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RECORD JUMPERS:

Borna Barzin, front, skips rope alongside classmates at Egan Junior High School in Los Altos on Monday. The students joined others in the region, including at Landels and Huff elementary schools, as part of a statewide effort to break the Guinness World's Record for "Most people jumping/skipping rope at same time." See story, p. 7.

MVLA teachers are best paid in state

By Kelsey Mesher

According to data released by the state Department of Education this month and compiled by the *Sacramento Bee*, teachers in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District are the highest paid in the state.

"We have the best teachers in the state and they deserve to be paid well," said Superintendent Barry Groves.

The *Bee's* report, which examined districts with more than 100 teachers, said MVLA pays an average of \$95,365 a year, with the lowest earning \$61,184 and the highest \$115,616.

"We value our beginning teachers," Groves said in regards

to the starting salary, adding that they are an "investment."

He said one reason for the high pay scale is that the district attracts and retains experienced

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BARRY GROVES

teachers.

According to 2008-09 data from Ed Data, a collaborative Web site that analyzes data provided by the state, MVLA teach-

ers averaged 11.2 years of teaching experience and 9.3 years with the district. Twenty-three of the district's 193 teachers, or about 12 percent, were first or second year teachers.

But when compared to county and state figures, it appears that in terms of teacher experience and longevity with a district, MVLA is only comparable, rather than noticeably higher.

Joe White, associate superintendent of business, said another factor is the cost of living in the area.

"When you put a blanket across the state or various parts of Northern California it makes it look like, 'Wow there's a huge

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New zoning could redraw the map

CITY OFFICIALS AGREE TO DOUBLE POPULATION DENSITIES ALLOWED ON EL CAMINO, N. BAYSHORE

By Daniel DeBolt

It appears that dramatic increases in the size of buildings allowed in North Bayshore and on El Camino Real — and a corresponding increase in population densities there — are in the cards for Mountain View following a breakthrough General Plan discussion at Tuesday night's council meeting.

The growth of the city has been stagnant during the recession, but officials said changes in zoning could spur new development.

"The possibility of development on El Camino Real has been there and nothing has happened," said council member Ronit Bryant. "Maybe permitting five-story mixed-use buildings will provide an incentive."

During Tuesday's meeting, held for the second week in a row at the Senior Center, the council and Planning Commission jointly discussed building densities and land uses for three of nine "focus areas" where new development would be concentrated: El Camino Real, North Bayshore and the San Antonio shopping center.

The city has dubbed the process the "2030 General Plan Update," resulting in a document intended to guide Mountain View's development over the next 20 years. Although decisions made Tuesday weren't binding, they indicated the direction the city almost certainly is headed.

To prepare for Tuesday's meeting, the city spent a year gathering input from residents and other stakeholders who wanted to focus development on particular areas while maintaining the city's character. After four

hours of discussion Tuesday, the council and commission — 14 members in total — had supported four- and five-story buildings along El Camino Real and significantly increasing the size of buildings allowed at San Antonio shopping center and

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Obama's budget boosts NASA Ames

LOSS OF MOON MISSION MEANS BIG GAINS FOR RESEARCH AT MOFFETT

By Daniel DeBolt

The announcement of President Barack Obama's new direction for space exploration has caused some rancor in other parts of the country, where NASA's flagship moon program and its associated jobs will be lost. But here in Mountain View, NASA Ames' Silicon Valley programs are getting a boost, officials say.

The new NASA budget is such good news for NASA Ames that it spurred deputy center director Lewis Braxton to say of the budget, "We couldn't have written it better

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"I think he made a good emphasis on not needing a 60 seat majority to accomplish things, and how partisanship has been setting our country back greatly."

Alysa Cisneros, Santa Cruz



"Well, I thought it was good. The issues made it clear that if there wasn't any action taken there would be a depression, so getting more jobs."

Faye Hudson, Sunnyvale



"I liked it actually. I like how Obama seemed to criticize both sides equally. I like how he tries to be equal-minded."

Eddie Lee, Cupertino



"I didn't watch it."

Roy Ching, Mountain View



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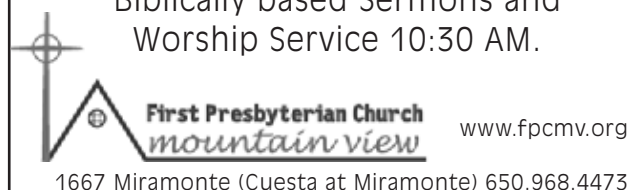
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1000 Block Grant Rd., 1/25
2000 Block California St., 1/31

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2200 Block Latham St., 1/28
1500 Block North Shoreline Blvd., 1/28
1000 Block North Rengstorff Ave., 1/28
2100 Block West El Camino Real, 1/31

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: ALCOHOL

400 Block Moffett Blvd., 1/27
1300 Block West El Camino Real, 1/28
100 Block East Evelyn Ave., 1/29
200 Block Castro St., 1/29
100 Block Castro St., 1/29

OBSCENE/ANNOYING PHONE CALL

2300 Block Rock St., 1/25

POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

300 Block Chiquita Ave., 1/25
Chiquita Ave. & Villa St., 1/31

POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE FOR SALE

100 Block East El Camino Real, 1/26
California St. & Escuela Ave., 1/28

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

200 Block Evandale Ave., 1/31

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

1300 Block Bryant Ave., 1/28
Highway 101 & Moffett Blvd., 1/2

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - LESS THAN ONE OUNCE

West Middlefield Rd. & North Shoreline Blvd., 1/27

SALE OF MARIJUANA

1800 Block Latham St., 1/26

POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHENALIA

1100 Block West El Camino Real, 1/27
California St. & San Antonio Rd., 1/28

ROBBERY

2600 Block California St., 1/26
600 Block South Rengstorff Ave., 1/30

PETTY THEFT

2600 Block West El Camino Real, 1/27
400 Block San Antonio Rd., 1/29
500 Block Franklin St., 1/29
100 Block East El Camino Real, 1/30
1900 Block California St., 1/30
600 Showers Dr., 1/30
400 Block San Antonio Rd., 1/30
400 Block San Antonio Rd., 1/31

GRAND THEFT

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Arrests made in 7-Eleven robbery spree

POLICE SAY THREE MEN IN CUSTODY RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT ARMED ROBBERIES, BUT OTHERS REMAIN UNSOLVED

By Kelsey Mesher

Mountain View police have three suspects in custody following a spree of armed robberies of 7-Elevens in the city over the past month, including the latest one Saturday night on Rengstorff Avenue.

However, police say they do not believe the three men are connected with other recent armed robberies in Mountain View at Kragen Auto Parts, Cigarette Express and a check-cashing business.



Sean Thomas



Derreck Stamper



Jamarea Campbell

According to police spokesperson Liz Wylie, investigators worked overnight and into the next day following an armed robbery at the 7-Eleven at 615 S. Rengstorff Ave., which occurred Saturday, Jan. 30 at about 10:45 p.m.

In that incident, two male suspects entered the 7-Eleven, demanding money from the cash register as well as the cell phones and wallets of two customers, according to police reports. The men had one small handgun, and were described as black male adults wearing dark clothing and with their faces covered.

Wylie said a Mountain View

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COUNTER MEASURES

Mountain View had its own representatives in last Friday's counter-protest against a small demonstration by members of the Westboro Baptist Church, which assembled across the street from Gunn High School in Palo Alto. Third from left, Jun-Fung Chueh, coordinator of CHAC's Outlet program, joined fellow Mountain View residents in their denunciation of the church's message. Both demonstrations went peacefully.

Lower density won't work for Minton's site, Prometheus says

By Daniel DeBolt

Citing new real estate market realities, the developer of a housing project that would replace Minton's Lumber and Supply on Evelyn Avenue says a request from neighbors to reduce the project's density "would not be economically viable."

With neighborhood traffic and parking concerns in mind, the Minton's Redevelopment Neighborhood Alliance, or MiRNA, made the case last week in a letter to Prometheus Real Estate Group for reducing the project's size by nearly a third — from 61 to 45 units per acre — citing examples of developments nearby built before the recession.

When it comes to 45 units per acre, "There are several buildings in the downtown area of similar density and a single underground podium parking garage," the MiRNA letter states.

"We believe that as you are looking for a long-term investment and are currently in a cash-rich position, you will be able to recoup your investment over the long term, just as the builders of these other properties have."

The letter, sent by downtown resident and MiRNA coordinator Robert Cox and addressed

senior vice president of development, said it is no longer economically viable to build an apartment complex with a parking garage at 45 units per acre because of difficulties in borrowing money, a down economy and a slow real estate market.

"No company would proceed," they wrote, under the terms proposed by MiRNA.

"If we were able to develop a 45 unit/acre rental apartment community and sell it in the next year or so, the property would sell for far less than the total project costs."

NATHAN TUTTLE AND JON MOSS

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to Prometheus senior development manager Nathan Tuttle, said that if the developer were to accept the proposal, those who had signed a petition opposing it would vote on whether to support the lower-density alternative. If support was found, MiRNA would begin speaking in favor of the project.

But in a response letter, Tuttle and Jon Moss, Prometheus'

costs." They went on to say that the "vast majority" of developers would not move forward with the project even as currently proposed due to the current state of the economy.

Other developers are indeed putting projects on hold. Classic Communities, which owns four acres next to Minton's, says it is

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Educators show enthusiasm for charter schools

MOST SEEM RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA DURING COUNTY SUMMIT IN SAN JOSE

By Kelsey Mesher

Charter schools, sometimes a thorn in the side of public school districts, received a pat on the back from none other than the state's top educator, Jack O'Connell, at a special charter school summit for local educators held Saturday at the county Office of Education in San Jose.

O'Connell, state superintendent of public instruction, said charters have an "obligation" to serve students looking for alternatives to traditional public schools.

"Without question, charter schools are helping us meet those diverse needs of our students," he said.

The summit, organized by a task force from the county Office of Education, brought together hundreds of local educators to learn more about "the rapid growth of charter schools" and how they can coexist with neighborhood schools.

Charter schools are funded publicly, but unlike traditional public schools they are exempt from many state laws and regulations. They are typically started by a group of teachers, parents or community members, and sponsored by a local school or county board that outlines an agreement, or "charter," for how the new school will be run.

According to O'Connell, by September of this year there will be 858 charter schools in California.

The traditional model, he said, "is not for everybody."

"We want our charter schools to provide options and choices in our communities," he said.

Russlynn H. Ali, assistant secretary of civil rights for the U.S. Department of Education, delivered the keynote address at the summit.

"Charters ... are really about closing the achievement gap," she said, adding that educating lower achieving students, who are more

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officer responding to the robbery located a vehicle with three suspects inside entering Highway 101 from San Antonio Avenue that was of interest.

"It was already a wanted vehicle in regards to a San Mateo robbery," she said, adding that the San Mateo robbery, which occurred Friday, Jan. 29, was similar to the recent crimes in Mountain View.

Wylie said the lone officer followed the vehicle into East Palo Alto while waiting for backup to assist in a car stop. She said the car pulled into a Shell gas station on University Avenue.

"They started to get out to get gas," she said. The officer then "ordered them to stay in the car, which they did until all the other vehicles started arriving." At that point, however, the suspects got back in the car and drove off, Wylie said.

After a short vehicle pursuit, the car crashed near Ikea, and all three suspects fled on foot. Derreck Stamper, 20, of Newark, was quickly apprehended by a police dog which had been traveling with the original officer. Wylie said police recovered the stolen wallets and cell phones from the 7-Eleven in the crashed vehicle.

Despite a lengthy search — involving officers from East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and San Mateo as well as the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department and police helicopters from San Jose — the two remaining

suspects were not found that night.

Wylie said detectives worked overnight with evidence from the car crash. Although the vehicle wasn't stolen, police were able to use its registration information to develop a lead on a second suspect, Sean Thomas, 19, of Hayward.

Thomas was spotted by Mountain View authorities Sunday morning in Menlo Park, entering a vehicle with three other people. According to Wylie, police followed the vehicle into Mountain View, where they made a car stop at the intersection of North Shoreline Boulevard and Terra Bella Avenue. Thomas was arrested without incident.

Wylie said evidence linking Thomas to the 7-Eleven robbery was recovered from the vehicle, though she could not specify what.

"Then the driver of the vehicle, this random guy who has nothing to do with the robbery, happened to have a bunch of cocaine and marijuana packaged for sale," she said. Jesse Housley, 56, of San Francisco, was arrested for three drug-related charges, though neither he nor his vehicle was tied to the 7-Eleven robbery.

It was clear that the other two passengers in the car were not related to the robbery, Wylie said, and they were released.

A final lead

"The investigation continues into the day" on Sunday, Wylie said, "and we now have enough evidence to identify the third

suspect." Wylie said she could not specify what type of evidence.

The third suspect, Jamarea Campbell, a 19-year-old resident of Menlo Park, was already on probation in San Mateo County, and was doing community service in San Mateo when he was arrested by local police Sunday afternoon, Wylie said, adding that his probation was set to expire Monday morning at midnight.

With that, police believe they now have in custody the other two suspects who escaped after the car chase Saturday night. All three were booked into the main jail on three counts of robbery, one for each person robbed Saturday. Wylie said Mountain View police have evidence connecting the suspects to two other armed robberies at local 7-Eleven stores, one on Jan. 21 and one on Jan. 26. She added that two small handguns were recovered during the investigation.

She also said that police in Sunnyvale, Belmont and San Mateo have cases they believe are connected with the suspects, and that they, along with the MVPD, will be presenting evidence which could lead to more charges.

As for the remaining unsolved armed robbery cases, Wylie would say only that police are "still working on leads." ▀

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Students jump for Guinness mark

THEY JOIN 80,000 AROUND STATE TRYING FOR WORLD RECORD

By Kelsey Mesher

Just before 9 a.m. Monday morning, more than 500 Egan Junior High School students in blue-and-yellow gym uniforms stood at attention on the blacktop, jump ropes at the ready. They listened as P.E. and health instructor Christie Eustice counted down from 10.

Then all at once, the kids began whipping their neon ropes around, skipping, hopping, huffing and puffing for 10 minutes straight in an attempt to make history.

The Egan students joined thousands of others across the state, including students from Landels and Huff elementary schools, in an effort to break the Guinness World Record for "Most people jumping/skipping rope at same time." The Feb. 1 event, sponsored by Jamba Juice and the California Association for Physical Education Recreation and Dance, attempted to corral 80,000 California schoolchildren into jumping simultaneously at exactly 9 a.m.

The current record was apparently set by 59,000 jump ropers in Australia in 2008, though some reports say it's not official because they haven't turned in their paperwork.

Egan parent and organizer Smita Shukla said Monday's jumping "went like clockwork." She estimated that about 20 parent volunteers joined all the school's teachers to monitor the students' jumping. Shukla added that Guinness requires physical evidence in order to declare an official record, so the parents took photos and video, and monitored groups of students who were organized through their physical education departments.

"We have to accurately witness the correct numbers for Guinness, and we shouldn't be fudging the numbers," Shukla said.

Although Monday's event lasted only 10 minutes, Eustice said her students began training before winter break.

"It started off as our daily

warm-up routine," she said, adding that the students started out jumping for one minute at a time, then built up to three minutes.

"We never practiced to 10 minutes, ever. That's just crazy," she said.

The students, who began jumping with vigor at 9 a.m., seemed to have lost a bit of steam by the end of the 10-minute period.

"I'm extremely exhausted," said student Borna Barzin after the event. "But it was really fun, we did a lot of training."

Eustice said she will turn in paperwork to the Association for Physical Education Recreation and Dance in the coming weeks. They won't know the total tally — or whether Guinness approves the record — until March.

For now, Eustice said, after putting away 600 jump ropes, "I don't want to see another jump rope for awhile." ▀

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CHARTERS

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likely to be Hispanic or black, is "an economic imperative."

"Charters can help achieve goals to turn around low performing schools," she said.

Ali said there is much misinformation surrounding charters: "Too many equate charters with privatization of schools. Instead of standing apart, charters should be partnering with districts."

"Charter schools are public schools," she added. "They are open to any student."

Mountain View Whisman School District trustee Ellen Wheeler, who attended Saturday's summit, said the majority of her board is "interested in looking into a K-8 charter."

"We're at the very beginning of conversation," she said, emphasizing that there are no plans yet. "We are open to ideas and open to choice."

Enthusiasm is presumably less strong among leaders of the neighboring Los Altos School District, where contention and strife — including legal action — have been the norm ever since Bullis Charter School was authorized by the county Board of Education in 2003. That charter was initiated by a group of frustrated Los Altos Hills parents whose neighborhood school, Bullis-Purissima, had been closed by the district.

Craig Goldman, chief financial officer for Mountain View Whisman, called Bullis an "anomaly" in the charter world. He said if there were to be a charter in Mountain View, most likely it would differ

from Bullis in that it would be started by the district itself, rather than by parents.

"There hasn't been any real movement along those lines, which honestly I think is a great nod to our district," Goldman said. "If a charter were to happen it would be at the initiation of the district in terms of adopting a research-based, proven approach to improving student achievement."

Wheeler mentioned the Knowledge is Power Program, or KIPP, as a possible model for how a Mountain View charter could look. KIPP operates a network of 82 charters in 19 states, and according to its Web site more than 80 percent of its students qualify for free or reduced lunch. ▀

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difference," White said. "But there's a huge cost of living here." He added that many employees, including himself, commute from other areas to work in the district.

For Superintendent Groves, the chief issue was teacher quality.

"I believe that MVLA has a

cadre of professional, highly qualified teachers in every academic discipline," Groves wrote in an e-mail. "As we have high standards for achieving tenure in our district, we believe that our teaching staff is second to none. Our students and their families profit by this incredible group of professionals."

According to the state data, teachers in the Mountain View

Whisman School District make an average of \$61,147 annually. The lowest pay offered in that district is \$44,609, while the highest is \$82,315.

In the Los Altos School District, teachers earn between \$44,832 and \$86,924, with an average salary of \$73,569. ▀

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NASA still plans to house airships in Hangar One

By Daniel DeBolt

ANASA Ames official said on Tuesday that the agency still hopes to use Moffett Field's historic Hangar One to house lighter-than-air airships, standing by a proposal made a year ago.

"You may soon see airships flying around the area like we did in the 1930s," said Lew Braxton, Ames deputy center director.

Braxton clarified his agency's position after Congresswoman Anna Eshoo made a strong statement last week that a plan must be in place to reuse Hangar One if Congress is to approve funding to restore the massive structure.

The Navy is set to remove Hangar One's siding in November as part of a toxics cleanup, and NASA has struggled to find a way to pay for the restoration of the historic landmark.

"Hangar One is the Statue of Liberty of the West Coast," Braxton said.

Under President Obama's new budget for NASA, there will be an \$80 million increase every year for five years for NASA to conduct aeronautical research. Whether some of that money could go towards saving Hangar One is uncertain, but Braxton said "We would like (Hangar One) to be a part of our aeronautical program," later adding that "We will have to see who has the deep pockets to address that."

Braxton also noted that "there are companies that are interested" in using Hangar One for the development of lighter-than-air aircraft for the U.S. Department of Defense, which Lockheed Martin is already doing.

Since its inception in 1939, NASA Ames has been working with defense contractors on the development of aircraft technology.

129th here to stay

Meanwhile, Eshoo announced Wednesday that the 129th

Air Rescue Wing of the Air National Guard finally has a "permanent home" at Moffett Field.

Eshoo said in a statement that she has been pushing for 17 years to keep the unit at Moffett, where it is rapidly deployed to assist in disasters such as fires, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and various off-shore emergencies. NASA Ames and the Air Force have signed onto an agreement to allow the unit to stay for up to 50 years, giving its men and women some "much deserved stability," Eshoo said.

"To my constituents and the greater Bay Area this means we can continue to count on the 129th Rescue Wing in times of need, especially in the post-9/11 era," Eshoo said in a statement. "This is the first time in the history of the Unit that it will be operating with a long-term agreement." ▀

NASA

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ourselves." He later added that "I haven't been this excited since I was hired in 1978."

Braxton said the nine NASA centers across the country did not yet know exactly how much money to expect, but after reading the overall NASA budget he expects growth in employment at Ames. He said he also expects new demand for the NASA Research Park, which is being redeveloped on 75 acres to include a major multi-university campus.

Braxton expects growth because Ames is "at the forefront" of much of the technology and "affordable science" that are a priority in NASA's overall budget over the next five years, which was unveiled in Washington, D.C. on Monday. He added that the NASA budget was "overwhelmingly positive for this state."

"I expect our research park to grow," Braxton said.

President Obama has given NASA centers across the country a \$6 billion increase over the next five years, upping NASA's budget from \$19 billion in 2011 to \$21 billion in 2015.

But to save \$50 billion, NASA is abandoning its "back to the moon" mission — the Constellation program — while it expands partner-

ships with private companies and other nations to explore space.

"NASA will accelerate and enhance its support for the commercial spaceflight industry to make travel to low Earth orbit and beyond more accessible and more affordable," said Charlie Boden, who took over last year as NASA administrator, in a statement.

The new NASA budget includes an \$80 million annual increase for aeronautical research, much of which Braxton expects to go to Ames, "a leading aeronautics research center for NASA" which has the world's largest collection of wind tunnels.

NASA's supercomputer, which is located at Ames, is expected to get increased use for research on global climate change, a subject which receives dramatically more attention than in previous NASA budgets, Braxton said.

"The agency understands that if it wants to solve complex problems it has to come here," Braxton said. "We're really excited about that."

There is also funding for the U.S. to remain involved with the international space station for another five years, which Braxton said will allow Ames to help research "human behavior factors" and "anti radiation mitigation measures" among other things. It's part of a NASA "human research program" funded by \$269 million over five years.

There is also new funding for what is called the "next generation

air transport system" which is supposed to help fix increasingly gridlocked airports. Air traffic management happens to be a subject of ongoing research and development at Ames.

Key areas of expertise at NASA Ames that are a priority in the new NASA budget include international partnerships, information technology, space science, earth science, small satellites and exploration technologies, Braxton said.

NASA Ames employs 1,250 civil servants and 1,250 contractors, but Braxton believes that number may soon increase, and the agency's new direction could be a boon to local employment, not just for NASA but for companies partnering with NASA in Silicon Valley.

It could also be a boon for the NASA Research Park, which will include research facilities, offices, 2,000 homes and a new Silicon Valley campus for California State University and other colleges. Among the companies interested in being part of such a research park is Google, which is planning a one million square foot campus at Ames, which Braxton said could be built sometime in the next few years.

"We are about being a portal for the agency to tap into Silicon Valley," Braxton said. ▀

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throughout North Bayshore.

Council members noted that just increasing a property's allowed building density does not guarantee projects will be approved at that density by the city. Instead, they said, it would allow the city some "flexibility" for future development. Nevertheless, council members Laura Macias and Jac Siegel opposed higher density options (known as "Option B") for El Camino Real.

If the higher density options for each focus area are selected, the city will be on track to increase its population to 98,900 residents by 2030, consultants said. Lower density "Option A" would lead to an estimated 87,900 residents by 2030. If the city were to make no change to its 1992 General Plan, the city would have 80,300 residents in 2030. The current population is 73,000.

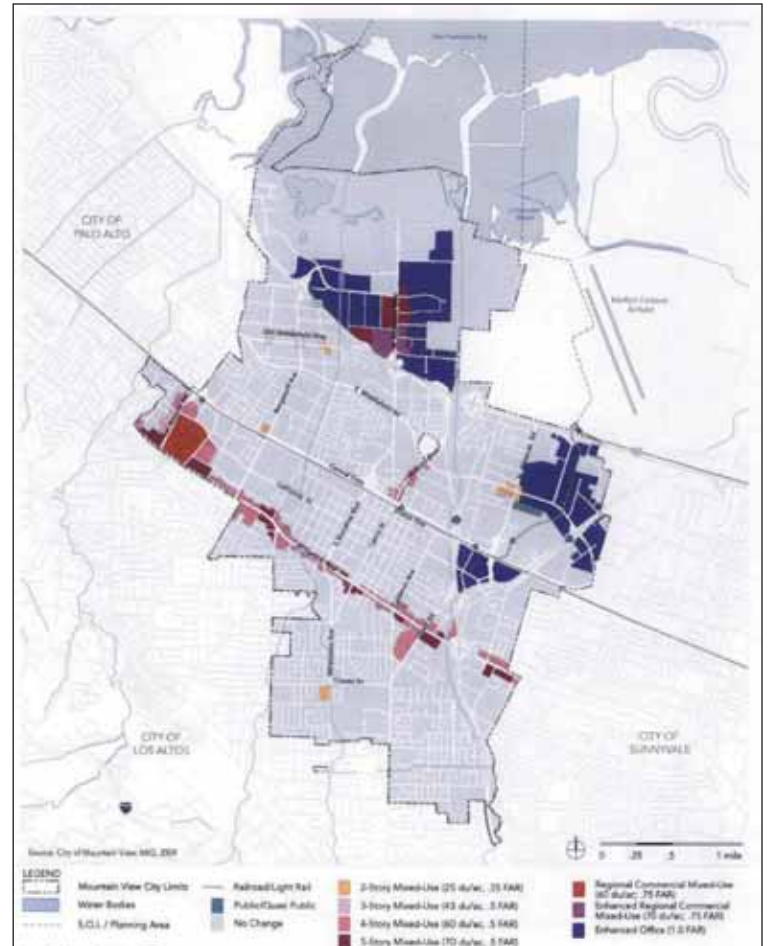
Consultants said that by encouraging growth, the city would see increased sales and property tax revenue. They estimated a 2030 General Fund balance of \$29.9 million under Option B, \$24.3 million under Option A, and \$16.6 million under the 1992 General Plan. The numbers were for purposes of comparison only, consultants said.

The city currently faces a \$5 million general fund deficit, which the city finance director says will continue to worsen indefinitely without new revenues or major budget cuts.

The city officials supported tripling the building density allowed for most businesses in North Bayshore, which include Google, by increasing allowed floor area ratios from 0.3 and 0.5 to 1.0.

An option to allow new homes in North Bayshore as part of mixed-use development along Shoreline Boulevard — an attempt to reduce car trips into the area and meet requests from Google — found little support. Council member Tom Means said new residents would block future development in the area, while Macias said pharmaceutical and biotech companies would be wary of locating near residents.

Siegel and Commissioner John McAllister said increased development, especially on El Camino Real, would lead to gridlock traffic. But others said it would be possible to mitigate traffic through creative restrictions and an increased need for public transit, which has a "symbiotic relationship with development," said council member Mike Kasperzak. "It's not all doom and gloom. Great transportation systems in the word exist



COURTESY IMAGE

This map of "Option B" indicates proposed zoning changes in the city that could lead to an estimated population of 98,000 by the year 2030.

because there are people there to use them."

Held up as a model for traffic reduction was Stanford University, which has capped car trips at 1989 levels despite expansive growth. Stanford uses shuttles and actually pays those who do not drive, which is cheaper than building parking structures.

For San Antonio shopping center the group supported a higher density option allowing commercial buildings with a 0.75 floor area ratio and housing at 60 units per acre. But the group said a closer look will be given to surrounding areas slated for three-story mixed use.

All half dozen public speakers supported "Option B," though environmentalists Bruce Karney and Bruce England said it did not allow enough housing to match the number of jobs in the city. Karney said the city should strive to be "independent" in that regard, the same way people talk about "energy independence."

Council member Macias said she supported the two to three story buildings allowed for El Camino Real in the 1992 General Plan, with some exceptions. She said the city would "pay" for the increased zoning when the Association of Bay Area Governments uses it to calculate the region's housing needs that should be met by Mountain View. But failing to meet ABAG's housing requirements in prior years has not led to any real consequences.

Bryant disagreed with Macias, saying five stories might even be

too limited on El Camino.

"I feel strange saying in 2030 we're going to have five story buildings," Bryant said. "I don't want to tell people in 2030 what to do."

A concern for some was how to make sure that those who work in Mountain View are also able to live here in the future, when higher gas prices make commuting costly. Some pointed out the significantly higher number of car trips into Mountain View every morning compared to those leaving. Several residents said the city had already lost much of its diversity in recent years and that the city "job profile" needed to be matched by its "housing profile" though more housing production.

Without decreasing housing prices by increasing supply, "at some point we'll be like Los Altos: If you have enough income, you can live here," said Means, an economics professor at San Jose State University.

Focus areas to be discussed at a future meeting include Old Middlefield Way (two- to three-story mixed-use proposed on key intersections), the Whisman area (higher density office is proposed) and Moffett Boulevard, where four story housing with retail on the ground floor is proposed between Central Expressway and Middlefield Road.

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not building a proposed medium-density condo development there until the market improves. That project would not have rental units or an underground garage.

Cox said his group would continue to oppose the project by speaking at City Council meetings and by circulating the petition opposing it.

A recent city-commissioned study concluded that the current proposal would not create significant impacts to neighborhood traffic and parking. But Mirna said the way the study calculated its results — based on theoretical car trips for the site under various uses — was misleading.

The city's Environmental Planning Commission is set to discuss the project on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall. There may also be a City Council meeting on the project in March.

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Upscale in a down economy

CHEZ TJ OWNER STAYS FOCUSED ON EXCELLENCE — AND REGAINING A LOST MICHELIN STAR

By Kelsey Mesher

Chez TJ owner George Aviet has been serving world class contemporary French cuisine for nearly three decades. That's hard to do even in good times; but in a down economy, running a business based on luxury is "even more challenging."

Ever since the recession hit Silicon Valley, Aviet says, he has been operating with many fewer customers, down by as much as 60 percent some evenings. For a restaurant with so little seating to begin with — as

much as fits in the intimate rooms of a small historic house on Villa Street — that doesn't afford much revenue.

"We are living in one of the most expensive landscapes on the surface of the Earth," Aviet pointed out. "How do you maintain a fine level while not being

able to pay large amounts to staff to stay? How do I do this?"

One way is the do-it-yourself route. As it turns out, besides restaurateur, Aviet is an electrician, plumber, gardener and

► See **CHEZ TJ**, page 14

Above: Chez TJ restaurant owner George Aviet, standing at left, converses with patrons during dinner. **Right:** Aviet and manager John Graham Taylor converse with longtime patron Rowland Evans, a Sunnyvale resident.



The heart of the Nexus

CELL PHONES THAT CAN BE UNLOCKED, SUCH AS GOOGLE'S NEW SMART PHONE, OFFER VERSATILITY FOR MANY USERS

By Angela Hey

When I am in the U.K., I buy a local SIM card, get a local number and use a prepaid account. Many U.K. friends have ditched their mobile phone contracts in favor of prepaid accounts. So is it time to switch to an unlocked phone with a prepaid account?



Last month, Google started selling its long-awaited Nexus One smart phone. Unlocked, it runs on virtually any GSM service and costs \$529. With a T-Mobile contract at \$80 a month, it costs \$179. The Nexus One will soon be offered by Verizon.

Although the unlocked version works with AT&T's network, it currently runs on the slower EDGE data network rather than AT&T's faster 3G service.

Besides Nexus One, there are other ways to get an unlocked phone. First you could ask your mobile phone operator for a code to unlock your current cell phone. You won't get one for

an iPhone, but you will for many other phones. For example, T-Mobile will unlock a phone on a contract after 40 days of active service.

Secondly, many electronics retailers sell low-cost, simple unlocked phones. In Mountain View, look for a new or used unlocked phone from Mobile Kangaroo on El Camino Real.

By the way, beware of the many Internet unlocking services, which may or may not work. Unlocking a phone may not breach copyright, but it could violate the license for your phone service or phone software.

Next you need to get a phone number by buying a SIM card (note some services like Sprint don't use SIM cards). Best Buy offers many SIM cards, including the O2 Wireless SIM card for \$10. On O2's network you can get a 5-cents-a-minute rate with a \$30 card, but you must use up the money in 30 days or lose it. O2's advantage is that it has free international calling to over 50 countries, including Mexico.

Supermarkets, drugstores and electronics stores sell refill cards for your prepaid service, typically for \$10, \$20 or \$40. This is where the carriers catch you out, because refill cards can expire very quickly and per-minute rates may be high. So read the fine print. On Verizon or AT&T, a refill of \$100 will last one year and give you at least 400 talk minutes. Typical rates are \$4 a day or 25 cents a minute.

If you normally phone where there is WiFi, then try Truphone's prepaid service that works on Google's Android (including the Nexus One), Nokia, BlackBerry and iPod Touch platforms. Truphone comes from Software Cellular Network Ltd. in the U.K., with U.S. headquarters in Mountain View. I use Truphone's iPhone app to call U.K. phones. It's free to call Skype, Truphone and Google Talk users. Truphone costs 5.1 cents a minute and the money in your account doesn't disappear after 60 days.

Truphone recently announced a single SIM card that works in both the U.K. and the U.S., saving you the trouble of swapping cards when you travel. You get local calling numbers, local rates and low-cost calls to many other countries.

If you want to use your cell phone in a corporate office, then Mountain View's DiVitas Networks brings business social networking and enterprise directory services to Android, Nokia, BlackBerry and iPhone platforms, seamlessly operating over both WiFi and cell phone networks.

If you want to call internationally with Truphone, or call in the office with DiVitas, and don't use many minutes, then you might consider an unlocked phone with a prepaid service when your contract is up. ▣

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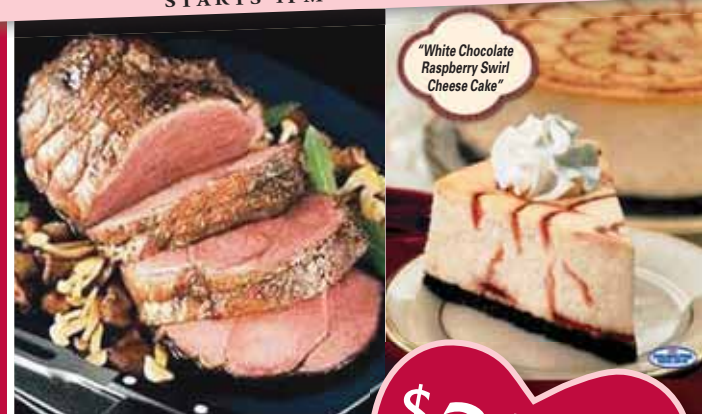
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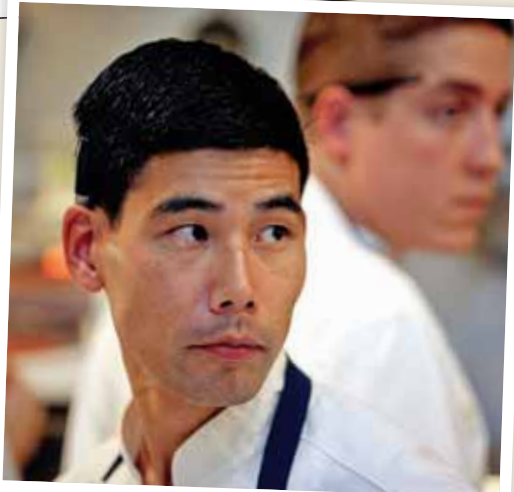


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New chef likes it cozy

For Scott Nishiyama, Chez TJ is just the right size

By Kelsey Mesher

Chez TJ's new executive chef, Scott Nishiyama, who made his debut Dec. 20, calls his new gig a "great opportunity."

"Chez TJ has a great reputation here in the Bay Area," he said. "Certainly I love the small, cozy atmosphere."

A Hawaiian native, Nishiyama, 35, headed east for college to study chemistry at MIT.

"I enjoyed it there but at the same time that's where I got into cooking," he said. "I did a lot of cooking in college and for the first time it dawned on me that that was something I could pursue as a career."

After graduation Nishiyama tried out consulting before following his heart into the kitchen of the Hotel Bel Air in Los Angeles, where he helped prepare cold salads and appetizers.

"It was an eye-opening experience for me," he said. At 24, "I had never been in a professional kitchen before."

The young chef went on to train at the Culinary Institute of America in New York, then earned spots at acclaimed restaurants Cello and Town. He later worked under Daniel Boulud at famed restaurant Daniel, and also at Boulud's restaurant at the Wynn resort in Las Vegas.

"It was too big of a restaurant for me personally, a high-volume situation," he said. "That's not my style of dining. I prefer a small restaurant where you can really concentrate on the food and do something nice."

That's why, he said, when Corey Lee, chef de cuisine of the renowned Napa restaurant French Laundry, offered him a position, he headed back to

California.

"Everything they do there is perfection," he said, "and that's really what I strive for too."

Nishiyama said his most "pivotal" years as a chef were spent in Napa, and that he will bring all he has learned to the kitchen of Chez TJ.

"A lot of the old staff had left with the old chef, which is pretty normal," he said of the transition. "So (I've been) trying to find a staff, training them, and trying to get them to understand my style of food and what we're trying to achieve."

Nishiyama has also been utilizing local bounty, and shops at the Mountain View Farmers Market every Sunday. There he's found honey for Chez TJ's cheese plate, root vegetables from a Watsonville farm, and most recently heirloom broccoli which are "just phenomenal." ▣

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all-around handyman.

He points to the colorful light fixture hanging from the ceiling — a vintage lamp he wired and hung like a chandelier.

"The key is recognizing your ability to cut down your overheads without sacrificing quality," he said.

The dishwasher needs fixing? The pastry chef needs more storage? The wine cellar must be expanded?

"Learn how to do it," Aviet says. "It's like running a family. This restaurant is my family."

He attributes much of his survivor mentality to his upbringing. Aviet, who is Armenian, grew up a minority in Iran watching his grandparents work as dentists. He learned from them how to be "frugal, conservative."

Armenians, he said, "are a generation of people who have always been under some kind of attack. The survival skills of my culture have helped me."

Those skills and attitudes have paid off, if critical acclaim is any indication. Chez TJ is among the few fine dining restaurants in the world, and one of a very small handful in the Bay Area, to be honored with a Michelin star — and for a brief stint, under former chef Christopher Kostow, it

held two.

"For me, success wasn't only how much you have in the bank, but something people appreciated," Aviet said.

The most recent guide, in which Chez TJ is awarded one star, describes the restaurant as "quaint," and "nostalgic" before commending its fare.

"The prolific chef, Bruno Chemel, masters traditional French technique and crafts contemporary cuisine with exceptional ingredients and refined flavors," it reads. "The food here is delicious and complex, if at times fussy."

The Michelin ratings can vary from year to year, and are especially tied to the success of the head chef. In December, Aviet brought on Scott Nishiyama after a reported disagreement with Chemel over what it would take to earn back that second Michelin star. "The last staff in the kitchen had lost their love for the food in my restaurant," Aviet said.

The Michelin rating, he added, is extremely important to him, "because we're in that track, and we're being monitored." To him, the stars aren't about reputation as much as they are about the "level of excellence and professionalism" that he shoots for.

"Even though I am small, my dreams and ambition are big," he said. ▣

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■ BUSINESS BRIEFS

LOCAL MAN CREATES CALTRAIN APP

A Mountain View resident has created an application for Palm phones that provides up-to-date Caltrain schedules.

Stuart Eichert said it took him two months working two to three hours a day to create the FMCaltrain program. He sells it for \$3 through the Palm catalog and gets a 70 percent cut of the revenue.

Caltrain applications already exist for the iPhone, but Eichert saw an opportunity with the new Palm mobile phones. He said he was one of the first people in line when the new Palm Six came out.

The application's unique feature is that it incorporates automatic updates on train delays via the Caltrain Twitter feed.

"I wanted to create something I would actually use," he said, adding that he finds it useful to know whether there is a train delay so he can decide whether he has to drive instead.

Eichert wouldn't tell how many apps he's sold, but said he's not making enough money

to quit his other ventures, which include a mobile phone app for real estate agents.

— Daniel DeBolt

BANK OFFERS LOCAL GRANTS

HSBC Bank opened a new Mountain View branch on Jan. 27, and commemorated the event by announcing two grants to local organizations — one to the Mountain View Educational Foundation and one to Friends of Stevens Creek Trail — for \$7,500 each.

HSBC says its grant-giving supports educational and environmental organizations. Friends of Stevens Creek Trail works to raise community awareness and involvement in the trail, and the Mountain View Educational Fund reinforces academic curricula at the Mountain View Whisman School District. The latter donation qualifies HSBC to be a lead sponsor of the Fund's "Monte Carlo Night" fundraiser on March 27 at Computer History Museum.

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Clarity needed on marijuana issue

It would be difficult to dream up a more fuzzy set of rules than those now used to govern the use of medical marijuana in California.

Since 1996, when voter support for a state initiative legalized the use of pot for medicinal purposes, state law has been at odds with federal law about possession and use of so-called "medical marijuana." Even after that vote, federal agents sometimes raided and shut down dispensaries that openly sold "California-legal" weed to anyone who presented a valid prescription from a doctor or other health care professional.

About five years ago, the Mountain View City Council voted 4-3 against permitting a medical marijuana dispensary to open in Mountain View, although one council member said she felt pressure from federal drug agents, who on the night of the vote came to City Hall to speak against the idea.

What a difference five years makes. Today, there are numerous applicants once again asking the city for permission to open pot dispensaries, a result of the Obama administration relaxing enforcement of the federal laws. The result is a legal minefield for city officials, given that pot remains illegal under federal law and there are significant questions about how much a person can transport, among other concerns.

Meanwhile, other purveyors have decided to forgo brick-and-mortar dispensaries and simply deliver their pot door-to-door. Among them is Jonathan Lustig, the Mountain View man who made the original request to City Hall five years ago, and who has since started his own operation, Seventh Heaven, which he calls a "collective" consisting of "myself and a group of patients who lack access to their medication."

With these factors in mind, it will be up to the City Council to decide whether Mountain View should join other cities that have approved dispensaries, or follow Gilroy, which banned them outright, or San Jose, which plans to levy a \$2,500-a-day fine for dispensaries staying open within its borders.

These two cities may have good reasons to block medicinal marijuana shops, but in our view, the action will simply drive the traffic underground, making it even more difficult for law enforcement.

If the council eventually decides to allow dispensaries in Mountain View, it would be wise to keep the shops away from residential areas. One applicant, Brian David, said he wants to open a dispensary near Shoreline Amphitheater, far from schools and residential neighborhoods. Other applicants note that current zoning regulations make it difficult to open a shop without a zoning variance approved by the council.

Despite the mixed enforcement messages coming from state and federal officials, medical marijuana is here to stay and either will be dispensed from local, regulated shops or underground by dealers. Whatever path the city takes on medical marijuana dispensaries, public safety must be the primary concern.

■ TOWN SQUARE VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

ON THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, AND OPENING OF DISPENSARIES, IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

My mother was diagnosed with cancer. Not long after that she couldn't eat. At the time the issue of medicinal marijuana was just a thought. I had to break the law and get it illegally for her. Much to my family's surprise she got an appetite that helped her get much-needed food in her system. Which in turn made her stronger so she could continue treatment.

Abuse will happen no matter what the substance is. Alcohol is abused and laws are broken every day. ... Prescription drugs are abused and obtained illegally. Both of these are much more of a danger to you or your community. ...

Lastly, to clear something else up: Marijuana does not cure anything. It is simply used as an aid to those like my mother in gaining an appetite, or it is used to "mask" over pain people are in. It takes their minds off the pain while not having to take addictive and harmful chemical drugs.

**Thom, a resident of the
Shoreline West neighborhood**

Prop 215 is the path to legalization, which is the next step for the ballot box in November. All of this Rx talk will be for naught, when any adult in California can legally grow a marijuana plant in their house, apartment or backyard. All it needs is your vote.

**QM, a resident of the
North Whisman neighborhood**

The label of medicinal vs. recreational use is just that, a label. It's like telling your kids that can of Coke you're drinking is "medicine" so that they stop asking for some.

Once someone purchases marijuana, there is no system in place, or being advocated, that prevents "medicinal" marijuana from being used recreationally. That is why having this drug, if it is shown to be effective medicine, should be processed through established channels, i.e. doctor, pharmacist, prescriptions, etc.

The argument the pro-medical marijuana group has is conflicting:

A. Marijuana is effective, safe medicine that should be used for medicinal purposes. However,

B. It should be dispensed through a distribution that lies outside of already established channels that lack controls for ensuring non-medical use.

If A is true, then let it be dispensed in pharmacies, with a doctor's prescription.

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

I am 45 years old and I have a broken back. I failed the fusion surgery and every year I lose more use of my spine and fail a little more.

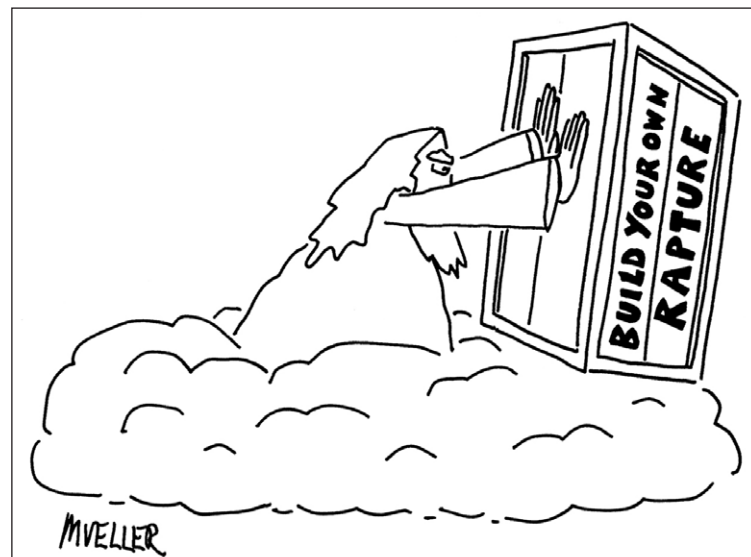
I am on morphine and two other breakthrough narcotic medications, two neuropathy medications (nerve blockers for the brain), two muscle spasm medications, and five other medications for my spine.

I am a medical marijuana user. My GP gave me a prescription that I took to a Medi-Cal facility to get my license. Medi-Cal helped pay for it.

If it wasn't for medical marijuana, I would be a blithering idiot from all the pain I'm in. Because yes, I hurt, all the time. Even with all the meds. Even the morphine.

Have you ever hurt so much that you wished you were dead? Live my life and then have an opinion on medical marijuana.

**debbie, a resident of the Old
Mountain View neighborhood**





VIVIAN WONG

P.F. Chang's ground chicken and eggplant comes stir-fried with scallions in a savory soy chili pepper sauce. Each meal comes with the restaurant's signature sauces: chili oil, white vinegar, soy sauce, hot mustard, chili paste, and potsticker sauce.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

In name only

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO IN PALO ALTO BARELY RESEMBLES REAL CHINESE CUISINE — BUT THEY'VE GOT S'MORES

By Dale F. Benton

After my third consecutive day of dining at P.F. Chang's China Bistro, where sugar or salt predominate nearly every dish, I didn't know whether to bounce off the walls or have my blood pressure checked.

Other than a predilection for sugar bowl and salt cellar, there is nothing particularly offensive, nor exceptionally endearing, in the overpriced menu. Chang's bears just the faintest resemblance to real Chinese cuisine, and that faint resemblance is in name only — certainly not in spiciness

or use of garlic, chili peppers or peppercorns, star anise or ginger, bean curds or fish sauces.

I found the food visually appealing enough on the plate. But there were no bold flavors, no deep colors, no fresh aromatics wafting from the formula- and portion-controlled kitchen. The flavors were Americanized and unrecognizable, both gastronomically and culturally. I saw only a couple of other diners ever using chopsticks, and no gathering of Chinese families — in fact

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Chef Marco Salvi/Pizzeria

POLENTA ALLA GRIGLIA CON RAGU DI FUNGHI GRILLED POLENTA MEDALLIONS WITH MUSHROOM RAGÙ

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 pound baby portobello mushrooms, chopped
- 1 pound chanterelle or shitake mushrooms, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 shallot, minced
- 4 fresh thyme sprigs, leaves only, minced
- 2 tablespoon fresh minced Italian parsley
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano or Pecorino cheese
- One 1-pound cooked polenta log, cut into 1/2 inch-thick disks
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Preparation instructions:

Melt the butter in a skillet over a medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and sauté for 5 minutes or until wilted. Add the garlic, shallot, thyme, and parsley, and sauté another few minutes.

Deglace with the wine; when it evaporates, after about 5 minutes, add the salt, pepper, and cream, and cook until the cream reduces to half of its original volume, about 5 minutes. Add the grated cheese, stir until smooth, and remove from the heat. Taste for salt and adjust if needed.

Brush the polenta disks on both sides with the olive oil and grill in a single layer until lightly browned on both sides, about 3 minutes per side, turning once.

Arrange the grilled polenta on 2 parchment paper-lined 11-inch x 17-inch baking sheets and top with the mushroom ragù. Bake in the preheated oven for 5 to 8 minutes, or until polenta is golden and crisp around the edges, and serve hot. Serves 4

You can buy a log of cooked polenta (available in the refrigerated section of most supermarkets) rather than cook and cool your own. If you cannot find polenta logs, cook 1 cup of instant polenta according to package instructions, spread it out on an oiled cookie sheet to a thickness of 1/4 inch, and cool, and then cut into 2 and 1/2-inch medallions with a round cookie cutter.



P.F. Chang's crab wontons are served with a spicy plum sauce.

VIVIAN WONG

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few Asians at all.

P.F. Chang's is the brainchild of Paul Fleming, whose family can be traced to Fleming's Steakhouse, one of which sits across the Stanford Shopping Center parking lot adjacent to Chang's. Chang is a derivation of the name of chef Philip Chiang, who helped develop the concept with Fleming. (Chiang's mother, Cecelia, owned the famed Mandarin restaurant in San Francisco.)

Neither Fleming nor Chiang are part of the 190 Chang empire operations, though. The company trades on the NASDAQ and is seriously big business, where control trumps artistry.

I found the Palo Alto restaurant ever busy, with patrons awaiting tables noon and night. The place was clean and inviting inside and out, the reception

friendly and helpful.

The decor was hectic and reminded me of Piet Mondrian's "Broadway Boogie Woogie" with its contained frenetic energy and blocks of stuttering colors: reds, yellows, blues and greens. It has a 1950s feel, but with contemporary application. It's not a tranquil place to harmonize or dine, but it is pretty.

A tray of condiments, oils and pastes arrived at the table soon after we were seated. The waitperson asked how spicy to blend a sauce for our taste buds. By our third visit, we referred to this practice as The Tame Sauce Ritual because the "hottest" of the condiments was still docile. It didn't matter what portion of what ingredients were combined; the results varied little. It wasn't needed either, as most dishes

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came with their own sauce. The ritual was just a little tableside razzle-dazzle.

Starters and small plates varied in quality, from spare ribs (\$8.95) — a worthy appetizer, meaty and flavorful — to crab wontons (\$6.95), which were served with sticky plum sauce that reminded me of cough medicine. The crab was vaguely in evidence inside the crunchy wrappers, but only if I concentrated.

The Chang's chicken lettuce wraps (\$7.95) were fine, albeit a tad salty. The pile of crisp iceberg lettuce with quick-cooked diced chicken came as a generous portion with plenty to share.

The dumplings (\$5.75) were, in fact, pot stickers. We opted for the pork-filled, although shrimp and vegetable fills were available as well. The waiter recommended ordering them fried as opposed to steamed — “more flavor,” he said. The pot stickers passed muster.

Egg rolls (\$4.95) were hand-rolled with marinated pork and

vegetables. The accompanying sweet-and-sour mustard sauce struck a good balance, but the egg rolls sat in a pool of grease.

Regarding entrees, the ground chicken and eggplant (\$10.95) was the best dish we had at Chang's. Luscious chunks of eggplant had been stir-fried with scallions in a (finally) not too salty soy-chili pepper sauce. Loads of flavor. Another chicken dish, crispy honey chicken (\$12.95), was lightly battered and nicely crisped, but coated in a sweet sticky sauce over a bed of not-all-the-way-cooked-through rice sticks.

The menu indicated that the beef a la Sichuan (\$13.95) was the restaurant's “spiciest beef dish.” It probably was, but still only hinted at piquancy. Served with julienne celery and carrots, the beef was chewy.

Chengdu spiced lamb (\$13.95) was barely warm marinated lamb, wok-caramelized and tossed with cumin, mint, tomatoes and yellow onions. This would have been the best dish had it been delivered to the table hot.

Sichuan from the sea (\$14.95) were wok-tossed scallops in a red chili pepper garlic sauce. The sea mollusks were succulent but the sauce was over-sweet, masking the subtle scallop flavors. And kung pao shrimp (\$14.95), with peanuts, chili peppers and scallions, might have been good had it not been way too salty.

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There were no busboys; servers now do their own cleanup. Often, plates were not cleared until the next course arrived. Then again, they don't have to share tips, either, and P.F. Chang's isn't the only restaurant to put busboys on the endangered species list. Other than that, the waitstaff was well trained, informed and eager to please.

I've never experienced these kinds of desserts before in a Chinese restaurant: lemon dream (lemon curd), apple pie, s'mores, cheesecake, chocolate cake and carrot cake. Each came in a little jigger priced at \$2. Tasty but incongruous.

There were giant-sized desserts as well, including off-tasting banana spring rolls with unlikely coconut-pineapple ice cream (\$5.95), and The Great Wall of Chocolate (\$7.95), a behemoth six-layer cake wedge subdued with raspberry sauce. The wait-staff brought to the table visual examples of all, made from wax.

Happy hour is a good deal. Daily from 3 to 6 p.m., both cocktails and many of the appetizers are value-priced. There's a full bar that's separated, happily, from the dining room, as well as a thoughtful and fairly priced wine list. A gluten-free menu is available.

Overall, if you hanker for some filling non-Chinese Chinese food, P.F. Chang's is the place for you. It's very pretty inside. ▣

MOVIE TIMES

- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor (PG-13)**
Century 16: Tue. at 8 p.m. **Century 20:** Tue. at 8 p.m.
- A Single Man (R) ★★★★★ Aquarius Theatre:** 5:30 & 8:30 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 2:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 1, 3:50, 7:05 & 9:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 10:30 a.m.
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G)**
Century 16: 12:05, 2:20 & 4:35 p.m.
- An Education (PG-13) ★★★★★ Century 16:** 12:35 & 6:30 p.m.
- Avatar (PG-13) ★★★★★ Century 16:** In 3D at 11:55 a.m.; 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7, 9 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m.; 12:35, 1:40, 2:50, 4:10, 5:30, 6:30, 8:05, 9:05 & 10 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 10:10 a.m.
- The Blind Side (PG-13) ★★ Century 16:** 6:50 & 9:45 p.m.
Century 20: 12:40, 3:55, 7:20 & 10:25 p.m.
- The Book of Eli (R) ★★★★★ Century 16:** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m.
Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.
- Crazy Heart (R) ★★★★★ Century 20:** 11:25 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.
CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:40 & 7:15 p.m. Fri.-Sat. also at 9:55 p.m.
- Dear John (PG-13) Century 16:** 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m.; 12:30, 1:50, 3, 4:25, 5:35, 7, 8:10, 9:35 & 10:45 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 10 a.m.
- Edge of Darkness (R) ★★★★★ Century 16:** 11:45 a.m.; 1:10, 2:25, 3:55, 5:15, 6:40, 7:55, 9:30 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 3:40, 4:55, 7:45, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 10:05 a.m.
- From Paris with Love (R) Century 16:** 12:25, 3, 5:25, 7:45 & 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 8:25, 9:40 & 10:45 p.m.
- Invictus (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2 Century 16:** 3:05 p.m. Fri., Sun. & Mon.-Thu. also at 8:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:50 p.m. Fri.-Sun. & Wed.-Thu. also at 6:35 p.m.
- It's Complicated (R) ★★★★★ Century 16:** 1, 4:10, 7:10 & 10:15 p.m.
Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 1:55, 4:40, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.
- The Last Station (R) Guild Theatre:** 3:15, 6 & 8:45 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 12:30 p.m.
- Legion (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 12:15, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50 & 10:20 p.m.
Century 20: 12:25, 2:55, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.
- The Lovely Bones (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2 Century 16:** 7:25 & 10:25 p.m.
- The Metropolitan Opera: Carmen Century 20:** Mon. at 6:30 p.m.
CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: Mon. at 6:30 p.m.
- The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Century 20:** Sat. at 10 a.m.
CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: Sat. at 10 a.m.
- Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief (PG)**
Century 20: Thu. at midnight.
- The Princess and the Frog (G) ★★★★★ Century 20:** 11:40 a.m. & 1:55 p.m.
- The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Guild Theatre:** Sat. at Midnight.
- Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2 Century 16:** 12:45, 3:45, 7:05 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 4:15, 7:10 & 10:15 p.m. Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 1:15 p.m. Sun. also at 10:25 a.m.
- The Spy Next Door (PG) Century 16:** 12:30, 2:50 & 5:10 p.m.
Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 1:45, 4 & 6:10 p.m.
- Tooth Fairy (PG) Century 16:** 11:50 a.m.; 2:15, 4:50, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.
Century 20: 1:50, 4:30, 6:55 & 9:25 p.m. Fri.-Sat. & Mon.-Thu. also at 11:25 a.m.
- Up in the Air (R) ★★★★★1/2 Century 16:** Noon, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m.
Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:25, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.
- Valentine's Day (PG-13) Century 20:** Thu. at Midnight.
- When in Rome (PG-13) 1/2 Century 16:** 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:45, 3:05, 4:20, 5:25, 6:50, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. also at 10:20 a.m.
- The White Ribbon (R) ★★★★★ Aquarius Theatre:** 4:30 & 8 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 1 p.m.
- The Wolfman (R) Century 20:** Thu. at midnight.
- The Young Victoria (PG) ★★★★★1/2 CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** Fri. at 2:20, 4:50, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m. Sat. at 4:50, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m. Sun. & Tue.-Thu. at 2:20, 4:50 & 7:20 p.m. Mon. at 2:20 p.m.

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CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)
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- ★ Skip it
- ★★ Some redeeming qualities
- ★★★ A good bet
- ★★★★ Outstanding

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE BOOK OF ELI ★★★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) This hell-on-earth movie stars Denzel Washington as a man with a mission beyond mere survival. Thirty winters have passed since the flash, a vaguely described cataclysmic event of global proportion. Either the sun or the war blinded many survivors. One of the few who remembers the world as we know it, Eli (Washington) says that people had more than they needed and no idea of what was important. He's heading west with precious cargo: a leather-bound tome, coveted by a power-hungry book lover (Gary Oldman). If Washington or the filmmakers had hit a single false note, the action scenes might have been laughable. Instead they offer riveting reprieves from Eli's achingly slow road trip, turned up a notch when joined by a runaway (Mila Kunis). *Rated: R for some brutal violence and language. 1 hour, 58 minutes. — S.T. (Reviewed Jan. 15, 2010)*

CRAZY HEART ★★★★★

(CineArts, Century 20) 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. He treats his chronic weariness with drinking, defensive pleasantries and one-night stands. 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). 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. (Reviewed Jan. 8, 2010)*

EDGE OF DARKNESS ★★★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) The violent shooting death of Thomas Craven's (Mel Gibson) 24-year-old daughter Emma (Bojana Novakovic) ignites the story. Resolute and eager for answers, Craven begins questioning those who knew her best, often using brutal techniques to withdraw the truth. Craven's prodding eventually leads to Emma's clandestine work at a weapons-manufacturing corporation and its seedy president, Jack Bennett (Danny Huston). As Craven gets closer to discovering the real reason behind Emma's death, he develops a surprising mutual respect with British-born "problem solver" Darius Jedburgh (Ray Winstone) while poisonous adversaries and government conspiracies surround him. *Rated R for strong bloody violence and language. 1 hour, 48 minutes. — T.H. (Reviewed Jan. 29, 2010)*

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ART GALLERIES

'Locally Grown' Pastel & Oil Paintings Judi Keyani, a long-time Los Altos resident and award-winning artist, is exhibiting her recent still life paintings in pastel and oil of fruit and vegetable subjects through Feb. 28. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9.losaltos.com

Generations: A Father Daughter Exhibit Generations--Terri Ford and Michael Dancer--A Father & Daughter Exhibit. Viewpoints Gallery presents the work of pastelist Terri Ford and her late father, oil painter Michael Dancer. Through Feb. 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

BENEFITS

Chefs Who Care dinner at Don Giovanni's Don Giovanni's hosts this month's Chefs Who Care dinner with a 3-course Italian dinner on Feb 15-17. Fifty percent benefits Community Services Agency's Food & Nutrition Center which minimizes hunger and food insecurity to over 3,000 people in our community each year. 5-7:30 p.m. \$24 in advance/ \$26.00 after 2/10 and at the door. Ristorante Don Giovanni, 235 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-961-3584. www.csacares.org/cwcl

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Bridging the Digital Divide - Cyber-space workshop for Parents and

Teens (ages 11 and up) Explore e-mail, texting, cell phones, online gaming, and Facebook. This interactive workshop teaches about netiquette and strategies to prevent cyber bullying. Erica Pelavin, LCSW, PhD. Mon., Feb. 8, 7-9 p.m. \$35/person; \$50/family. Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-688-3040. www.par entsplaceonline.org

Music Improvisation for Everyone Workshop on creative expression through music. No prior music experience necessary. Sat., Feb. 6, 2-4 p.m. \$20/single, \$35/pair (registering at same time). The Cradle of Manifestation, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite 150, Mountain View. Call 650-325-2194. http://www.themusicwithinus.com

The Soil's the Secret Learn from Master Gardener Candace Simpson how to support the soil ecosystem and fertility that ensures the health of plants. Topics include: soil life; compost; fertilizers; mulches; cover crops; and proper digging techniques. Sat., Feb. 6, 10-11 a.m. Free. Master Gardener Palo Alto Demonstration Garden, 851 Center Drive, Palo Alto. Call 408-282-3105.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mountain View Sister City Exchange Fundraiser Mountain View Sister City Exchange Student Fundraiser. Tour one of Mountain View's historic homes, which was once used as a 1930s speakeasy and bordello. Sat., Feb. 13, 7-11 p.m. \$25 per person or \$30 at the door. Wunderman House, 655 Eunice Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-386-6626.

CONCERTS

Asian Masters and Stanford New Ensemble The Stanford New Ensemble performs with a diverse array of Asian instrumental soloists including Mohammed Nejad and Shahrzad Moghadam (Iran); Gao Jun, Li Liqun, and Tian Yongping (China); Shoko Hikage (Japan); and Shriram Brahmanandam and Anurad Sridhar (India). Sat., Feb. 6, 8 p.m. \$10 for adults; 5 for students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford. http://panasian-musicfestival.stanford.edu

Fortnightly Music Club Concert Fortnightly Music. Flute, vocal, and ensemble piano music works of Taktakishvili, Rachmaninoff, Mozart, and Grieg. Sunday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. www.fortnightlymusicclub.org

Zalmen Mlotek in Concert Zalmen Mlotek, concert pianist, teams up with Sephardic singer Daniella Rabbani for a night of Yiddish-Klezmer music. Sun., Feb. 7, 7-9 p.m. \$20 - \$30 in advance; \$25 - \$35 at the door, space permitting. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. http://www.paloaltojcc.org

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.

Smuin Ballet presents "Fly Me to the Moon" Smuin Ballet brings its tribute-in-dance to Frank Sinatra with "Fly Me to the Moon." Feb. 24-28. 2 p.m. \$18-\$56. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.smuinballet.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Go in' on a Newt Hunt Look for newts, salamanders, slugs and centipedes. Rain or shine. Children free with paid, registered adult. Ages 3 and up. Register in advance. Open to Palo Alto residents and accompanied guests. Sat., Feb. 13, 10-11:30 a.m. \$3 Palo Alto residents / \$5 accompanied non-residents. Foothills Park Interpretive Center, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-329-2506. bit.ly/enjoyonline

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. Redrock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View.

HEALTH

Free to Love, Free to Heal David Simon, M.D. The co-founder of the famous Chopra Center, his newest book, "Free to Love, Free to Heal" will be presented. Fri., Feb. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 day of event. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 800-909-6161. www.eastwest.com/february_events.html

SENIORS

A New Year, A New You Learn about the Center's Walking Club, Stepping Strong, and also of the new, Seniors in Circuit Training. Refreshments served. Feb. 18, 1 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPORTS

U13 Boys' Soccer Tryout The MVLA Triumph program (for boys born after July 31, 1996) is having open tryouts at Graham Middle School in Mountain View. Experienced and dedicated soccer players are invited to try out for class 1 and class 3 teams. Feb. 6, 1:30-3 p.m. Free. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-812-0855.

TALKS/AUTHORS

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni Award-winning author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni presents her latest novel, "One Amazing Thing." Wed., Feb. 10, 7:30-10 p.m. Free. Books Inc Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net

How to Assess the Effectiveness of Online Brand in Less Than 30 Sec Jon Samsel-Senior VP of Digital Marketing at Bank of America will be talking about The Effective Online Marketing and ways to measure the success. Tue. Feb. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$20 in advance; \$30 at the door. Samovar Conference Hall, 1077 Independence Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-469-3243. http://www.meetup.com/BayAreaExecutives/calendar/12272827/

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Club 201 Club 201 Middle School Dance for Mountain View middle school students. Students must bring ticket and ID to the door. Fri., Feb. 12, 7-9:30 p.m. \$5 in advance,

\$7 at the door. Mountain View Community Center - Lower Social Hall, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/teen_services.asp

Driver's Education Class Driver Education is a life-skill class covering numerous topics related to being a safe driver and pedestrian. For ages 15-18 years. Feb. 16-19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$129 for residents/\$141.50 for non-residents Mountain View Community Center - Room 2, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. online.activenetwork.com/mvrecrcreation

Teen Open Gym Teen Open Gyms are open every Saturday night for various sports. Middle School and High School students only; bring your student ID. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Whisman Sports Center, 1500 Middlefield Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/teen_services.asp

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VOLUNTEERS

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The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors has appointed an independent 7-member Redistricting Advisory Committee to conduct a redistricting study that will draw seven new districts, pursuant to State law.

In order to conduct the study in a transparent, inclusive, and comprehensive manner, the Committee will hold several public meetings to gather input and comments from the community. If you are interested in attending, or providing input, the meetings will be held as follows:

Feb. 16, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Mountain View City Hall, Council Chambers,
500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA

March 2, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center,
El Toro Room, 17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA

March 16, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Toyon Elementary School, Multi-use Room,
995 Bard Avenue, San Jose, CA

March 30, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Campbell Library, Community Room,
777 Harrison Avenue, Campbell, CA

April 13, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Santa Clara Valley Water District,
Headquarters Board Room,
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Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara
County:
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2230 Latham St. # 92
Mountain View, CA 94040
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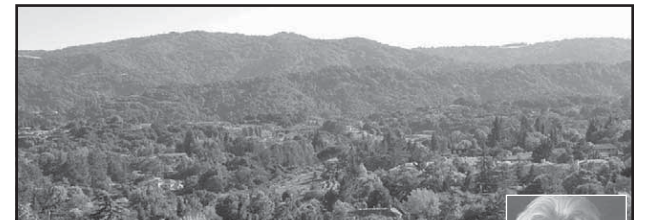

**ANN McMILLAN FINE ART
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**
File No. 533012
The following person (persons) is
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Art at 328 Aldean Avenue, Mountain
View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County:
ALDEAN GROUP, INC.
328 Aldean Avenue
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(Voice Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 2010)

**TRADICIONES PERUANAS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**
File No. 532802
The following person (persons) is
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Peruanas at 1161 N. Lawrence Expway,
Sunnyvale, CA 94089, Santa Clara
County:
TRADICIONES PERUANAS
1161 N. Lawrence Expway
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