA Home on a huge lot offers resort-like living. Recently remodeled w/granite kit & baths.
Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen **650.941.7040**

BAY & VALLEY VIEWS! **\$1,869,000**
2 BR 1.5 BA Approx. 44,867 sq. ft. lot. Great views. Can build 5,000 sq. ft. (MFA) & 7,500 (MDA).
Terri Couture **650.941.7040**

GROUND FLOOR UNIT **\$275,000**
1 BR 1 BA Well maintained complex w/pool. Extra storage. Living room w/fireplace & glass sider to patio
Royce Cablayan **650.948.0456**

629 KINGSLEY AV
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,100,000**
3 BR 2 BA Reblt & remdled hdcrafted cottage in Profville. LR/DR combo w/wdburning fp, kit w/granite
P.Goldcamp **650.325.6161**

611 ARCADIA TERRACE #302
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$399,000**
2 BR 2 BA With Cathedral ceilings and treestop views. Unit with open and practical floorplan.
Yasemin Richardson **650.948.0456**

940 LUNDY LN
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,950,000**
5 BR 3.5 BA Gorgeous backyard setting! Main home w/ 5 BR, plus guest studio and 1BR/1BA au pair unit.
R. Brendan Leary **650.325.6161**

SENIOR LIVING AT ITS BEST **\$489,000**
2 BR 2 BA Gated comntty ideal for residents 55+ yrs w/rec activities all-yr round. Lot's of amenities
Yasemin Richardson **650.948.0456**

STUNNING MEDITERRANEAN **\$2,398,000**
4 BR 3 BA Located on a cul-de-sac w/easy access to PA schools. Large gourmet kit/family rm combo.
Terrie Masuda **650.941.7040**

555 THAIN WY
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$775,000**
2 BR 2 BA Wonderful spacious Townhouse w/new carpet/fresh paint. 2 lovely patios. Palo Alto schls
Enis Hall **650.941.7040**

SANTA CLARA



OPEN HOUSE SAT 7/25 AND SUN 7/26, 1:30 – 4:30

841 Monty Circle \$464,950
2 bedroom, 2.5 bath End Unit Townhouse, 2 car attached garage with extra storage, New carpet throughout, Remodeled kitchen with granite tile counters & Maple Cabinets, Updated baths, Fireplaces in living room and master bedroom, Formal tiled entry, Pool in complex www.841Monty.com



Ric Parker

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MOUNTAIN VIEW



OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4

1847 Van Buren Cir \$1,488,000
4 Bed/3 bath 2584 Sq. Ft. Hayman Home with Los Altos Schools, Springer, Blach, and Mt.View HS, 15, 120 Sq.Ft. park-like grounds w/ magnificent trees, Fantastic opportunity- great floorplan- first time EVER on market!



Dianne Vernon

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PALO ALTO



PALO ALTO SCHOOLS

2 BR/2 BA \$750,000
Wonderful spacious two bedrooms two bath rooms Townhouse with new carpeting and fresh paint. Separate dining room. Two lovely patios. Palo Alto schools. One car garage.



Enis Hall

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CAMPBELL



MOVE-IN READY

3 BR/2.5 BA \$1,275,000
Beautiful Dry Creek Area home w/ remodel kit & fam rm. Gleaming hrdwd flrs, Dbl pan Wndws, Plantation Shutters, Granite & stainless steel appliances in kit, Full bathrm & bedrm on ground flr, Cathedral ceiling in mstr bedrm, Hi Ceilings, 3-Car Att Garage.



Jim Galli

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LOS GATOS



ATOP THE HILLS

4 BR/2.5 BA \$1,899,900
Beautifully remodeled two level home and vineyard in Alta Vista with expansive views. Formal dining room. Multiple decks. Cul-de-sac moments to town.



Vicki Geers

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LOS ALTOS



SUPER SHARP!

2 BR/2.5 BA \$848,000
Desirable Los Altos Sq. location! Close to Whole Foods. Recently remod w/elegance & artistic touches. Living area 1568 sqft. 2 lrg mstr suites w/ remodeled bthrms. 2 lrg balconies & patios! . 3 pools, Sauna & Club house. Sep din rm, could be a 3rd bdrm!



Dora Thordarson

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MOUNTAIN VIEW



FIRST FLOOR END UNIT

2 BR/1 BA \$439,000
Overlooking lawn area. Completely updated, kitchen cabinets w/ granite counters, stainless steel appliances. Updated bathroom w/ granite counter. 2006 new laminate floor throughout, custom 2-tone interior paint. Complex w/pool close to Stevens Creek trail.



Melanie Johnson

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PALO ALTO



SUPERB MIDTOWN LOCATION

2 BR/1.5 BA \$518,000
Two story townhouse plus large rear yard! Away from the road, & almost all double pane windows. Low HOA & laundry facilities!



Chuck Lane

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SUNNYVALE



SUNNYVALE DESIRABLE

3 BR/2 BA \$849,000
Welcome home to one of Sunnyvale's most desirable neighborhoods. This lovely 3 bedrm, 2 bath "Birdland" home is available now. Blocks to Ortega Park, Stockmeir Elementary (API 955), Kaiser, Apple, HP, shopping, and more. Come, see, and fall in love...



Elizabeth Thompson

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SUNNYVALE



THE VILLA AT CORTEZ

3 BR/2.5 BA \$698,000
New construction w/stunning finishes surrounded by mature trees. Large patio. Kitchen w/granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances. Additional storage. Marble tub/shower surroundings in all bathrooms. Two car garage



Dave Luedtke

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