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HANDS IN THE AIR:

Eris Man and her daughter Sophia, center, wave their arms last Friday at the Mountain View Library during a program where sign language and singing are used to promote literacy and development among babies and toddlers. See full story in **HEALTH & FITNESS, P.12.**

Schools line up for federal dollars

EDUCATORS NOT ENTHUSED ABOUT 'RACE TO THE TOP' PROGRAM
— BUT COVET ITS MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING

By Kelsey Mesher

Last week school districts around the state decided whether they would move forward in applying for a piece of \$4.35 billion in federal stimulus money — all of it earmarked for states with “ambitious” and “achievable” plans to improve public education.

Though some districts have elected to opt out of what’s being called “Race to the Top” funding, including those in Los Altos, Palo Alto and Cupertino, both of Mountain View’s school districts submitted paperwork Friday to keep them in the running.

The money will be distributed to states in two phases over the next year, although who qualifies for the funds, and how much money could ultimately reach the Mountain View districts, is still unclear. California as a state is eligible to receive up

to \$700 million.

What local administrators have said for certain is that they don’t want to close the door on possible funding.

“There are a lot of unknowns,” said Mountain View Whisman

“I’d rather keep our place in line and our options open rather than closing our options right now.”

BARRY GROVES

School District Superintendent Maurice Ghysels at a district board meeting last week. One unknown is whether or not the state of California will receive a share of the money, and if it

does how it will be allocated.

“Our reasoning is going to be that we go forward with it because we could always back out,” he said.

Administrators in the Mountain View-Los Altos School District had a similar stance.

“It keeps us a place in line,” said Superintendent Barry Groves. “I’d rather keep our place in line and our options open rather than closing our options right now.”

Trustees of the MVWSD board also pointed out that opting out of Race to the Top could upset school supporters.

“I think it would be very difficult for people in our community to hear that we turned down potential money and (then) we made any cuts from the budget,” said trustee Ellen Wheeler.

An added layer of complication is recent legislation in Sacramento

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Council kills grocery store proposals

By Daniel DeBolt

Hopes for a new downtown grocery store were diminished Tuesday night when the City Council rejected two proposals for building one on a city-owned parking lot on Bryant Street.

Following a recommendation from city staff, the council rejected proposals from two different developers,

Legacy Partners and Silverstone Communities. Each had submitted proposals for a “boutique size” grocery store, with housing above, on a 1.45-acre city parking lot along Bryant between Mercy and California streets.

Each proposal contained “unfavorable terms” for the city, which wants to lease the property, said the city’s real property manager Dennis Drennan. He blamed the unfavorable terms on a down real estate market. Details of the rejected proposals could not be disclosed, he said.

“If the site were bigger and in a more favorable market it would make for a very interesting mixed-use project,” said Dean Martin, development director of Legacy Partners. “I think it would be a win-win for everybody.”

“In the state and the country, development is at a standstill. That essentially is why this development is at a standstill. The returns just aren’t feasible however it would be financed. The bottom line is it’s a very intriguing site for a new development — it’s just not feasible today.”

The City Council did not make any comments about the decision, which was approved on the council’s consent calendar Tuesday. Previously, the council laid out the city’s requirement for development of the

site: a 10,000- to 15,000-square-foot “boutique size” grocery store built beneath housing, 10 to 30 percent of which would be sold or rented at below market rate cost. The council also wanted a long-term ground lease with a “reasonable” financial return for the city.

In one of the rejected proposals — Drennan would not say which — the developer proposed to buy the property, which did not fit the city’s requirements. “The other did not propose to pay any rent for a number of years and rent was not anywhere what we consider market rent or favorable rent,” Drennan said.

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Arnold comes to Mountain View P.5

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Cities aim to thwart state’s next money grab

By Daniel DeBolt

Last year, legislators in Sacramento, facing a multi-billion-dollar budget shortfall, ordered California cities to cough up millions — \$3 million over two years for Mountain View alone — to help them make up the difference.

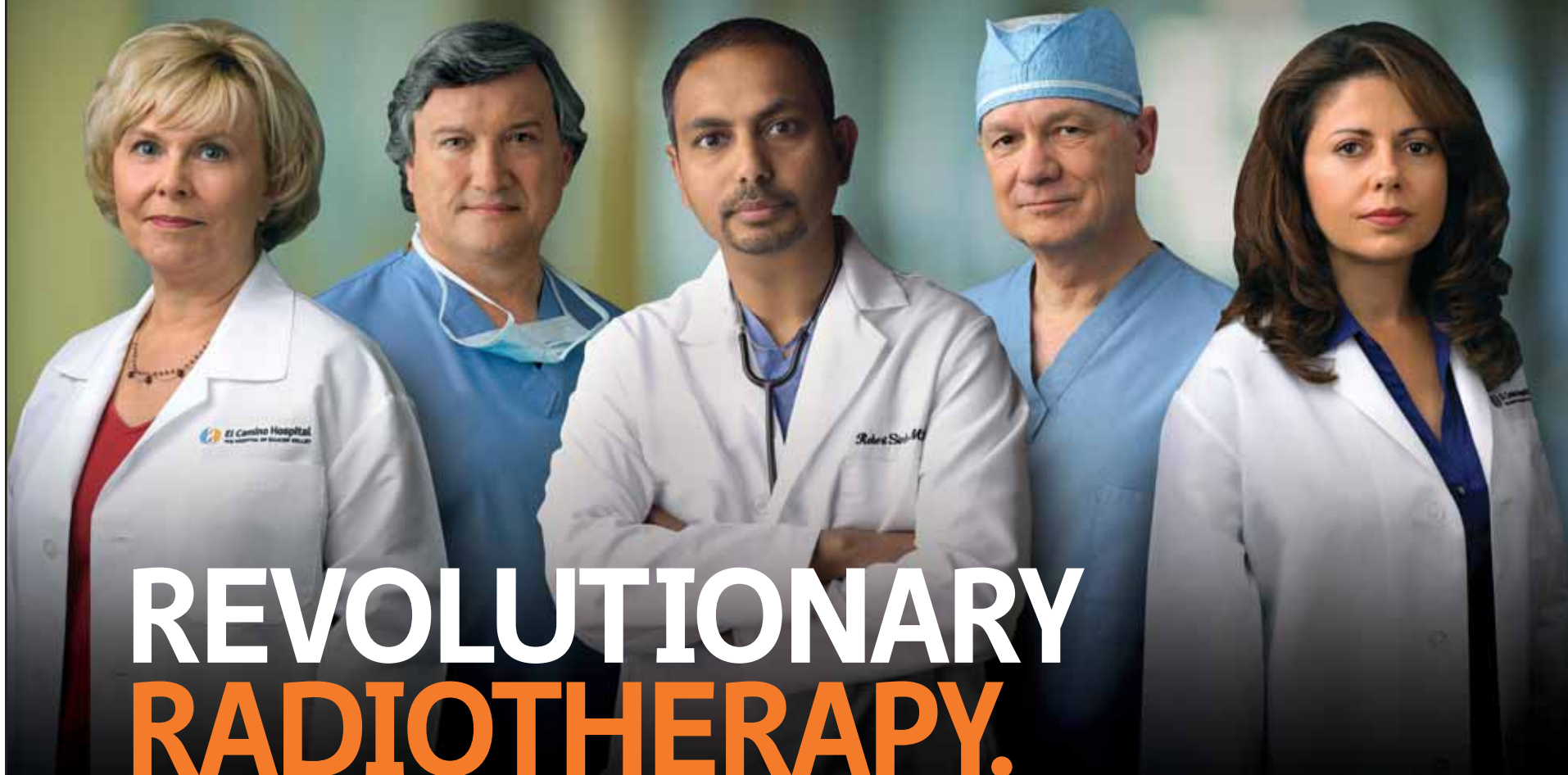
This year the state once again faces a huge budget shortfall, currently estimated at \$22 billion. But this time around the state’s cities,

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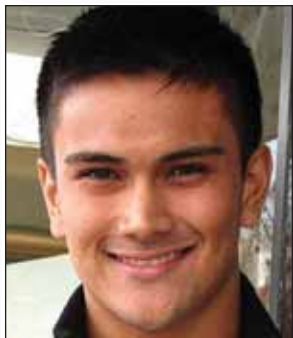
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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Interviews by Dana Sherne. Pictures by David Lin.

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"It has a faster processor, but I don't think anyone will beat out iPhone because it's not really about the device, it's about the stuff you can do on the device."

Trevor Cape, Mountain View



"I'm assiduously avoiding the iPhone. ... There's no need for having all those services on a phone. Seems like just a way to reach into customers' pockets deeper."

Bart Bartholomew, Mountain View



"It's not quite there yet. People are reporting problems all over the place. The iPhone is much simpler to use. The Google phone is the niche phone for now."

Mark Rafael, San Francisco



"I think there's going to be other phones that people can buy, but there's always going to be that esteem on the iPhone. It can compare but it won't be on the same level."

Laura Ubillos, Mountain View



"No idea. I don't use either one."

Jan Parcel, Cupertino

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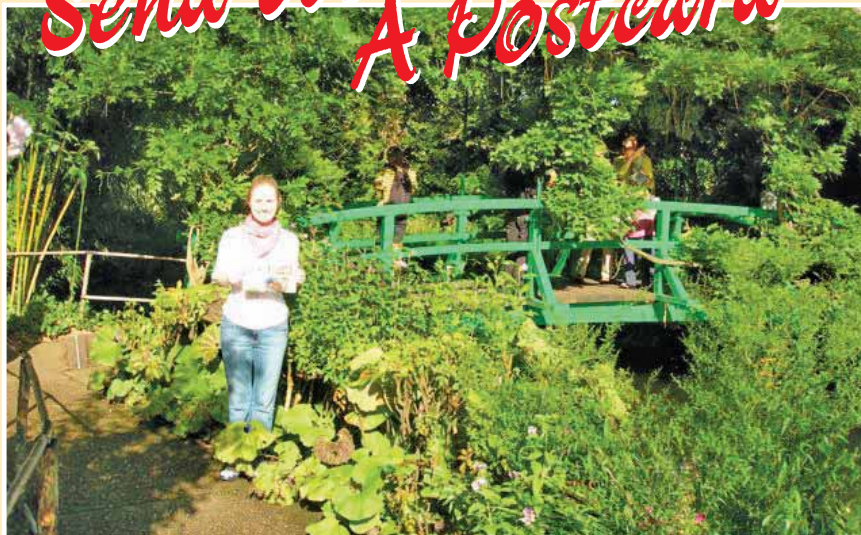


Photo of Mountain View resident Lisa Kerner at Claude Monet's garden in Giverny, France. In the background is the famous bridge that Monet painted over and over again.

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VTA transit cuts go into effect

Staff Reports

Changes to light rail and bus schedules in Santa Clara County — prompted by state transit funding cuts — went into effect on Monday, Jan. 11, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority announced.

As a result, early morning or late night service was cut from many routes, while other routes also experienced daytime changes.

In Mountain View, service reductions were implemented for the light rail service and several bus lines:

■ **Line 22:** Several schedule changes made.

■ **Line 34:** The 3:15 p.m. eastbound and 3:43 p.m. westbound trips were discontinued.

■ **Line 35:** Weekday 7:40 p.m. and 10:09 p.m. northbound trips and 5:44 a.m. southbound trip were discontinued, Sunday 7:23 p.m. northbound trip was discontinued, other changes made.

■ **Line 40:** Weekday 5:30 a.m. southbound trip was discontinued, Saturday 6:35 p.m. southbound trip was discontinued, Sunday 6:51 p.m. northbound and 6:27 p.m. southbound trips were discontinued, other changes made.

■ **Line 51:** The 5:47 a.m. southbound trip was discontinued. Minor schedule changes were made.

■ **Line 104:** This route now operates two trips in each direction.

■ **Line 522:** On weekdays, some early morning eastbound trips were consolidated and other schedule changes made.

■ **Light Rail:** On weekdays, the 1:40 p.m. northbound and 10:04 a.m. southbound trips were discontinued. On weekends, the 5:08 a.m. northbound trip was discontinued. Other schedule adjustments were made.

The VTA also introduced a new bus route, Line 200, which has two bus trips leaving the Baypointe Station between 11 p.m. and midnight and ending in downtown Mountain View.

Full details on new route schedules in all of the VTA's service areas can be found at www.vta.org/service-reductions. The agency's Customer Service Center can be reached at (408) 321-2300. ■



JAMES TENSUAN

Sean Patterson rides the KwickCart along Castro Street looking for clients who want a free ride.

Pedal-powered taxis roll down Castro

By Daniel DeBolt

The latest form of transit in downtown Mountain View may be low-tech, but it also seems a perfect fit for these modern times, being easy on both the environment and the pocketbook.

A company calling itself KwickCart has started operating two pedal-powered taxis, or pedicabs, around the downtown area on weekend evenings, taking people to and from their homes, businesses and the downtown train station. Passengers pay nothing but a tip, which drivers solely rely on for their wages.

The company makes its money by displaying advertising on each

of its three-wheeled cabs, which can hold two passengers — three if they're small.

Last weekend, KwickCart began a weekly service between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights in which two pedicabs operate downtown simultaneously. Before launching the regular service, the company tested the waters during the city's Art and Wine Festival and Thursday Night Live events held downtown last year.

So far it is hard to tell how much demand there is, but founder and president Caanan Meagher said that "We expect Mountain View will be one of our busiest cities." The company already operates pedicabs in

Campbell and Los Gatos.

"The most common thing so far is people want a ride to or from their house," Meagher said. "People that live maybe five blocks away — maybe they live on Calderon and want a ride to Castro — call us up to get a ride."

Meagher said his "environmentally friendly" business is trying to become certified by the county as a green business. There isn't much room to improve in this regard, but he said "We need to make sure we're printing on both sides of our paper."

To arrange a ride in a KwickCart pedicab, call (408) 858-2278. The company has a Web site at www.kwickcart.com, as well as a Facebook page. ■

South Bay quake felt across Peninsula

Staff Reports

The U.S. Geological Survey reported that an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.2 struck last Thursday morning, Jan. 7 near Milpitas. Its brief tremors could be felt in Mountain View and as far north as San Francisco.

According to the USGS, the earthquake occurred at 10:09 a.m., was centered six miles east-northeast of Milpitas and

eight miles north-northeast of Alum Rock, and had a depth of 5.6 miles. It was followed by a small 1.6-magnitude quake in the same location at 10:22 a.m.

Both quakes followed another, 2.8-magnitude quake that occurred Wednesday night in the same area, near the intersection of the Calaveras and Hayward faultlines, David Oppenheimer of the Geological Survey told KCBS radio. Another cluster of small quakes

occurred the following day.

Oppenheimer said residents have no reason to worry about the quakes, as they are not typically foreshocks of a larger temblor.

"Not every magnitude-4 earthquake is followed by a magnitude-8 earthquake," he said.

The Geological Survey maintains a map of recent quakes on its Web site at earthquake.usgs.gov. ■

Governor visits local tech firm

SCHWARZENEGGER TOUTS JOBS PLAN DURING TRIP TO COBALT BIOFUELS ON CLYDE AVENUE

By Daniel DeBolt

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger came to Mountain View on Tuesday morning with the idea of promoting his green jobs initiative — and local green-tech company Cobalt Biofuels was deemed the perfect setting for it.

Mayor Ronit Bryant welcomed Schwarzenegger to Cobalt's Clyde Avenue facility, where the governor stated that "in December, when I was asked what my New Year's resolution is, I said, 'Jobs, jobs, jobs.' That's what it's all about. It's just bringing jobs back."

Cobalt, which claims to have produced a revolutionary new biofuel, plans to have a new manufacturing facility built by 2012. The company says its new facility will create 1,300 new jobs.

Schwarzenegger hopes that new policies in his jobs initiative will lead to the creation of 100,000 new jobs statewide and job training for 140,000. Among the initiative's incentives for growing business, it eliminates sales taxes on "green tech manufacturing equipment."

"I want to send a very clear message to all the companies here in California and to the CEOs and to the innovators, the entrepreneurs, that if you invest in a clean future then we, California, will invest in you and in your company," Schwarzenegger said Tuesday.

Schwarzenegger held up Cobalt as an example of the sort of company that can lift California out of the recession while simultaneously helping the state meet emissions reductions goals. Cobalt has developed a "third generation" biofuel called Biobutanol, which the company says is 85 percent cleaner and less expensive than gasoline, less expensive to produce than other biofuels, and leaves a smaller carbon footprint.

CEO Rick Wilson described his company's product as "drop-in compatible for engines and current

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Spartan Marching Band

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MAN WITH KNIFE ROBS WELLS FARGO

A man brandishing a knife robbed the Wells Fargo Bank on Castro Street on Monday morning before fleeing into nearby Pioneer Park, police reported.

Police received a call on the incident at 11:02 a.m., after the robber approached a teller and displayed a knife with a five-inch blade. He then fled into Pioneer Park, police say, getting away with an undisclosed amount of cash. No one was injured.

The suspect is described as Asian, just under 6 feet tall, of medium build and wearing a green jacket. He wore a hood over his head, which may have shielded his face from security cameras.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call police at (650) 903-6344. Tips can be made anonymously.

GUNMEN ROB CIG STORE ON EL CAMINO

Police are looking for three armed men who robbed a Cigarette Express on Friday afternoon in front of customers.

Police received a call about the robbery at 12:47 p.m. Friday, after three masked men, two carrying semiautomatic handguns, demanded cash from the 28-year-old male clerk working in the store at 1313 W. El Camino Real next to the Alibi bar.

As two customers looked on, the clerk gave the robbers an undisclosed amount from the store's cash register and safe. No one was injured.

Police said the three suspects were described as African American, of medium build and height (the tallest was about 6 feet tall), of unknown age and dressed in dark clothing. Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call police at (650) 903-6344. Tips may be made anonymously.

POLICE: PAROLEE 'UP TO NO GOOD'

A parolee allegedly equipped for assault and burglary was taken off the street by a cop conducting a routine "bar check" on Friday night.

At 7:10 p.m. on Jan. 8, a police officer came across Mountain View man Jeffrey Bryant, 43, at the Office Bar at 820 E. El Camino Real. Bryant identified himself as someone on parole, which allowed the officer to search his backpack, said Mountain View police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

"Concealed in his backpack

was an operable stun gun," Wylie said, "plus a 13-inch wooden billy club." Police also found a vial containing 2.3 grams of methamphetamine and an illegal "shaved key" commonly used to break into cars, Wylie said, as well as a police scanner and binoculars.

"He was up to no good for sure."

Bryant was charged with several counts of possession and a parole violation, and was ineligible for bail.

— Daniel DeBolt

MAN INJURED IN CALDERON FIRE

A household in the "Avalon at Creekside" apartment complex has been displaced following a one-alarm fire last Friday that left the affected unit uninhabitable and injured one resident, the Fire Department reported.

At approximately 8:47 a.m. Friday, the Mountain View Fire Department responded to a 911 call to 151 Calderon Ave. that was placed by an apartment manager. Upon arriving, firefighters found smoke pouring out of the front door of one of the units. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the blaze, said department spokesperson Jamie Garrett.

Garrett said one resident suffered from non-life threatening burns during the fire and was transported to a local hospital. The unit affected by the fire is currently uninhabitable, she said.

— Kelsey Mesher

FIRE DISPLACES FAMILY ON HOPE STREET

A one-alarm fire at a Mountain View home Saturday night caused an estimated \$50,000 in damage, a fire department spokesperson said. The residents were home when the fire started but were able to escape without injury.

When firefighters arrived at 519 Hope St. at about 11:45 p.m. Saturday, they found the home engulfed in flames, with black smoke emanating from the front of the residence and the roof.

Firefighters quickly controlled the blaze, but the home was declared uninhabitable and the residents were displaced. The roof and drywall will have to be replaced, fire spokesman Lynn Brown said.

Investigators have determined the fire was accidental, but are working to pinpoint the exact cause.

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger tours Cobalt Biofuels, a green-tech company located on Clyde Avenue in Mountain View, on Tuesday.

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fuel infrastructure with no vehicle modifications.”

Under Schwarzenegger’s plan, first unveiled in his State of the State address last week, employers will receive a \$3,000 tax credit for hiring previously unemployed workers and a reimbursement for the cost

of training them. The governor says the two incentives can save an employer the equivalent of the taxes paid for one employee in a year.

The plan also includes a streamlining of permit processes for new buildings “to get shovels in the ground,” an extension of the first-time homebuyer tax credit, and “tort reform to eliminate frivolous lawsuits that hurt businesses and kill jobs,”

Schwarzenegger said.

“We can’t afford to sit back and to wait for the world economy to come back,” he said during his press conference at Cobalt. “We can’t wait for Washington to come up with a master plan on how to bring jobs back. We have to be responsible for creating jobs.” ■

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NEWS BRIEFS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday elected Supervisor Ken Yeager as its new president, replacing Mountain View representative Liz Kniss.

In a statement, Yeager said, “Given the recession, the county faces huge problems, but I believe we are up to the challenge.” He will discuss his ideas for the year at his State of the County address on Jan. 26.

Yeager was elected to the board in June 2006 and was vice president last year. Previously he served six years on the San Jose City Council and two terms as a trustee of the San Jose Evergreen Community College District. He chairs the finance and government operations committee

and acts as vice chair of the health and hospital committee.

The first openly gay elected official in the county, Yeager received a bachelor’s degree in political science from San Jose State University and a master’s degree in sociology and a doctorate in education from Stanford University.

— Bay City News

COUNTY’S ONLINE TOOL CALCULATES PROPERTY TAXES

The county tax assessor’s office has created an online tool designed to help homebuyers and real estate agents quickly estimate a property’s taxes.

When estimating property taxes

before a purchase, “There are a lot of calculations that go on and it can be confusing,” said David Ginsborg, spokesman for the county assessor. This tool creates “a nifty little estimate for you.”

The online tool can be found on the assessor’s Web site at www.scca-assessor.org/stc. A property address, purchase date and purchase price are required before the tool calculates a property owner’s annual tax bill and tax increases over the next two years.

When someone buys a home, “Often it is the case that taxes are not figured out and it’s a bit of a surprise,” Ginsborg said. “This helps eliminate some of that surprise.”

— Daniel DeBolt

COUNCIL

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A new grocery store has long been a wish of downtown residents. In 2005, residents held a candlelight vigil when the city decided to lease a similarly sized space under the Bryant Street parking garage to Longs Drugs instead of Zanotto’s, a San Jose-based grocery store which wanted a subsidy to occupy the space.

When asked if there was still interest from grocery stores to occupy such a space downtown,

Martin said, “Sure, I think there is a genuine interest, but I think because of the timing everyone is uncertain to commit.”

In a letter to the council, downtown resident Julie Lovins expressed concern that the city had not gotten enough input about what the community wanted in a downtown grocery store, and questioned why a larger store couldn’t be built on 1.45 acres.

Perhaps alluding to the environmental benefit of having a popular grocery store within walking distance of downtown residents, she

wrote, “We cannot afford not to have a reasonably full-service grocery store downtown.”

Moving forward with a downtown grocery store may require a serious look at when the “optimum time” might be in light of the real estate market, Drennan said.

“What we’re going to do is go back to the council in the next three months of this calendar year for further analysis, further discussion and further direction,” he said. ■

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including Mountain View, have decided to shore up their resources by proposing a constitutional amendment to protect them from any further money grabs by the state.

The League of California Cities is hoping to gather 650,000 signatures statewide by April 15 to place the amendment on the ballot, which is designed to address a real and imminent danger, say Mountain View city officials, that the state will again take money from them to balance its budget.

“The feeling is they will do anything they can to find money rather than do what’s hard to do, which is raise taxes,” said City Council member Mike Kasperzak, who is also second vice president of the League of California Cities.

With a looming state budget deficit, “They are going to have to get more creative than they have been,” Kasperzak said. “The governor is talking about taking away the Prop. 42 gas tax. Part of that goes to cities for roads. He can abolish it and propose a different tax that goes to the state. They could take hotel taxes, utility taxes and redevelopment authority

funds.”

Mountain View, already facing an estimated \$4 million budget deficit for the fiscal year starting July 1, may have to resort to employee layoffs after significantly cutting services last year.

To prevent the state from adding to the city’s financial woes, the constitutional amendment would “prohibit the state from taking, borrowing or redirecting local taxpayer funds dedicated to public safety, emergency response and other vital local government services,” which include public transportation, the ballot measure says. It also ensures “once and for all that our gas taxes go to fund road improvements.” The full text can be read at www.savelocalservices.com.

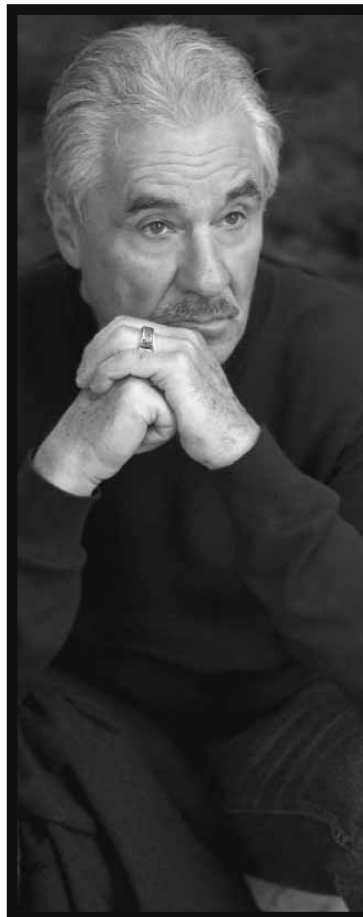
For their part in putting the constitutional amendment on the ballot, Kasperzak said, San Francisco and its neighboring cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties hope to gather 25,000 signatures by April 15 with the help of volunteers, and thousands more with paid signature gatherers. Those interested in helping the effort can email Rebecca Elliott at relliot@cacities.org or look for a petition gatherer at the grocery store, post office or farmer’s market. ▀

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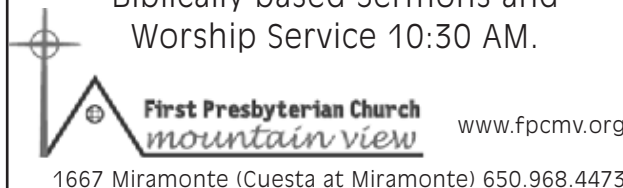
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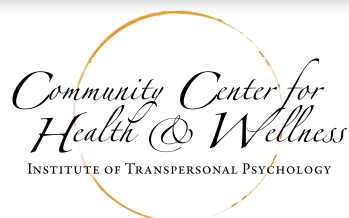
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■ EDUCATION BRIEFS

REPORT: MVLA BOND WOULD EXTEND TAX RATE 20 YEARS

A bond proposal being considered by the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District would extend the current tax rate by 20 years, according to a report given to trustees Monday.

The report, compiled by the district's investment bankers, shows that in the last 10 years the assessed valuation of the district has averaged 7.6 percent growth annually. In the last fiscal year, despite the beleaguered economy, the district saw growth of 6.2 percent.

Using the past data, the report projected conservative continued growth at 4.75 percent. By this projection, to raise the \$41.3 million required for building additional classrooms, as well as other construction projects, the current

tax rate of \$14.70 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation would be extended through 2030.

An official at the investment bank said 20 years is a relatively short amount of time to pay off the bonds, compared to other school bond measures.

FREESTYLE WINS APPLE RECOGNITION

Freestyle Academy, the specialized arts and technology school for Mountain View and Los Altos high school students, has been designated an "Apple Distinguished School" for the 2009-10 school year, one of only 54 across the country and seven in California.

The technology company recognized Freestyle for its "educational excellence and leadership," and its use of current technologies to create a "21st century learning environment."

"In reviewing the great work that is underway ... I was especially impressed by how the students work with multimedia technology to find outlets for their creative expression," wrote John Couch, vice president of education for Apple, in a letter to Mountain View-Los Altos Superintendent Barry Groves.

In winning the recognition, Freestyle will be featured on a Web site dedicated to distinguished schools, receive Apple discounts and gain "use of Apple headquarters."

—Kelsey Mesher

■ OBITUARY

MARK ZAMEN

Mark Zamen, an author and longtime Mountain View resident, died Jan. 3 after a 19-year battle with cancer. He was 58.

Zamen was born Dec. 15, 1951. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1975, he earned a bachelor's in English from San Jose State. In 1980, he earned a master's in Mass Communications from CSU Hayward. Zamen lived in Mountain View for 35 years.

Throughout his long battle with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, Zamen enjoyed his passions of hiking, backpacking, and writing, according to family. In 2009, he published "Broken Saints," a novel about a Vietnam veteran struggling with religion, mental illness and sexual orientation.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie Zamen, and daughter, Becca Zamen. He is predeceased by his son, Tyler Zamen.

A memorial service was held Jan. 8 at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Best Friends Animal Society.

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which the state needed to pass to become eligible for the federal funding. Among the legislation are some controversial reforms allowing parents of students in failing schools to demand changes in their district, or even to send their children to neighboring, higher-achieving districts.

Several prominent educational organizations, including the Association of California Administrators, the California School Boards Association and the California Teachers Association, opposed the final bills.

Despite the rush to make the state eligible for Race to the Top funds, some educators don't think California will receive any funds from the

first round of distribution.

"First of all the state has to get the money, and only 10 or 15 states are supposed to get the funding," said Mary Lairon, MVWSD assistant superintendent, speaking from an education conference

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in Sacramento on Tuesday. She reported hearing that some Race to the Top organizers are pleased the funds have spurred reform already — even though no money has been distributed.

Locally, administrators are continuing to process the application, although they express ambivalence about

the design of the program.

"This is really a bad way to run education reform," Groves said at his district's Monday board meeting, referring to fact that the Race to the Top funds would be one-time dollars. "What California education needs is real reform with real dollars behind it."

The current budget crunch puts added pressure on school districts to apply for the funds. Last week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger laid out his proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Though he vowed to "protect" K-12 education from further cuts, MVLA administrators said they will still be balancing a budget with \$2.1 million less than this year. The MVWSD faces similar cuts. ▣

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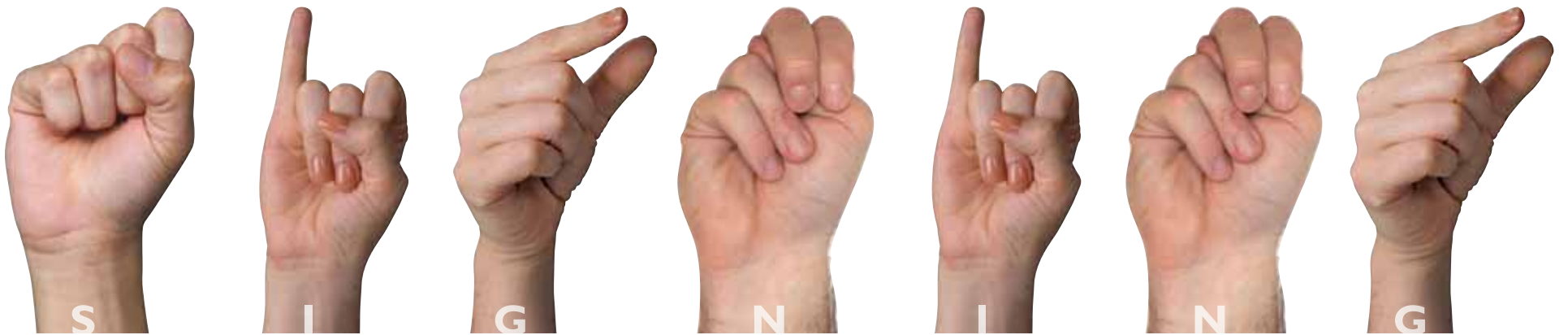
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SIGNING BEFORE SPEAKING



EXPERTS SAY SIGN LANGUAGE A 'BRIDGE TO VERBAL LANGUAGE'

By Kelsey Mesher

Twenty-one-month-old Sophia Shing stands at the front of a room filled with well over 100 parents, infants and toddlers at the Mountain View Library, enthusiastically following along with the music and motions.

She waves her hands in the air and stomps her feet, mimicking leader Jan Torpy. She even turns around to face her peers, like Torpy's little helper.

But her mother, Eris Man, said she was not always so outgoing.

"In the beginning when I would bring her to the library she would cry a lot," she said, adding that ever since her daughter attended programs like Torpy's, there has "absolutely" been improvement in Sophia's development.

Torpy is an early intervention specialist for the Santa Clara County Office of Education who teaches an Early Start program for special needs

cal children," Torpy said, adding that programs like hers, utilizing movement and song, "teach them how to talk, how to anticipate what comes next."

"Babies typically like to eat books," she joked, "but if you add some music to the printed page it can help them attend to the story."

In the sessions, Torpy shows parents how to help their children move in sync with the music and lyrics. The reason this approach works, she said, is that "Developmentally, before children can imitate words they can imitate gross motor movements."

Torpy led the group in a half-hour session last Friday, singing children's songs like "If You're Happy and You Know It" while acting out the words and emotions.

Though many of the participants followed Torpy's general movements, some parents used actual sign language, which they learned in Torpy's Early Start class for young children with special needs.

She said a main focus of Early Start, a county program, is literacy.

"For babies with special needs the earlier we can get them interested in books the better," she said. Using sign and song is a way to begin that process, she said.

Diana Parkinson, who attended Friday's session with her daughter, Penny, said one of the best parts about sending her daughter to Torpy's Early Start classes is simply the interaction she gets with other children.

"It really helped her ... having a peer example to follow," she said.

It has been about eight months since she and Penny began attending the classes, and "All of the stimulation really sped up her development," she said.

Though her Early Start classes are meant specifically for students with special needs, the library program is open for all children and their parents, such as Man and Sophia. Caregivers are also welcome to bring their charges.

"I take her to different programs almost every day," Man said, adding that she frequents the Los Altos and Sunnyvale libraries, as well as a Chinese language story program. "I think it's good for her language development and social development."

Man said Sophia hears Mandarin and Cantonese at home, and so exposure to English through outside programs is essential.

"It's important for me to take her to storytime so she will learn English," she said. Even though Sophia does not speak yet, "She understands what I say."

"Songs, Signs and Books for Infants and Toddlers" is free and open to all young children ages 0-3 months and their parents or caregivers. The classes take place Fridays in January from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the Mountain View Library, located at 585 Franklin St. ■



Helen Tsang, left, plays guitar as Jan Thorpy, second from left, leads parents and children during a child development program at the Mountain View Library.

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children. Every Friday this month at the downtown library, she is teaching an expanded version of her classes, "Song, Signs and Books for Infants and Toddlers," which is open to all local children.

Sign language is no longer just for the hearing impaired, Torpy says, and the kids in her program illustrate why.

"Sign language is a bridge to verbal language for children with special needs (as well as) neurotypi-

Health tips for seniors

EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW HOW TO LIVE WELL IN THEIR LATER YEARS

By Dr. Minerva Catalan Navarro

Staying healthy and vibrant in our senior years is something most everyone aspires to, and there are steps you can take to improve your odds of living well as an older adult. Now that you may be retired and your children may have left the nest, you can focus more energy and attention on your health and well being.

Q: What is one of the biggest health risks seniors face?

A: One of the biggest risks to seniors' health is medication errors. In fact, one out of five hospital admissions for elderly patients is related to an adverse drug reaction.

To avoid medication errors, make sure to tell your doctor about every medication or supplement you're taking. You may not think of over-the-counter herbal supplements as medications, but they can cause adverse effects, too — especially due to a negative interaction with another supplement or over-the-counter or prescription medication.

If it is hard to remember all of the various drugs in your medicine cabinet, put all of them into a bag and take them with you to your next medical appointment. Your doctor will check the labels on the pill bottles and boxes and let you know if some might be harmful when taken together.

Seniors also tend to have more prescriptions for age-related chronic conditions, such as arthritis or osteoporosis. When one is taking several drugs at the same time, the potential for making a mistake grows. Tell your doctor if you are having trouble keeping track of all of your medication instructions.

Forgetting to take your medication as directed can have serious consequences. If needed, ask for instruc-

tions in writing, use a pillbox that organizes medication doses by day or time of day, and bring a friend or family member to your medical appointment. He or she can take notes, ask questions, clarify information and help you remember what your doctor said.

Finally, remember to return medications you no longer use or that have expired to the pharmacy for proper disposal. The fewer old or unused medications you have around the house, the less the risk of a medication error.

Q: What are safe exercises for seniors?

A: You may think that being older means being less active, but exercise is still incredibly beneficial to health. It improves balance, gait and flexibility, stimulates the brain, and provides cardiac and pulmonary benefits. In addition, it may help prevent age-related muscle loss. Talk to your doctor about the intensity of exercise that is recommended for you based on your medical history. For most older adults, exercise programs of mild to moderate intensity that last longer are better than programs of high intensity that are short.

Remember to start your doctor-approved exercise program slow and easy. You will be able to gradually increase the amount of time you exercise as your body becomes more fit.

If you can only handle a very short period of exercise at first, do not become discouraged. The amount of time you exercise is less important than how regularly you exercise.

Your doctor can advise you on what types of exercises will best suit your abilities. However, in general, exercises such as tai chi, yoga, swimming or walking have a lower risk of sudden cardiovascular problems (such as

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Q: I live alone and find it tedious to cook for myself. At my age, is healthy eating really much of a concern?

A: Yes, eating a balanced diet is important at every age, and especially for seniors who are unfortunately prone to malnutrition and dehydration. It is important to talk to your doctor about the best diet for you based on any medical conditions you may have, but in general, eating a diet consisting of lean meats, whole grains, and five servings of fruits and vegetables is the nutritional key to good health.

When cooking for one, it may be tempting to use preserved foods that simplify meal preparation, such as canned soups and microwavable dinners. Unfortunately, many of these options are high in sodium.

Instead, stock up on healthy staples. Good examples include hard-boiled eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, or a small salad. Avoid making the TV your dinner companion. Instead, set a nice place setting at your

dinner table and play relaxing music while you eat.

Q: How often should I see the doctor?

A: This will depend on your overall health, but in general, you should see your doctor for regular check-ups — even if you feel well. There are “silent” medical conditions that don’t cause

Q: I’ve been told that at my age I should have an advance health care directive, but I don’t know what it is.

A: An advance health care directive is an important document that specifies the care and treatment you want in the event that you are incapable of making your own health care decisions. You can appoint an agent or agents who have power of attorney to make care and treatment decisions on your behalf and give instructions about your health care wishes. Keep a copy of this directive in your personal files and give another copy to your doctor to be placed in your medical record.

Advance health care directives are actually important for all individuals over age 18. To get started, ask your doctor for a sample advance health care directive form. These can also be downloaded for free from many medical group Web sites and some organizations even offer free help filling them out. ▀

Minerva Catalan Navarro, M.D., is a board-certified specialist in geriatric medicine at the Mountain View Center of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Advice is not intended to take the place of an exam or diagnosis by a physician.

One of the biggest risks to seniors' health is medication errors. In fact, one out of five hospital admissions for elderly patients is related to an adverse drug reaction.

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Pension system needs reform

Some readers found it shocking to learn last week that several high-ranking Mountain View employees have retired and then returned to work at high hourly rates, a practice known as “double dipping.” But this is only one indicator that the state’s pension system is severely out of whack, and must be reformed before more cities are forced to follow Vallejo into bankruptcy.

Luckily, Mountain View is not in such serious financial danger. But over the long term the city could be hard-pressed as more and more employees retire and start collecting 80, 90 or even 100 percent of their highest salary as a lifetime pension. And while PERS, the Public Employee Retirement System, sets most of the rules, cities must make up the difference when PERS investments fall short, as is the case today.

The disclosure that three city department heads would each receive more than \$100,000 a year in retirement — with employee services director Kathy Farrar in line for \$187,000 a year — shows why neither Mountain View nor any other city can continue to support such high pensions.

To be fair, Farrar spent 38 years with the city, rising to head her department after starting as a junior clerk at age 20. Given that long run, under CalPERS rules she was eligible to receive more than her final salary upon retirement.

But neither the city nor Farrar should be singled out on the “double dipping” charge. In Farrar’s case, the city willingly brought her back for a four-month period, according to city manager Kevin Duggan, who says that short-term use of retiring executives is a minor point when it comes to real reform.

Duggan sees the need to reform PERS formulas as being much more important — all the more so as the state’s budget woes increase and the burden is shifted back to cities and special districts. In fact, city manager organizations in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties have reached the conclusion that current PERS formulas cannot be sustained, and are ready to work to implement a two-tiered system that would place more of the retirement burden on individual employees.

It won’t be easy to change the PERS formulas, especially for public safety employees, who can retire at up to 90 percent of their highest salary after 30 years, regardless of age. A county-wide or regional solution is not likely, due to legislators’ reluctance to take on the state’s strong public employee unions. Instead, each city will have to change its own benefit levels, a move that local employees are sure to oppose. And if the cities do not act at roughly the same time, they risk losing top employees to those jurisdictions still using the old system.

Mountain View already requires some of its employees to contribute to the city’s share of their pension payment, a measure that few other cities have adopted. But much more needs to be done here, and at the state level, to close the ever-widening pension gap.

■ TOWNSQUARE VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRE, THEN RETURN TO WORK WHILE EARNING A PENSION

As a retired government employee, I’m shocked and embarrassed. This kind of rip-off makes all of us look bad. If there is “critical work” and nobody else can do it, then they shouldn’t be collecting a pension while staying on the job.

I hope this doesn’t turn people against pensions, which are disappearing from private employment. Pensions let people retire with security, which we know now 401(k)s do not, giving younger people more job and promotional opportunities.

And everyone with half a brain “games the system” to get as much money as possible. I actually don’t blame the employees. The system must be changed to protect the taxpayers.

**This is too much,
a resident of The Crossings**

Just because some top-level city retirees are “double-dipping” to augment their already high pensions, doesn’t mean that all city employees are greedy. Again, the article is talking about department heads, most of whom have decades on the job.

What about the father who sweeps our streets and mows our parks to support his family? The young woman who puts herself through college because she loves children and wants to be a librarian? The folks who work hard to provide our elders

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**BeReal, a resident
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If you’re so worried about what we are paying our public employees, let’s start with the police and fire employees. Their compensation and benefits package is blown way out of proportion and I guarantee you they are not working as hard as you think they are.

Why didn’t any of you apply for and work in these jobs? Because you were too busy applying for the high-tech dot-com jobs, hoping to get stock and a big cash-out. Now who’s the pig at the trough? At least public sector employees put in 30 years before getting a payout.

Yes, there needs to be reform because it’s unsustainable. However, our entire country needs to be reformed. We have all been living beyond our means for years, so back off of the Mountain View folks and focus on the other problems we have to fix.

**Hello?, a resident
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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

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Spicy Leaves features appetizer aloo tikki, potato patties deep-fried and served with chole masala (garbanzo).

MICHELLE LE

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Turn up the heat

SRI LANKAN DISHES COME ALIVE
AT SPICY LEAVES IN LOS ALTOS

By Sheila Himmel

For once, the name of a restaurant gives you a hint about what to expect. The Sri Lankan food at Los Altos' Spicy Leaves, our one and only local Sri Lankan restaurant, is a little spicy.

Frequently called "the teardrop of India" because of its geography and history, the island nation formerly named Ceylon has a lot going for its cuisine. Manager Haran Shaik and chef Rajesh Selvarathnam are gradually upping the Sri Lankan quotient of the menu at Spicy Leaves, which also features local favorite Indian foods like butter chicken and lots

of vegetarian dishes.

Soon there will be string hoppers, the thin rice noodles I've been pining for since being introduced at a short-lived Sri Lankan restaurant in San Jose. They soak up sauce but retain their integrity.

For now, that job is accomplished by rice and Spicy Leaves' range of very good flatbreads, from plain naan (\$2.25) to a sweet Peshawari naan (\$3.95) stuffed with nuts and dried fruits, glazed in honey and butter. Ajwaiu paratha (\$3.95) is made from whole wheat flour sprinkled with aromatic, caraway-like ajwaiu fruit.

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DINNER BY THE MOVIES AT SHORELINE'S Pizzeria Venti



Ciao Bella!

It didn't take long for businesswoman, Bella Awdisho, to recognize something was missing in Mountain View. After long research, it became apparent that finding a one-of-a-kind restaurant to bring to the Mountain View area would not be easy. "I just could not see opening another run-of-the-mill restaurant in an area filled with such innovation" said Mrs. Awdisho. Her search ended when she found Pizzeria Venti, a small boutique pizzeria based in Italy.

Her introduction to Italian cuisine was in-depth, to say the least. It began with a culinary arts program that included training under the Tuscany sun. "The training was really eye-opening. I learned about the nuances of true Italian cooking; about the quality and passion that goes into every dish. It's amazing," said Bella. "Covering everything from pasta and sauces to the tradition of Italy famous "pizza al taglio" or pizza by the cut, the training was a once-in-a-lifetime experience which is simply not available to most restaurateurs."

Traveling in Italy

Awdisho said that she was extremely anxious to start her own Pizzeria Venti right here in Mountain View. "I recognized the uniqueness of our location," she noted "so I put many resources into the marketing of the location. We continue to offer to our customers many of the dishes I was introduced to in Italy." So successful was this introduction that Awdisho had to double the size of her kitchen, adding additional equipment to handle the demand. Executive Chef, Marco Salvi, the training chef in Italy, provided many new recipes for use in her restaurant. Chef Marco provided some insight "The ingredients say it all. We work to provide a finished dish which will honor its origins and create a wonderful experience for our customers."

Authenticity – Not just a word

Each new dish is hand selected with an eye towards authenticity. Even its rustic style pizza has a bit of Italia in it, made daily on-premise and using only imported water from Italy. "For me, one of the most important components of the training in Italy was the cultural understanding of these recipes. I was able to bring this back to our customers," said Bella. She continues, "I know our customers really appreciate what we do. We are so grateful that they allow us our passion."

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While perusing the menu, nibble on crisp, cone-shaped lentil wafers with very good tamarind and cilantro chutneys.

The lunch buffet (\$10.95) is a good way to sample both Sri Lankan and Indian sides of the menu. Have a little green salad and all the naan you can eat, but on our visit many of the dishes, including naan, were impoverished by being just lukewarm.

Best were creamy butter chicken, juicy tandoori chicken, and bengan bharta, in which eggplant is cooked down to a smoky jam with onions and garlic. I would go back and order each of those dishes.

My advice is to get a table where you can see buffet dishes as they are replenished, and eat accordingly. As it happened, the gulab jaman dessert, deep-fried milk balls that often are sticky and heavy, had just come from

the fryer to the buffet table and were delicious.

Spicy Leaves' soups (\$3.50) include the traditional mulligatawani and an intriguing pumpkin-carrot. The chef's chicken soup is well-stocked with tender pieces of breast meat, little curls of ramen-type noodles, corn, green beans and cilantro. It's like a Thai coconut milk soup.

Sri Lankan chicken curry (\$13.95) also has coconut inflections, two drumsticks slathered in a thick, salty-spicy-sweet tomato-onion curry.

Soupy yellow dal also has a nice kick. Pour some over rice.

Sri Lankan fish curry, made with tilapia (\$12.95) packs a mouthful of harmonious spices including tiny cardamom seeds, tomato and coconut milk. Sri Lankan fish mackerel and potato cutlets (\$4.95) were heavy and oily.

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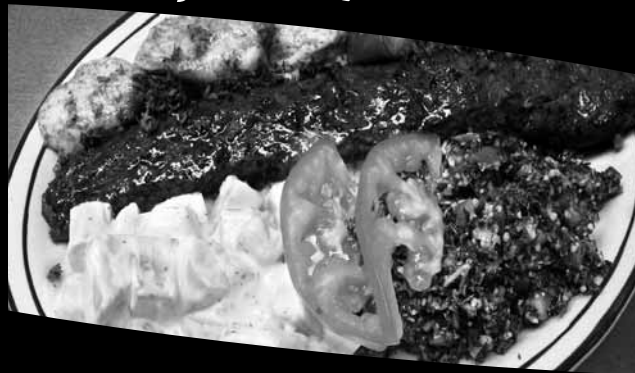
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The interior of Spicy Leaves in Los Altos

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From the tandoor oven, chicken tikka kebabs (\$13.95) were served on a sizzling platter with raw onions that keep cooking, and a lime for squeezing. Big, boneless hunks of breast meat were tender, the juices held in by slightly charred edges.

There wasn't a lot of meat in the lamb biryani (\$13.95), but it too was boneless and tender, nestled in fluffy rice.

Most of the appetizers and a half-dozen entrees are vegetarian (all \$9.95), including a cheese dish and a marinated cauliflower entree from the tandoor oven. Nafiz palak paneer sets chunks of slightly sour farmer's cheese into a bath of spicy spinach.

After all these acidic, fruity, spicy flavors, a palate-cleansing dessert seems like a good idea. Disappointingly, the restaurant was out of its signature dessert, watalappum (\$4.50), the Sri Lankan creme caramel. To compensate, the cheerful host gave us a surprisingly light and aromatic rice pudding.

Amid the restaurant row at the Village Court Shopping Center, Spicy Leaves is not a decor stand-out. The carpet, the banquet chairs, the handful of design touches feel tired. Maybe they are leftovers from the previous tenant, Bombay Cafe.

Restrooms are upstairs. Note the "Watch your step" sign on the way down.

The first people of Sri Lanka were the Sinhalese, from Northern India. From the 16th century until independence in 1948, the island was ruled by a succession of Europeans: Portuguese, Dutch and British. But if Sri Lanka rings a bell today, it is probably because of the horrible, ongoing ethnic conflict between the Sinhalese majority and Tamil separatists.

Now we have a happier reason to think of Sri Lanka. Bring on the string hoppers! ▀

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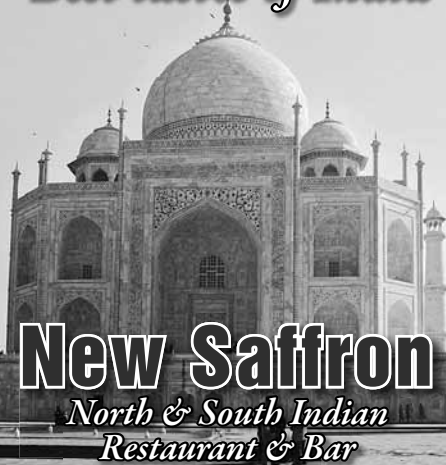
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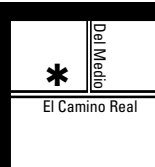
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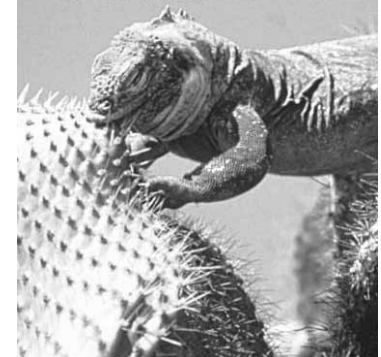
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MOVIE TIMES

A Single Man (R) ★★★★★ Aquarius Theatre:
4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m. Fri.-Mon. also at 2 p.m.

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Century 16: 11:25 a.m.;
1:40, 4, 7:10 & 9:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m.; 12:20, 1:25, 2:45, 3:45, 5, 6,
8:20 & 10:40 p.m. Sat. also at 10:05 a.m.

An Education (PG-13) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre:
7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 2:30 p.m.

Avatar (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 2:30 & 9 p.m.; In 3D at 11:30 a.m.; 1:15,
3:30, 4:45, 7, 8:15 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 2:30 & 8:40 p.m.; In 3D at 11:20 a.m.;
12:30, 1:40, 2:50, 4:15, 5:30, 6:30, 8:05, 9:10 & 10 p.m. Sat. in 3D also at 10:10 a.m.

Beat the Devil (1953) Stanford Theatre: Tue 5:50 & 9:20 p.m. Wed 5:50 & 9:20 p.m.

The Blind Side (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 6:45 & 9:40 p.m.
Century 20: 12:40, 4, 7:30 & 10:25 p.m.

The Book of Eli (R) Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 1:10, 2:35, 3:55, 5:15, 6:40, 8, 9:30
& 10:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 12:45, 2, 3:35, 4:45, 6:25, 7:35, 9:15 &
10:25 p.m. Sat. also at 10 a.m.

Broken Embraces (R) ★★★ Guild Theatre: 2, 5 & 8 p.m.

Carrie (1952) Stanford Theatre: Thu 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

Cluny Brown (1946) Stanford Theatre: Tue 7:30 p.m. Wed 7:30 p.m.

Crazy Heart (R) ★★★ CineArts at Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:40 & 7:15 p.m.
Fri.-Sun. also at 9:55 p.m.

Daybreakers (R) Century 20: Fri Noon, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m. Sat Noon,
2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m. Sun Noon, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m. Mon Noon,
2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m. Tue Noon, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m. Wed Noon,
2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m. Thu Noon, 2:55,

Duel in the Sun (1946) Stanford Theatre: Sat 3:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Sun 3:30 & 7:30 p.m. Mon 7:30 p.m.

Gone to Earth (1950) Stanford Theatre: Fri 5:35 & 9:25 p.m.

The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 3:40
& 10 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri. & Sun.-Thu. at 3:15 & 9:40 p.m. Sat. at 4 & 9:40 p.m.

Invictus (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16: 12:05 & 6:55 p.m.
Century 20: 6:40 p.m. Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 12:10 p.m.

It's Complicated (R) ★★★ Century 16: 12:20, 3:10, 6:15 & 9:20 p.m.
Century 20: 11:10 & 11:50 a.m.; 1:55, 4:40, 5:55, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.

Leap Year (PG) 1/2 Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.
Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1:50, 4:35, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

Love Letters (1945) Stanford Theatre: Fri 7:30 p.m.

The Lovely Bones (PG-13) Century 16: 11:55 a.m.; 1:25, 2:55, 4:25, 5:55,
7:25, 8:55 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:35, 4:05, 5:40, 7:10, 8:45
& 10:15 p.m. Sat. also at 9:55 a.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Carmen Century 20: Sat 10 a.m.
CineArts at Palo Alto Square: Sat 10 a.m.

Portrait of Jennie (1948) Stanford Theatre: Sat 5:50 & 9:50 p.m. Sun 5:50 &
9:50 p.m. Mon 5:50 & 9:20 p.m.

**Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire (R) ★★★ 1/2
Aquarius Theatre:** 5 & 9:55 p.m.

The Princess and the Frog (G) ★★★ Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 1:45 & 4:15
p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 1:55, 4:30, 6:55 & 9:35 p.m.

Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 1, 4:20, 6,
7:40 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m.; 2, 5:20, 7:15, 8:35 & 10:10 p.m.

The Spy Next Door (PG) Century 16: 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: 12:15, 2:40, 5, 7:25 & 9:45 p.m.

Up in the Air (R) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16: Noon, 2:35, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.
Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.

We Were Strangers (1949) Stanford Theatre: Thu 5:30 & 9:40 p.m. 5:30 & 9:40 p.m.

The Young Victoria (PG) ★★★ 1/2 CineArts at Palo Alto Square: 4:50
& 7:20 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:50 p.m. Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 2:20 p.m.

Youth in Revolt (R) ★★★ Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:15, 4:40, 7:30 & 9:55
p.m. **Century 20:** 11:55 a.m.; 2:15, 5:05, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

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CENTURY 20 DOWNTOWN: 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (800-326-3264)

CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)

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MOVIE REVIEWS

CRAZY HEART ★★★

(Cinearts) There's one reason "Crazy Heart" is a must-see: Jeff Bridges. Bridges plays Bad Blake, a faded country-western music star relegated to playing dives like a bowling-alley bar. He treats his chronic weariness with chronic drinking, defensive pleasantries and one-night stands. These escapes are understandable. It's hard to face up to the disappointments that have brought him here, and it's easier to blame someone else — his manager, perhaps, or his one-time friend and colleague Billy Sweet (Colin Farrell), currently living the music-star life that has slipped from Bad's fingers. Traveling America in his beat-up '78 Chevy truck, Bad would rather be left alone to anesthetize himself before, during and after gigs, but he agrees to an interview with a hopeful music journalist named Jean (Maggie Gyllenhaal). More than usually attracted to the potential lover in his midst, Bad seduces her and realizes that, for the first time in a long time, he's not interested in leaving his conquest behind. *Rated R for language and brief sexuality. One hour, 51 minutes.* — P.C.

THE IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Locked with the Devil (Tom Waits) in a centuries-long struggle for human souls, the unhappily immortal Dr. Parnassus (Christopher Plummer) tells his ruthless foe, "You can't stop stories being told." Helping Parnassus put on his greatest show on Earth is an itinerant troupe of actors: diminutive Percy (Verne Troyer) and ingenues Anton (Andrew Garfield) and Valentina (Lily Cole). The latter is Parnassus' daughter, just about to turn what Mr. Nick lasciviously refers to as "Sweet 16 — the age of consent." Mr. Nick's excitement stems from a long-ago deal made with Parnassus for Valentina's soul, a deal set to close on her birthday. Endearingly packed to the rafters with ornate anachronistic artistry, Terry Gilliam's "Imaginarium" is a great place to window shop — and get lost for a spell. *Rated PG-13 for violent images, some sensuality, language and smoking. Two hours, two minutes.* — P.C.

YOUTH IN REVOLT ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Teen Nick (Michael Cera) longs to lose his virginity, and he sets his sights on one Sheeni Saunders (Portia Doubleday), the incongruously self-possessed daughter of Bible-thumping trailer park dwellers. The star-crossed would-be lovers face plenty of obstacles. "Excessively nice," Nick hatches a plan to turn bad and thus be sent from his mother (Jean Smart) to his father (Steve Buscemi), who lives closer to Sheeni. To get up the gumption, Nick fashions a devilish French alter ego named Francois Dillinger, ever-ready to counsel badness. *Rated R for sexual content, language and drug use. One hour, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

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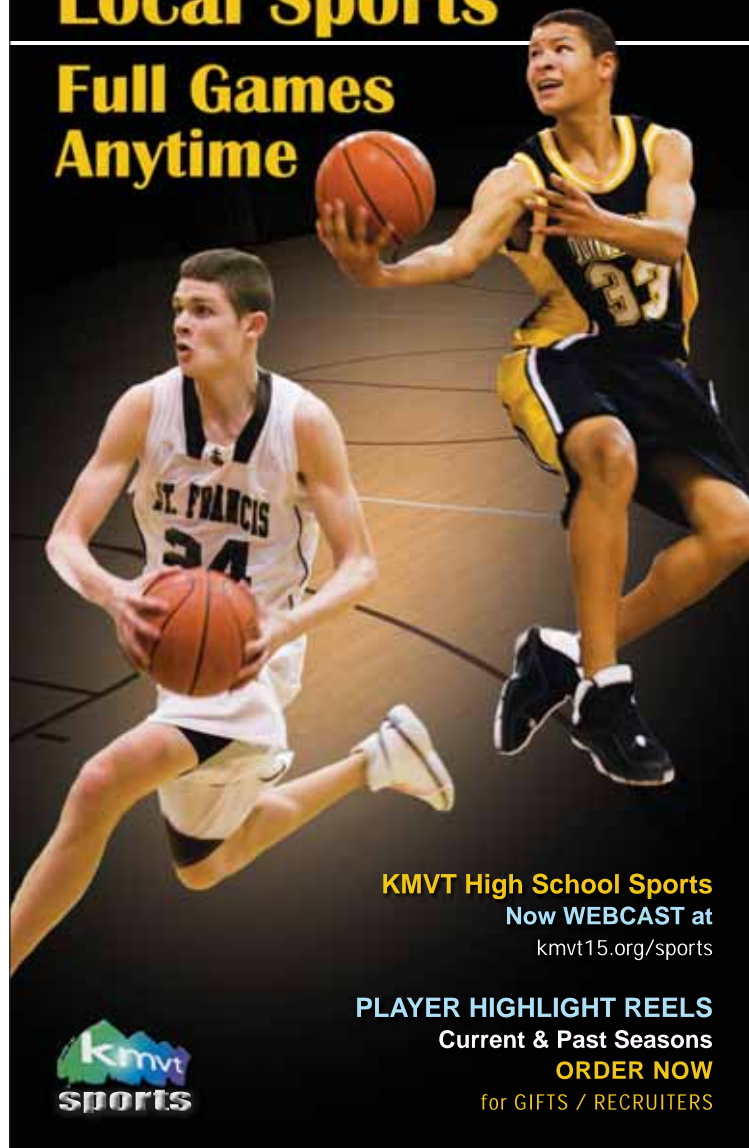
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Sun., Jan. 17, 2-3 p.m. adults \$10 ; children \$5;
Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.
Call 707-874-3176. www.wildcatfund.org

ART GALLERIES

1 in 100: America Behind Bars An exploration into the fact that one of every 100 adults in America is in prison. The pieces are meant to encourage thought about the high rate of incarceration and how it affects society. On display Jan. 10-23, Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8613. www.paloaltojcc.org/arts

Ceramic Sculptures by Pancho Jimenez Works on exhibit will include a combination of free-standing, small table-top and wall-mounted sculptures. Jimenez teaches art at Santa Clara University and West Valley College. Through Jan. 24, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800. www.arts4all.org/view

Kathy Sharpe - Recent Works New oil and watercolor paintings by Kathy Sharpe are on display at Gallery 9 Jan. 5-31. Subjects include florals, still life and landscapes. Through January, Gallery 9 Hours: Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., noon-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Baby Food 101 Petite Village co-sponsors this free class about how to make easy, homemade meals for baby. Learn from a certified nutritionist which foods are best at which stages. Includes a cooking demonstration using seasonal vegetables and discussion about storing food. Wed., Jan. 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Whole Foods Market, 4800 El Camino Real, Los Altos. Call 650-559-0300. http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/losaltos

Death, Grief, and Loss as a Spiritual Journey "How do you help yourself and others in the process of dying, and with the event of death itself? Together we will look at the physical process of dying and discuss what happens to the soul after death. We will also discuss grief or loss as a result of the passing of a loved one," Ananda says. Sat., Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$30. Ananda, 2171 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-323-3363. www.anandapaloalto.org

Fruit-tree pruning Learn how to maximize tree health, fruit production and dead wood identification. Espalier care also discussed. Meet at Common Ground, then proceed to a local orchard, rain or shine. Bring: pruning shears, bag lunch and a notebook. Sat., Jan. 16, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$42. Common Ground Garden Supply, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundinpalto.org

Internet and Adolescents Understand how MySpace, Facebook and instant messaging work, and learn the implications of online communication. Instructor Jordan Berry will discuss the new ways teens talk to each other and some practical ideas to help parents connect with their teens. Thu., Jan. 21, 7-9 p.m. No fee (pre-registration is required). Children's Health Council, 650 Lark Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-617-3806. www.chonline.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.

SPAUG General Meeting SPAUG General Meeting Stanford-Palo Alto User Group meets monthly to discuss problems, solutions, software and hardware. Learn more about computing, meet fellow computer users. Get help and advice from experienced users. Second Wednesday of the month, ongoing, 7-9:30 p.m. first meeting free, \$35/year. American Legion Post, 347 First St., Los Altos. Call 650-493-9307. www.svuga.org/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mitzvah Day! Community-wide day of service. More than 20 projects to choose from suitable for all ages. Pre-registration required. Mon., Jan. 18, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8602. http://www.paloaltojcc.org/mitzvah

Step Out for Pro-Choice Annual rally and walk in downtown Los Altos to support woman's right to choose. Friday, Jan. 22. Organized by American Association of University Women. Address by Linda Williams, president/CEO, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. Program begins at noon. Fri., Jan. 22, noon-1:30 p.m. \$1 at the door. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.aauw-losaltosmountainview.org

The Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Community and Interfaith Celebration Sun., Jan. 17. "Reflections on the dream." Music and reflections by Joan Baez, folk singer, songwriter, and activist; Interfaith Community Choir (Singers wanted -- 2 p.m. practice at the church on 1/17); Eastside College Preparatory School Choir and youth speaker; Refreshments served. 3-4:30 p.m. Donations at the door First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

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Bluegrass Music Concert RBA presents The Tutttles with AJ Lee, a traditional bluegrass band of (mostly) teens and pre-teens. Sat., Jan. 23, 8-11 p.m. \$18/advance, \$20/door. First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-691-9982. www.rba.org

The M.L.K. Birthday Celebration "Reflections On The Dream"; Speaker: Joan Baez; Hon. LaDoris Cordell, MC; volunteer Community Interfaith Choir; Eastside College Prep School Choir from EPA; Alex Freeman, youth speaker from P.A. High School; refreshments served. Sun., Jan. 17, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. The First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

CONCERTS

California Bach Society: Celebrating Bach Join California Bach Society and friends in Celebrating Bach's 325th Birthday with music, birthday cakes, candles, champagne, and more. On the program: Bach arias by Ann Moss, Paul Flight, and Brian Thorssett, and parts of St. John Passion. Ticket sales benefit the California Bach Society. Sun., Jan. 24, 4-6 p.m. \$25 until Jan. 21 / \$30 at the door. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 415-262-0272. www.calbach.org

Luther College Nordic Choir performance Luther College's Nordic Choir, conducted by Craig Arnold, will perform Jan. 22. 7:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, \$12 for students. Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverly St., Palo Alto. Call 563-387-1267.

DANCE

English Country Dancing Peninsula English Country Dance welcomes all, from beginners to experienced dancers. Live music, no partner needed, all dances taught. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Dance meets first, third, fifth Wednesdays through June 2010. 8-10 p.m. \$15 supporters, \$9 non-members, \$7 members, \$5 students or pay what you can. Flex-It Studio, 425 Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-493-6012.

Live Music Contra Dance Caller: James Hutson (Los Angeles) Band: Angell Brothers Band (Thomas Angell, Barry Angell, Juan Browne). Please Bring Potluck Food to share. A traditional form of American social folk dance. Sat., Jan. 23, 7:30-11 p.m. admission \$10, members \$8 Students \$5 or pay what you can. 1st Church Palo Alto 2Fl, 625 Hamilton & Byron., Palo Alto. Call 650-965-9169. www.bacds.org/series/contra/palo_alto

Winter Night Delight Singles Dance Party and dancing for single adults of all ages. Dressy attire recommended. Sat., Jan. 23, Complimentary light appetizers, courtesy of Trader Vic's. 8-11:45 p.m. \$20. Dinah's Garden Hotel, 4261 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-327-4645. www.thepartyhotline.com

ENVIRONMENT

Celebrate MLK Day Early by Restoring San Francisco Creek (Palo Alto) Volunteers are needed to help meet the goal to plant 25,000 native seedlings in the Palo Alto Baylands. This shoreline park was saved from development in the 1950s by concerned citizens. Sat., Jan. 16, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Palo Alto Baylands, Palo Alto. Call 510-452-9261 ext. 109. www.savesfbay.org/bayevents

Native Plant Nursery Wednesday Workday Help get plants from the nursery into the marshes. Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Baylands, Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. www.savesfbay.org

EXHIBITS

"Out of the Box" An unusual display of mandalas painted on pizza boxes is the work of cancer patients at El Camino Hospital who participate in the Creative Expressions classes. The exhibit can be seen at Main Street Cafe and Books in Los Altos. Through January, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Main Street Cafe and Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-988-7514. elcaminohospital.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie!" Palo Alto Children's Theatre presents "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie!" Based on the book by Laura Joffe Numeroff, this show is recommended for all ages. School field trips also available. Jan. 27-Feb. 6, 7 p.m. \$5/child, \$10/adult. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930.

"Rumplestiltskin" PACT's Saturday Playhouse Series presents "Rumplestiltskin." Poor Idina is stuck after her mother the miller tells the king she can spin straw into gold. A tricky troll offers help, but at a steep price. Recommended for ages 3-6, this 45 minute long show is full of fun and audience participation. Sat., Jan. 16, 10:30 a.m. \$5/child, \$10/adult. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4970.

Autism Spectrum Disorders: Educational Series for Parents The Stanford Autism Center at Packard Children's Hospital is offering a 10-part educational series for parents of children and adolescents with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder. This series is designed to provide parents with information about ASD diagnoses, treatments and services. Thursdays through March 25, \$5 per session. Stanford University, 401 Quarry Road, Room 2209, Stanford. Call 650-721-6327. childpsychiatry.stanford.edu

Kids Story Hour First and third Wednesday of every month on the first floor. One hour of picture-book reading and songs. 10-11 a.m. Free. RedrockCoffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View.

Kindermusik Demos Experience a sample music class with a baby or toddler. Sing, explore instruments, and move to music. Babies 0 - 18 months at 9:30 a.m.; toddlers 18 months - young 3s at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15; RSVP required. free. Nelson home, 1404 Bonita Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-968-4733. wendyofmv.kindermusik.net

Winter Wellness for Kids Join Anna Fastenko, co-founder of Bay Homeopathy, for a talk about children's immune health using homeopathic remedies. Tue., Jan. 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Whole Foods Market, 4800 El Camino Real, Los Altos. Call 650-559-0300. http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/losaltos

HEALTH

First Annual Bay Area Wellness Festival Various Bay Area wellness groups and their outlook for 2010. Lecture/discussion with Prof Adiel Tel-Oren. Post-Lecture Party with Raw Fingerfood Potluck. Wed., Jan. 20, 7-10:30 p.m. \$10. Cubberley Theater, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. tinyurl.com/y9p985y

ON STAGE

PTO Presents: Opera Dido & Aeneas Peninsula Teen Opera presents: "Dido & Aeneas," by Henry Purcell, along with scenes from other operas and operettas. Jan. 15-16, 7:30 p.m. \$16 for adults, \$10 for students. Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. www.teenopera.org

OUTDOORS

Duck! The Palo Alto wetlands are loaded with wintering waterfowl. Up to 17 different duck species may be seen. Meet at the Baylands Nature Center. Children are free with a registered, paid adult. Register in advance. Ages 8 and up. Sat., Jan. 23, 9:30-11 a.m. \$3 Palo Alto residents / \$5 non-residents. Baylands Nature Center, 2775 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2506. bit.ly/enjoyonline

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SENIORS

Make a difference with the young Information on tutoring high schoolers. Thu., Jan. 28, 1 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Newcomer's group An orientation and tour of the Senior Center is scheduled for Tue., Jan. 19. It includes a review of classes, upcoming events, social services and general information. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

The Red Hat Society Workshop "We're the women in the red and pink hats. We gather in local chapters just to have fun. We laugh, chat, eat two chocolate desserts, take pictures, and forget about what others are thinking. Sound interesting? Sign up for our 'Getting To Know Each Other' meeting," the group says. Thu., Jan. 21, 1 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

TALKS/AUTHORS

Climate-change lecture Michael Wara, faculty fellow, Program on Energy and Sustainable Development, Stanford, discusses the road from Copenhagen to effective U.S. and international climate policy in a free public lecture Wed., Jan. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-856-0912.

Lawyer Quits; Finds Heart/Soul Jeff Brown, author of "Soulshaping: A Journey of Self-Creation," shows how a driven lawyer quit his job, changed his path and transformed his life. Tue., Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. www.eastwest.com

Mary Buffet presents "Warren Buffett's Management Secrets" Mary Buffet talks about "Warren Buffett's Management Secrets," which sheds light on his decision-making processes and his strategies for keeping on track and maintaining focus. Thu., Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. in Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

The Search for Intelligent Life Among the Stars Astronomer and lecturer Seth Shostak will discuss the searches for radio signals from possible alien civilizations -- what is happening in the field and what new strategies might lead us to discover intelligent life out there in the next few decades. Wed., Jan. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothill.edu/ast

The World Is Your Stage: A Story of Music on the iPhone, How We Got Here, and Where We're Going Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley's weekly Talks on Computing Systems. This week's topic is on the research that is being done on mobile phones at Stanford and at Smule. Tue., Jan. 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley, NASA Research Park, Bldg 23, Moffett field. Call 650-335-2852. www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/news-events/seminars/index.html

TEEN ACTIVITIES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 531876

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Kuma Management at 1068 Paintbrush Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, Santa Clara County: RALPH HAJURA

1068 Paintbrush Drive
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RANDOLF HAJURA

1388 Montecito Avenue
Mountain view, CA 94043

This business is owned by a General Partnership.

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/13/09.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 9, 2009.

(Voice Dec. 25, 2009, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 2010)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 531988

The following person(s)/entity(ies) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
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1414 W El Camino Real
Mtn. View, CA 94040

FILED IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ON:
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UNDER FILE NO. 464392

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
FEREIDOUN-GHASSI

386 S. Monroe
San Jose, CA 95128

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY
an individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 14, 2009.

(Voice Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010)

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS/ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 532547

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Electrical Installation Contractors/Electrical Installations at 373 Pettis Ave. # 3, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County:

CHRISTOPHER E. THOMAS

373 Pettis Apt. 3
MT. View, CA 94041

This business is owned by an individual. Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1/15/93.

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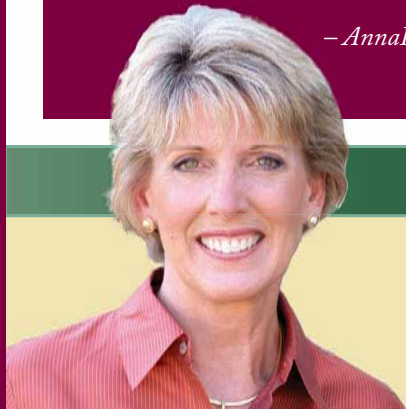
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24269 DAWN RIDGE DR
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,699,000
4 BR 3 BA In a beautifully natural & priv. setting on one of the nicest streets in Los Altos Hills.
Mickey Shaevitz 650.941.7040

MOUNTAIN VIEW

2100 CALIFORNIA ST
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$929,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Contemporary home w/high ceilings.Updtd w/slate & bamboo flrs;fam rm kit,inside Indry.
Kathy Horvath 650.941.7040

PALO ALTO

LUXURY ADULT LIVING \$875,000+
2 BR 2 BA The Hamilton, PA's elegant over '55 adult condominiums, offers luxurious retirement living
Jo Jackson 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE

4016 OELLA COURT
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$719,950
3 BR 2 BA Set on a small cul-de-sac in a desirable Cambrian neighborhood.Extensive remodel thruout hm.
Yasemin Richardson 650.948.0456

LOS ALTOS

50 PINE LN
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,988,000
5 BR 5.5 BA French country home presents classic elegance and modern functionality.
Terri Couture 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS

EXCITING & UPDATED HOME \$2,495,000
4 BR 4 BA Tree top views! In a wooded two acres. Featuring soaring ceilings crowned by 22 skylights
Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040

MENLO PARK

450 SIERRA VISTA AVE #5
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$745,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Sun drenched EndUnit that has LG LR w/FP,a sep.DR & eat-in kit.LG Bck Yrd & expansive Dcks
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

PALO ALTO

2216 AMHERST ST
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$799,000
1 BR 1 BA Vintage redwood and oak cottage. Tree studded rustic setting. Charm, character provided.
Barbara Sawyer 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE

422 GALLERIA DR. #7
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$508,000
2 BR 2 BA Immaculate & fabulous home near Rivermark, & major Hi-Tech companies.
Alice Chakhmazova 650.948.0456

LOS ALTOS

920 TERRACE DR
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,900,000
6 BR 4.5 BA From top 2 bottom.5 bdrms,3 are Suites & a Office,4 full Ba & 1 1/2 Ba Indry on both lvls A.
Huwe-Sat. & Satya-Sun 650.941.7040

LOS GATOS

ATOP THE HILLS \$1,899,900
4 BR 2.5 BA Beautifully remodeled two level home & vineyard in Alta Vista area with far reaching views
Vicki Geers 650.941.7040

MENLO PARK

509 SIERRA VISTA AV #10
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$499,000
2 BR 2 BA W/its invitingly open Kit,warm corner frplc, & balcony off the dining area.
Kim Copher 650.941.7040

PALO ALTO

444 SAN ANTONIO ROAD #3B
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$778,000
2 BR 2.5 BA This inviting townhouse is centrally located.A bright & open liv rm has vaulted ceilings
Terrie Masuda 650.941.7040

SAN MATEO

FABULOUS VIEW PROPERTY! \$1,199,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Enjoy this beautiful sunrise for the rest of your life! SM Highlands remodeled
Brendan Callahan 650.325.6161

LOS ALTOS

ELEGANT HOME \$1,888,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Close to Downtown.Luxury home with stunning kitchen,refinished hardwood flooring.
Shelly Potvin 650.941.7040

MENLO PARK

578 OLIVE ST
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,745,000
6 BR 6 BA New, 5000 sf Craftsman in W. Menlo. +10k lot! High-End Finishes & Countless Amenities
Mandana Nejad 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK

453 N RENGSTORFF AV #15
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$498,000
3 BR 1 BA Hdwd entry leads to living w/picture window & built-in bookshelves.
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

PALO ALTO

EICHLER ON LARGE LOT \$1
4 BR 2 BA Sharp, clean w/remod kit w/granite counters.Updated baths, new carpet & paint. 8400 sf lot
Jo Jackson 650.325.6161

SUNNYVALE

1152 BENNINGTON DRIVE
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$888,000
3 BR 2 BA W/Hrdwd flrs thru out,updtd kit w/granite,& updtd mstr Bath w/tile surround.
Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS

852 UNIVERSITY AVE
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,599,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Harmony & good design. Remodeled & close to dwntwn. 11,465 sf lot. LA schools. 2 car gar.
Laurel Robinson 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK

1105 TRINITY DR
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,595,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Live & entertain in recently updated turn-key home on the 3rd fairway of the golf course
Dante Drummond 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK

FIRST FLOOR END UNIT \$399,000
2 BR 1 BA Overlooking lawn area.Completely updated,kitchen cabinets w/granite counters.
Melanie Johnson 650.941.7040

REDWOOD CITY

THE HOPKINS 14 UNITS \$2,550,000
Great location w/ easy access to El Camino Real, shopping & commuter train. Fully rented.
Veronica Rudick 650.325.6161

SUNNYVALE

WONDERFUL SUNNYVALE HOME \$812,000
3 BR 2 BA Wonderful Sunnyvale Home. Great Cupertino Schools. Excellent flr plan. Gourmet kitchen
Jon Anderson 650.325.6161

LOS ALTOS

24481 SUMMERHILL AVE
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,599,000
3 BR 1.5 BA Idyllic private location w/ gorgeous views!20,000 sq ft lot,charming Hm.Hrdwd flrs,frplc.
Terri Couture 650.941.7040

MENLO PARK

2357 SHARON OAKS DR
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,069,000
2 BR 2 BA No steps single-level,end unit in desirable Sharon Oaks.Attchd 2-car gar. Bonus rm.
Margaret Williams 650.941.7040

MENLO PARK

SECLUDED PROPERTY \$2,998,000
5 BR 3 BA Private property-value in the land. Excellent opportunity in Old PA. 13,500 sf w/90'x150'.
Leannah Hunt & Laurel Robinson 650.325.6161

REDWOOD CITY

3883 FARM HILL BLVD
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,035,000
4 BR 3 BA Farm Hill Estate Loc. Beautifully remodeled throughout w/sunny exposure & views of hills.
Denise Monfette 650.325.6161

SUNNYVALE

MUST SEE! GREAT POTENTIAL \$629,000
4 BR 3 BA Ideal w/Mother in law qurtrs. 4 br/3 ba, 2 kit, 2LR. Enclosed patio area. 2 car atta gar.
Letty Guerra 650.941.7040