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No city ban on pot clubs

COUNCIL MAJORITY APPEARS TO SUPPORT
REGULATED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

By Daniel DeBolt

A proposed temporary ban on medical marijuana dispensaries in Mountain View fizzled during Tuesday night's council meeting, even though most members appeared to support the dispensaries and hoped the moratorium would buy them time to write proper regulations.

Council members Tom Means and John Inks blocked the proposed interim "urgency" prohibition ordinance, which required six votes and would have immediately prevented several interested parties from opening a medical marijuana dispensary in the city for 45 days.

In response, council member Mike Kasperzak suggested a different kind of moratorium which requires only four votes and would go into effect in 30 days. City attorney Jannie Quinn said she would return with that proposal at a future meeting.

In general, most council members appeared to be supportive of allowing a dispensary in the city as long as regulations were in place. The temporary ban would allow time to create those regulations, they said.

"Obviously there is some interest," said Margaret Abe Koga, in remarks echoed by fellow council member Jac Siegel.

"I certainly think that if people need marijuana medically they should be able to get it," said Mayor Ronit Bryant. "I am a cancer survivor myself. My doctor gave me some artificial marijuana (Marinol). Had it not worked I would have wanted the real thing if that would have helped me."

As far as creating regulations, she said, "The less time it takes the better."

Council member Means was pressured by Kasperzak to change his vote so the ban



MICHELLE LE

VALLEY VALENTINES:

Sachi Yamazaki, of the family-run Fleurty flower shop on Central Expressway, puts finishing touches on preordered Valentine's Day arrangements Wednesday, including these roses which came all the way from Ecuador. Yamazaki says some men have "very specific" floral requests this time of year, though many others will stop in Sunday morning for last-minute orders. Fleurty is setting up shop at Google on Friday to sell bouquets to the high-tech crowd.

Teacher helped with condo conundrum

COUNCIL DECIDES TO
BUY BMR UNIT THAT
WOULDN'T SELL AT
PRICE SET IN 2007

By Daniel DeBolt

The City Council agreed Tuesday to the purchase of a Mountain View High School teacher's condo which could not be sold under the city's housing policies in a declining real estate market.

The \$275,000 condo at 1939 Rock St., converted from a 1960s apartment in 2007, is one of a handful of homes that are price con-

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Schools, like their students, may grow taller

ARCHITECTS ENVISION TWO-STORY CLASSROOMS FOR MV WHISMAN

By Kelsey Mesher

Mountain View Whisman schools could grow vertically to accommodate increasing enrollment, if initial designs presented to trustees by an architecture firm are any indication.

At the board's Thursday, Feb. 4 meeting, representatives from Bill Gould Design Art & Architecture presented concepts for all school sites, based on a brainstorming session held by trustees in December. Among the ideas was the addition of

two-story classroom buildings at nearly all of the district's nine sites, as well as a new track at Crittenden Middle School.

Another major proposal made was to expand the Castro and Stevenson campuses to allow for two schools at each site.

Bill Gould himself said that building upward would make room for rising student enrollment. In a demographic analysis prepared last summer, it was projected that enrollment could

grow by as much as 15 percent over the next 10 years. He added that two-story classrooms will preserve green space and play areas on the campuses.

"We're illustrating concepts, and that's all it is at this point," he told the *Voice*. The proposals are part of the Student Facilities Improvement Plan, which is reevaluated and approved every 10 years with the primary goals of making every facility safe for use and upgrading outdated systems.

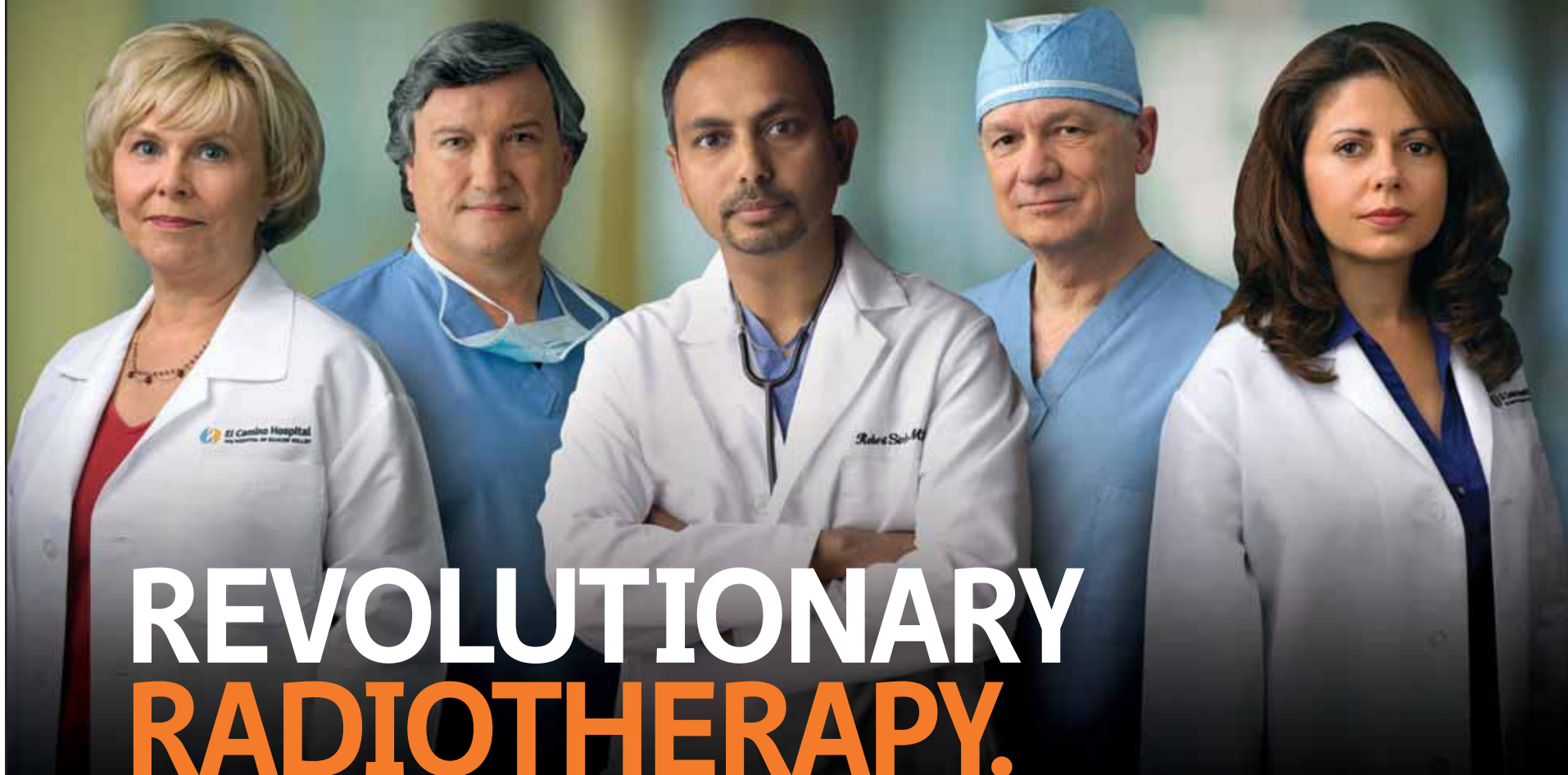
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Craig Shear, San Francisco



"Ice skating maybe. It's fun to watch."

Joya Chidi, San Jose



"I would say probably giant slalom. I like the skiing events."

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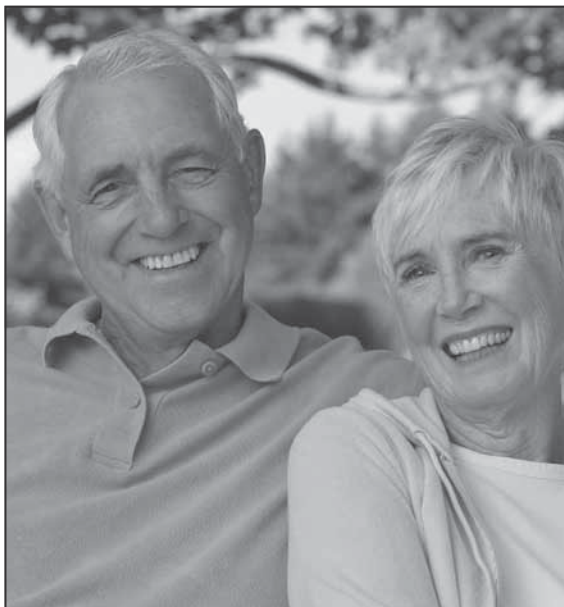
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Chili's, 2/2
200 Block Escuela Ave., 2/2
1500 Block Spring St., 2/2
1900 Block Silverwood Ave., 2/3
200 Block Escuela Ave., 2/4
Century 16 Cinema, 2/4
1800 Block Walnut Dr., 2/5
100 Block East El Camino Real, 2/5
1000 Block Morton Ct., 2/5
1 Block Gladys Ave., 2/5
1500 Block North Shoreline Blvd., 2/5
500 Block South Rengstorff Ave., 2/6
2000 Block Montecito Ave., 2/6

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

500 Block Showers Dr., 2/1

DISORDERLY CONDUCT - ALCOHOL

Escuela Ave. & Villa St., 2/2
Mountain View High School, 2/2
1 Block West El Camino Real, 2/3
Escuela Ave. & Villa St., 2/6

DISTURBANCE

300 Block North Rengstorff Ave., 2/6

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - LESS THAN ONE OUNCE

Castro St. & Central Expy., 2/2

POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

2600 Block West El Camino Real, 2/4

POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Fairchild Dr. & North Whisman Rd., 2/1

INDECENT EXPOSURE

300 Block Higdon Ave., 2/2

PETTY THEFT

Sears Department Store, 2/3
100 Block Rose Ave., 2/4
1600 Block Latham St., 2/4
Mountain View High School, 2/4
1200 Block Bryant Ave., 2/5
200 Block West El Camino Real, 2/5
1900 Block West El Camino Real, 2/5
Sears Department Store, 2/6
Marshall's, 2/7

GRAND THEFT

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900 Block Alta Ave., 2/2
700 Block Continental Cir., 2/4
500 Block Castro St., 2/4
1700 Block Woodhaven Pl., 2/4
2600 Block California St., 2/4
2700 Block Del Medio Ct., 2/4

POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

California St. & Castro St., 2/6

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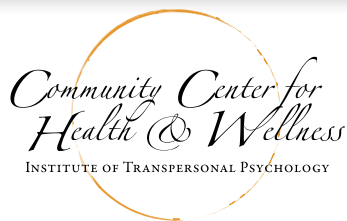
Last week's dining review, "In name only," incorrectly implied a family relation between Paul Fleming and Fleming's Steakhouse. Flem-

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By Don Frances

ANDY DOERSCHUK is a Mountain View resident, drummer, founding editor of Drum! magazine, and a sometimes restaurant reviewer for the *Voice*. He also happens to work out at the YMCA across from El Camino Hospital (known in Y parlance as the El Camino branch).

It was there that Andy recently met up with Chaz Pillatsch, the branch's youth fitness coordinator, and learned about their annual "Creating Opportunities" fund drive. So inspired was he by this conversation that Andy wrote soon after to tell me about it.

"The lion's share of money raised goes directly to disadvantaged children in Mountain View whose parents aren't able to pay for childcare and summer day camp," Andy wrote. "Chaz went into detail about the program and I was very impressed by their dedication to local kids in need. These aren't simply waiting rooms where kids are dropped until their parents pick them up. The counselors act as mentors to help the children grow into healthy, responsible adults."

Creating Opportunities hopes to raise \$180,000 this year, but the fundraising efforts end on March 1. To find out how to help, contact Chaz Pillatsch at (650) 429-1329 or at cpillatsch@ymcasv.org.

ANOTHER emergency announcement came to me Wednesday from Water District spokesperson Susan Siravo:

"The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors appointed seven community members from all areas of Santa Clara County to work on establishing new district boundaries. On Feb. 16, there will be a public meeting in Mountain View to receive input from the community."

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MICHELLE LE

Lizzy Craze sits in the Palo Alto Office of Facebook, where she works.

Nothing slows her down

MOUNTAIN VIEW RESIDENT LIZZY CRAZE GOT A NEW HEART AT AGE 2

By Kelsey Mesher

Lizzy Craze never wears socks that match. "Life's too short," she says.

Craze knows how short life can be: Months before her third birthday, she underwent life-saving heart transplant surgery at Stanford Hospital, becoming the youngest person in history to have survived such a procedure.

The Mountain View resident celebrated the 25th anniversary

of that surgery on Oct. 8 at Antonio's Nuthouse in Palo Alto, eating chicken wings and drinking beer with family and friends.

"Everybody has a birthday. But not everyone has a ..." she paused, "second birthday."

Months after she was born, Craze was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a genetic disorder that weakens the heart, making it difficult to pump blood efficiently. Her parents had lost three children to the

disease before, and her older brother, Andy, had undergone transplant surgery only a year earlier at the age of 16.

On Oct. 8, 1984, using a donor heart from somewhere in Utah, Craze became the 317th patient at Stanford Hospital to receive a new heart.

"I remember the very distinct taste of the medicine," she said of her early years. "I remember my mom would be talking

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Police release sketch following sex assault on El Camino Real

By Don Frances

Mountain View police are asking for help in catching the man who sexually assaulted a woman last month outside her home on the 800 block of East El Camino Real.

According to a press release, at about 4 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, a 26-year-old woman was throwing away trash in "an enclosed garbage collection area outside her residence" at 870 E. El Camino

Real when she was grabbed, fell to the ground and was sexually assaulted by an unidentified attacker.

The woman kicked her assailant several times and he fled. She suffered minor bruises, police said, but did not require medical treatment. She apparently did not report the attack until two days later.



The attacker is described as a white or light-skinned Latino man in his late 20s, more than 5 feet 10 inches tall with a medium build, clean shaven and with short brown hair. He was wearing a blue sweater, blue jeans and a black belt.

Police have made a sketch of the attacker and ask that anyone with information call (650) 903-6356. Tips may be made

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Educators applaud proposed changes to NCLB

By Dana Sherne

President Barack Obama's decision to revamp the No Child Left Behind Act has been met with praise from Mountain View educators, as they await further specifics on his plan.

When Obama announced this year's budget on Feb. 1, it included increased funding for education and a plan to reform the 2002 law. Most notably, the reforms would eliminate aspects of the controversial "Program Improvement" designation, a label given to schools and districts failing to meet ever-increasing test score standards.

Rather than measuring schools and students in absolute "pass-fail" terms, Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan propose measuring them according to their growth. Such a change would be welcomed by both the general public and the education community, according to Barry Groves, superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.

"In some ways, it was more punitive than helpful," he said of the current system. "I think the new No Child Left Behind will look at ways to be supportive of districts that want to make improvements and schools that want to make improvements, rather than punishing people for not meeting arbitrarily set assessment standards."

Under the current system, schools and districts receiving Title I funds — federal funds for schools with a high proportion of low-income students — get the "Program Improvement" label if they do not progress quickly enough. Ultimately, schools failing to catch up could lose federal funding. But educators say the

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NEWS BRIEFS

TEENS ARRESTED IN VANDALISM SPREE

Los Altos police last week arrested three teenagers, all students at Mountain View or Alta Vista high schools, in connection with a highly destructive vandalism spree that marred private and public property around Covington Elementary School.

According to Captain Andy Galea, police received 19 phone calls regarding acts of vandalism that took place on the evening of Friday, Jan. 29 through early morning Saturday, Jan. 30. He said the crimes occurred within about half a square mile in the area surrounding Covington Elementary in Los Altos.

"There were a number of vandalisms to homes, to the school and property, and thefts also," he said, adding that landscaping lights and mailboxes were among the damaged items. He said the culprits also entered unlocked vehicles and garages and stole items, including alcohol.

Galea said investigators conducted several interviews and recovered some of the stolen property, eventually leading to arrests on Wednesday. Two 15-year-old girls were arrested at Mountain View High School, and a 16-year-old boy who attends Alta Vista also was arrested. All three were cited for burglary, felony vandalism and arson, and released to their parents. Their case will go to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact police at (650) 947-2774.

— Kelsey Mesher

GRAVEL SPILL BLOCKS HWY 85 CONNECTOR RAMP

A highway connector ramp in Mountain View was blocked for nearly two hours Tuesday morning by a crash in which a big-rig spilled about four tons of gravel on the roadway, a California Highway Patrol officer said.

The crash occurred at about 7:20 a.m. on the connector ramp from northbound state Highway 85 to eastbound state Highway 237, CHP Officer Peter Van Eckhardt said.

The big-rig was carrying about 12 tons of gravel, and when its trailer overturned, about a third of its load spilled onto the roadway, Van Eckhardt said. The driver was not injured in the crash. No other vehicles were involved.

The ramp was closed while crews cleaned up the gravel and got the trailer back upright, and was reopened a little after 9 a.m.

— Bay City News

LOST HIKER RESCUED BY LOCAL AIR GUARD WING

Moffett-based Air National Guardsmen, recently back from Afghanistan, navigated their helicopter through mountainous terrain in dense fog to make the group's 908th rescue last weekend.

Authorities said a 29-year-old man who had left on a snowshoe trip last Saturday near Camp Connell in Calaveras County got lost and spent the night in the mountains. On Sunday at about 10:20 a.m., 129th Rescue Wing helicopters left Moffett Field to search for the man, who was found with the help of a ground search party and taken by helicopter to an ambulance at Columbia Airport.

— Daniel DeBolt

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Siravo said the "Redistricting Advisory Committee Working Meeting" starts at 6 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall, 500 Castro St. (The council apparently is meeting at the Senior Center that night.) For more info, visit www.valleywater.org/about/redistricting.aspx. ▣

Don Frances can be reached at dfrances@mv-voice.com.

ASSAULT

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anonymously. Police also encourage community members "to be aware of their surroundings," and say suspicious people or activities can be reported to the Mountain View Police Department's non-emergency dispatch number at (650) 903-6395. All emergencies or crimes in progress should be reported by dialing 911. ▣

LIZZY

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to people, and I'd be running around under the table."

Though at the time doctors said Craze's surgery was experimental, she went without major complication until age 15, when rejection medication for her heart caused kidney failure. Her dad stepped in as a donor.

Today the 28-year-old must take a cocktail of medication daily, and go in for checkups several times a year. She's not supposed to skateboard, or jump on trampolines, and her doctor had to sign a release form when she decided to try scuba diving. But other than particulars like these, "I really don't think about it too much."

"The doctor's main goal is to have their patient, who was deathly ill, to lead a normal life," she said.

Aside from her regular job at Facebook, Craze now acts as a spokesperson of sorts for Stanford Hospital. She has been featured many times since her surgery, most recently in the Dec. 21 issue of People magazine.

"He called me a million times," Craze said of the reporter covering the story. "He came to my parents' house and interviewed the three of us for five hours."

When the article came out

— complete with professional photo shoot — Craze said she had trouble even locating a copy on newsstands.

"I couldn't find it, I went to like three places," she said. She was heading off on a trip with her boyfriend to Fiji and Australia.

But when she came back, she said, her mom had received calls from old friends, past babysitters. Co-workers started to notice.

"The guy who sits next to me took a picture of (the article) and posted it on Facebook," she said. "Somebody came up to me at lunch (a month later), and was like, 'I saw you in People!'"

Her time in the limelight is starting to wind down, but Craze doesn't seem to mind. She keeps busy taking paralegal classes for fun, and making her own beer.

"My brother used to own a microbrewery," she said, adding that she was allowed to "intern" there during high school. Today she brews beer in the apartment she shares with her boyfriend near Showers Drive.

"My mom claims I never liked beer until I had my kidney transplant," she said, "because I got my dad's kidney." ▀

E-mail Kelsey Mesher at kmesher@mv-voice.com

NCLB

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standards are set so high that no district can avoid PI status forever.

"What's the point if every district in the state is going to become Program Improvement?" asked Mary Lairon, assistant superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District. "So it needs to be revised. We're just hoping it will happen soon."

In 2009, Mountain View Whisman was for the first time labeled Program Improvement. Yet every school except Huff Elementary — already the highest performing in the district — saw improvements in their test scores. Still, Monta Loma and Theuerkauf did meet the rising proficiency requirements, and are now designated PI schools.

Reforms might allow for a more nuanced approach to measuring a school's success. Districts could be rewarded for improving their schools and helping students grow, even if they do not reach a certain level of proficiency by a certain time.

Lairon said Monta Loma and Theuerkauf are making significant progress, and believes that

were NCLB more focused on growth, those schools would be lauded for their successes rather than slapped with a negative label.

The law's current 2014 deadline for meeting 100 percent proficiency in reading and math may remain intact even after the reforms. But the focus may be taken off of statewide standardized testing and onto some other measure to determine if students are "college and career ready."

Another aspect of the proposed reforms could link teacher evaluation to student performance. MVLA already does this, according to Groves, but Lairon said Mountain View Whisman does not.

However, she said, the district likely will change its evaluation system regardless of No Child Left Behind in order to comply with new state legislation to make Mountain View Whisman eligible for Race to the Top, a \$4 billion federal grant program.

Before deciding on other changes to district policy, Lairon said, administrators will need to hear more specifics on the proposed reforms.

"They have these sort of grand concepts, and we need to see what they really look like in black and white," she said. ▀



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Community Meeting Notice

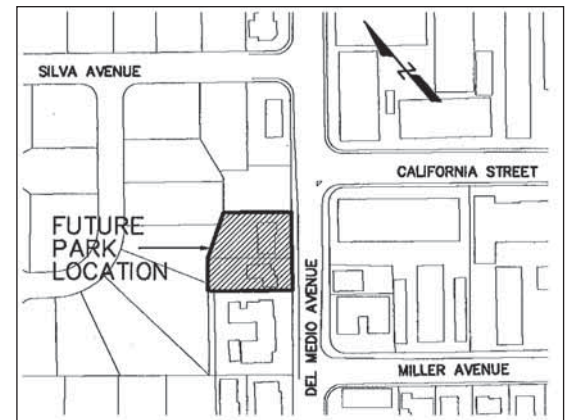
Del Medio Park

You are invited to a Community Meeting to discuss the design of a new neighborhood mini-park on Del Medio Avenue. The park will be located on City-owned property on Del Medio Avenue between California Street and Miller Avenue (see map below). The purpose of the meeting is to gather input from the neighborhood on what features to include in the park.

The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Monday, February 22, 2010
7:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.
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trolled under the city's below market rate, or BMR, housing program. Similar market priced units in the same complex sold for \$506,000 when they were completed in 2007, but since then the value of the market priced units there has dropped by more than \$100,000, according to city staffers.

Only four people attended an open house for the teacher's condo in November, and one interested buyer backed out in January because "the price was too high when compared with market rate homes elsewhere," said neighborhood services manager Linda Lauzze in a staff report.

It was a situation few people expected for a home with such a discount. A similar home in the complex was recently put up for sale for \$430,000.

Lauzze said the city was obligated by an agreement to find a buyer for the home by April 13 or the teacher would be able to sell it on the open market and the city would lose it as a BMR unit forever. The teacher had informed the city of her intent to move last September.

On Tuesday the council agreed to spend \$275,365 in housing funds to buy the condo, but did not support a recommendation from city staff to immediately put the home up for auction with a starting bid of \$190,000. Depending on the winning bid, that move could cost the city as much as \$85,000 in BMR funds. So instead, council members said they were interested in rent-

ing the unit or sitting on it until the market recovered. The owner of the condo on Rock Street, who asked not to be named, said she was still a big supporter of the city's BMR program despite the current hassle. She told the *Voice* she wanted to move for personal reasons, not because she no longer liked living in a BMR unit.

"Given the significant restrictions on BMR units, they need to be priced substantially below market rate units in order to be marketable," Lauzze said.

Mountain View it's very expensive. To me it's worth every penny."

The teacher also said she believed the unit could sell at its fixed price if it were more widely advertised.

The city is responsible for selling such homes, and an e-mail list is maintained for those who are interested. First priority is given to Mountain View public safety personnel, although they often make too much to qualify for such homes, second priority is given to Mountain View teachers, and third priority to residents and those who work in the city.

Lauzze said this was a unique situation for Mountain View that was not likely to repeat for other BMR units in the city, which — compared to their market priced counterparts — had discounts ranging from \$250,000 for another Rock Street project to \$425,000 for units at 180 Evandale Ave.

Lauzze added that other cities have had similar problems, including Milpitas, which has had to adjust the price on 12 of its BMR units. ■

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The city's BMR program is designed to provide affordable housing using money obtained through fees on new housing development. BMR homes are offered to qualified buyers — typically city employees making less than a certain salary — at a reduced rate, and cannot be resold at the going market rate. Instead, the BMR home values are allowed to appreciate only modestly each year (the

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"A condo with upgrades in Mountain View for \$275,000, that's pretty hard to come by," said the owner in a phone interview. "You could buy something like that in San Jose but in

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could be put in place. "Without a moratorium, we start getting an influx of applications staff doesn't know what to do with," said Kasperzak, who supported a proposal for a marijuana

proposed by resident Brian David. David wants to operate near Shoreline Amphitheatre away from residential neighborhoods and schools, a proven "best practice" according to medical marijuana advocates who spoke at Tuesday's meeting.

Without the temporary ban in

Angel's Care, which he said was operating under state laws for dispensaries in an industrial neighborhood.

"I would encourage you to drop by the place," he said. "It was very tightly controlled with a metal detector at the door. I did not get past the front door because I did not have doctor's approval. If I didn't see the sign I wouldn't have been able to find the place. There was no loitering and no smoking on the premises."

Some suggested that the city follow the lead of Oakland, where voters approved a 1.8 percent sales tax on its four medical marijuana dispensaries, which is projected to create \$3 million in revenue in its first year. Means and Inks opposed such a tax, which could help fix the city's \$5 million budget deficit, and Bryant agreed.

"I have no interest in taxing what sick people need," Bryant said. "That's not the way I want to balance the city budget."

No members of the public spoke in opposition if a dispensary, but several medical marijuana advocates spoke in favor. One said a dispensary would help "put drug dealers out of business," and another said opponents would not be able to

"provide one scrap of evidence" that dispensaries are sources of increased crime, an opinion reflected by statements from the California Police Chief's Association and quoted in a city staff report.

Several speakers pointed to statements to the contrary, made recently by the Los Angeles police chief, that dispensaries

of police on the issue, and could provide "500 hours of research" on "best practices" for dealing with medical marijuana.

"The city of Mountain View does not need to reinvent the wheel," he said. He said the city of Santa Rosa, for example, had embraced a voluntary tax on dispensaries which has helped fund city services.

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RONIT BRYANT

dispensary when he was on the council in 2005.

The sticking point for Kasperzak and others appeared to be choosing appropriate location for a dispensary. "Where would you put it?" he asked.

"If we are only going to deal with land issues I might support that," Means said. "I worry it will become another big city regulation on stuff."

Means and Inks, both libertarians, said they were wary of city regulations limiting the number of dispensaries in the city, which could create a monopoly for the "Shoreline Wellness Collective"

effect, some said the city could end up in expensive litigation to try to shut down dispensaries that opened up in the meantime. Such a lawsuit is now being considered in Gilroy, where a ban was passed after several dispensaries had opened.

In defense of his decision, Inks said the moratorium would be "delaying resolution for some people regarding their health. I think that weighs more than taking some urgency stance. I don't see any justification to pass this ordinance tonight."

Inks said he visited a dispensary in Santa Clara called

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MAX DEL REAL

have not been the magnets for crime critics say they are.


Brian David hired Max Del Real, "The only registered medical marijuana lobbyist in the state," to lobby the city. Del Real said he supported the temporary ban, calling it "nothing more than a pause" so the city could figure out the best way forward. He suggested that the city limit the number of dispensaries within its boundaries to address fears that they might lead to crime and public safety issues.

Del Real said that he had been traveling the state working with mayors, city managers and chiefs

Council member Laura Macias echoed a point made by city attorney Quinn that there still exists a conflict between federal law and state law, despite orders from the Obama administration to not prosecute medical marijuana users.

"While this attorney general has said there is not going to be any real action (against medical marijuana), it is still an uncomfortable position we're placed in," she said. ▀

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SCHOOLS

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expand the Castro and Stevenson campuses to allow for two schools at each site.

Craig Goldman, the district's chief financial officer, said that if Castro expanded to two full schools, it could enroll up to 600 students per school in order to accommodate the high-density neighborhood.

Stevenson, he said, could be renovated to hold two "boutique" schools. He said it would "open up the possibilities" if the district wanted to house a specialty program, or even a charter school, in the future. In the meantime, he said, the district office could occupy the space or the district could lease it out to earn extra revenue.

Gould explained how signifi-

cant the physicality of a campus can be to a student's education. The library, office and multiuse room should "create the hub and the living room of the campus," he said. "We also want to use buildings to create sort of

they orient to their playground areas — and their use."

In addition to designing for the students, Gould said, some parts of the campus should be accessible by the larger community.

"We want the multi-use rooms

uated for this round of renovations last spring. At the time, administrators estimated that it could cost \$191 million over the next 10 years to implement the plans.

Administrators, trustees and representatives of the architecture firm expressed concern that no one from the community attended last week's presentation. They planned to hold a forum specifically for parents and community members to comment on the plans on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Theuerkauf Elementary multi-use room (MUR), 1625 San Luis Ave., Mountain View.

For more information, or to view the conceptual designs presented last week, visit www.mvwsd.org and look under the Feb. 4 school board agenda. ▾

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BILL GOULD

a protected and enclosed area, so when the kids go through either an actual or metaphorical gateway into the campus, this is their home during the day."

"It's also an easily understood environment," he added. "Where buildings are, and the scale of the buildings and how

to be fairly close to the front of the campus," he said, with "lots of community interface."

"What we try to do is put them in a location (where) there's an easy link to the interior of the campus and also an easy link to the community."

The districts' facilities were eval-

EDUCATION BRIEFS

LASD MAKES BULLIS AN OFFER ON NEW FACILITIES

The Los Altos School District is waiting for a response from Bullis Charter School leaders regarding its offer for next year's classroom facilities, which was approved by trustees at the end of January.

According to Randy Kenyon, assistant superintendent of business, the district offered the same space for next school year, 2010-11, as it did for this year. Next year, however, Bullis will be opening its first-ever seventh grade class, with an added enrollment of about 21 students. Kenyon said that because all district schools are loading fuller classrooms, the charter school is being asked to do the same.

The recent offer follows a dispute over Bullis facilities that went to court last fall, and in November a judge ruled in favor of LASD. Under Proposition 39, school districts are required to supply charter schools with "reasonably equivalent" facilities.

Kenyon said the district expects to hear a response from Bullis by March 1. The two sides have until April 1 to reach a final agreement.

STUDENTS TAKE FIRST PLACE, \$10K AT FILM CONTEST

Two local students took first place last weekend for a film they created as part of the Mountain View-Los Altos School District's Freestyle program.

The film, submitted to the Bay Area Social Issues Documentary Film Contest, won Natalie Hon of Los Altos High and Emily Munos of Mountain View High the top prize, beating out more than 300 other entries. The winning film, titled "Art Works," profiles the Imagine Bus Project, an arts nonprofit dedicated to serving inner-city youth.

"Art Works" was screened at the Century Cinema in downtown San Jose, along with nine other semifinalist projects. A panel made up of TV and film industry professionals judged the films. In addition to their first place title, the students walked away with a \$10,000 prize to split with the Imagine Bus Project and Freestyle.

Two other Freestyle students, Natalie Rich and Jules Walton, received an honorable mention and sixth place finish for their film "Service to the World."

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

A question of density

As the city's leaders look into the way planning and zoning rules will shape housing patterns for the next 20 years, they are coming down solidly on the side of taller, denser buildings in three locations — El Camino Real, North Bayshore, and the San Antonio shopping center.

During a work session last week on what is being called the 2030 General Plan, the City Council and Planning Commission agreed that these are the best places to absorb a population projected to grow to as high as 98,900, up 35 percent from today's 73,000 residents. A less aggressive scenario was considered, but the higher density won the most support.

This line of reasoning makes sense: Why not funnel population growth into taller buildings along El Camino Real, close to transit, or in the North Bayshore area, close to job centers?

But before any plans are approved, the city needs to address concerns expressed by council member Jac Siegel and planning commissioner John McAllister, who worry that more density will result in traffic gridlock. It's a legitimate concern, and although the General Plan ideas are not permanently in place yet, they should account for the fact that strong traffic mitigations will be needed before packing thousands of new residents into four- and five-story buildings along our busiest thoroughfares.

Stanford University has already provided us with one good example of how to manage such traffic impacts. The university, which has maintained its total car trips at 1989 levels despite extensive growth, supports a convenient shuttle system both on and off campus, and in some cases actually pays workers to leave their cars at home and use mass transit.

A shuttle service is one of many good ideas for reducing car trips. At a minimum, too, the city should make sure all new residents have grocery stores and other necessities within walking distance, and that commuters have a good way to reach transit points such as Caltrain. Indeed, a denser but well-designed city could actually improve, rather than diminish, residents' quality of life.

There are other factors that could be improved with well-designed growth, including the bottom line. According to city forecasters, increased housing stock could mean a positive impact on the General Fund balance — up to nearly \$30 million under the most aggressive plan, or \$24.3 million under more modest growth, by 2030.

So far, the city's General Plan rewrite, which could have been a deadly dull process, is surprisingly lively and on topic. Earlier discussions of sustainability were timely, and looking out at the next 20 years gives us an idea of where the city can and should grow. But the meetings aren't over yet: Focus areas to be discussed include Old Middlefield Way, the Whisman area and Moffett Boulevard.

We urge residents to take part in these discussions, and to share their thoughts with planning commissioners and council members, before city leaders vote on this important blueprint once and for all.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

DISCREPANCY BETWEEN TEACHER SALARIES IS UNFAIR

Editor:

In what universe should a high school teacher earn 50 percent more than a K-8 teacher?

The facts presented in the front-page article in last week's *Voice*, "MVLA teachers are best paid in state," highlight that average, lowest and highest salaries in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District are about 50 percent higher than those of the Mountain View Whisman School District and the Los Altos School District.

Why such a disparity? A high school teacher does not work 50 percent more time than a K-8 teacher. Nor does a high school teacher have more experience or longevity, as stated in the article: "It appears that in terms of teacher experience and longevity with a district, MVLA is only comparable, rather than noticeably higher."

Salaries suggest that we value a high school educator 50 percent more than we do a K-8 educator. MLVA's Superintendent Barry Groves states that teacher quality is the chief issue. Can we get the highest quality of K-8 teachers by exploiting the K-8 teacher salary conditions?

Other reasons cited for MLVA teachers being the best paid in the state include cost of living as a factor. Don't K-8 teachers

in the same geographic area face the same cost of living/commute tradeoffs? Joe White, MVLA's associate superintendent of business, also suggests that many teachers commute from other areas to work here, which negates the cost-of-living argument.

We may not know why such a discrepancy occurs between high school teachers and those of K-8 servicing the same community. But we the taxpayers, parents, teachers and administrators responsible for this should justify this great discrepancy and/or rectify it.

Diane Detig
Blue Lake Square

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Rice is nice

PALO ALTO'S RICE THAI CUISINE OFFERS FLAVORFUL DISHES IN MINIMALIST SURROUNDINGS

By Monica Hayde Schreiber

There are those Thai restaurants where lavish teak carvings share the dining room with silvery Buddhas, and the aromas, music and decor create an alluring sense of Southeast Asia.

Rice Thai Cuisine is not one of those restaurants.

Rice Thai is the maiden venture of Ricky Sudchaitam, a Palo Alto resident who came to the United States from Thailand four years ago, honing his skills in his sister's Albany establishment, Ruen Pair.

His new restaurant is minimalist and sleek, with rich chocolate walls and an interior that's just

this side of austere. But ambience aside, in 14 short months Rice Thai has proven itself a welcome addition to the lunchtime scene in south Palo Alto. Business folk and others crowd the El Camino Real restaurant for good deals on generous lunch specials. Priced right (\$6.95 to \$9.95) and served with a small salad, soup, and egg roll, the lunches here offer a flavorful midday break.

Ambiance is more important to the evening meal, and during my dinners here I couldn't help but feel it was lacking. But that's just me: The unadorned dining room, doctor's office music in the background, too-loud phone up front and overall sharp-edged

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Chef Marco Salvi, Executive Chef



Spaghetti alla Puttanesca con Salmone

- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
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- 1 tablespoon capers
- 12 gaetta or kalamata olives, pitted
- 1/2 teaspoon of oregano
- Pinch crushed red pepper
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 pound Spaghetti, Linguini or Bucatini pasta
- 4 pieces of grilled salmon (2-3 oz. each)

To cook: Heat olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium high heat. Add garlic and anchovy; cook until garlic is lightly browned. Crush tomatoes and add with juices. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally, then reduce to a simmer. Add capers, olives, oregano, black pepper, and 1/2 cup of water. Cook at a simmer for 20 minutes. While the sauce is cooking bring a pot of generously salted water to a boil. Add the Linguini and cook uncovered over high heat until al dente. Drain pasta, toss with sauce, top with grilled salmon piece and serve.

Serves 4



VIVIAN WONG

The fried banana dessert comes with a scoop of vanilla or coconut ice cream and two strawberry Pocky sticks.

feel to the place might be just what some diners are looking for.

Either way, the food at Rice Thai is good, sometimes excellent. The offerings, while not overly generous, are pretty and flavorful. Your pad Thai or roasted chili beef might arrive on a cool triangular plate, garnished with lemongrass stalks and a nest of shaved carrots on the side.

One of the nicest aspects of Rice Thai is that you can order many of the rice, curry and noodle dishes with your choice of beef, chicken, pork, shrimp, a seafood medley, or vegetables

and tofu. This flexibility means vegetarians have countless options. What initially appears to be an already generous menu, with 67 entrees and appetizers at dinner, multiplies into hundreds of choices and variables.

Rice Thai calls their version of the classic Thai spring rolls "fresh salad rolls" (\$7.50). Different name, but the same familiar chilled appetizer: a supple rice skin enveloping shrimp, fresh mint, shredded carrots, and rice noodles, with a mildly spicy

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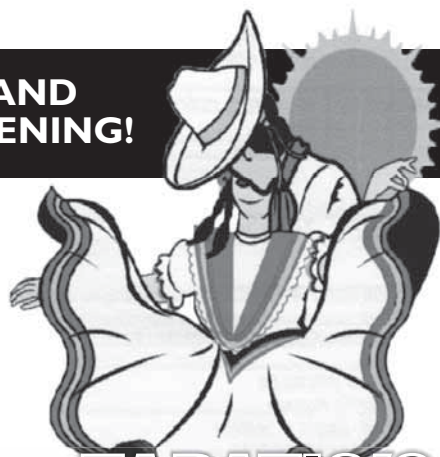
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RICE THAI

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peanut dipping sauce. Rice Thai's were tasty, crunchy and fresh.

Similarly pleasant and familiar was our bowl of coconut soup (\$6.95 with chicken; \$8.95 with shrimp or sea bass). You'll usually find this classic soup referred to as tom ga kai, and it embodies all that is unique about Thai cooking, that delicate balance of spicy, sour, sweet and salty. Rice Thai's version revealed the flavors of lime, chili, coconut milk,

lemongrass and Thai basil.

The chicken dumplings (\$5.95) resembled pot stickers and contained a slightly rubbery nugget of chicken mixed with flecks of Thai basil. On another appetizer plate, wooden skewers pierced through melt-in-your-mouth chicken satay (\$7.95).

A collection of five mini samosas (5.95) arrived in a martini glass with a slightly cloying chili dipping sauce. Ours were a touch overdone, causing the shell to act as an annoyingly resistant barrier to the potato, onion and curry center.

The lemon grass crispy fish (\$11.95) was a lovely entree, pretty

to look at and even better to eat. A carefully constructed "bird's nest" of crispy rice noodles was home to artfully fried chunks of flaky white fish. Infused with the aromas and flavors of green curry, lemongrass and Thai basil, this was a stand-out dish.

Pad Thai (\$8.95 to \$12.95) may not be the most adventurous sampling on the menu, but it was one of the best dishes we ordered. Crunchy bean sprouts and firm rice noodles mixed it up with green onions, ground peanuts, the requisite fried egg, and very little grease. Hints of coriander and lime stayed on the tongue after each bite.

Another tasty dish was the pad see-ew (\$8.95 to \$12.95), a savory tangle of wide flat noodles, punctuated with crisp broccoli and stir fried in a black soy sauce.

It has long been my opinion that mankind achieved dessert perfection with fried banana with ice cream. Tiramisu? Chocolate mousse? Forget about it. Fried banana with ice cream has it all: the tantalizing interplay of hot banana and cold ice cream, the satisfying crunch of the deep-fried coating, the gooey softness of the banana inside, the hint of coconut. Rice Thai hits all the high notes with its version (\$6.95). I would return for this dessert alone. ▣

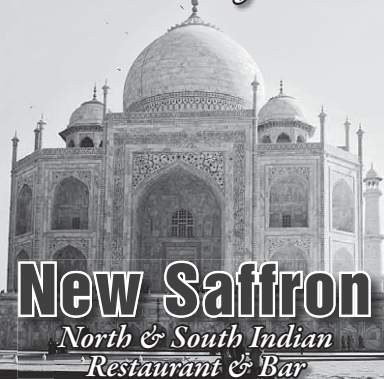
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MOVIE TIMES

A Single Man (R) ★★★★★

Aquarius Theatre: 5:30 & 8:30 p.m. Fri.-Mon. also at 2:30 p.m.

Avatar (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 11:55 a.m.; 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:09 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri.-Tue. at 11:20 a.m.; 12:35, 1:35, 2:50, 4:05, 5:30, 6:30, 8:05, 9:05 & 10 p.m.

The Blind Side (PG-13) ★★

Century 20: 12:40, 3:40, 6:35 & 9:30 p.m.

Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Century 20: Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Crazy Heart (R) ★★★

Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m. **CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** 2, 4:40 & 7:15 p.m. Fri.-Sun. 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: 11:15 a.m.; 12:30, 1:45, 3, 4:25, 5:35, 7, 8:10 & 9:50 p.m.

Edge of Darkness (R) ★★★ Century 16: 5:15, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.

From Paris with Love (R) ★★ Century 16: Fri 12:25, 3, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m. Sat 12:25, 3, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m. Sun 12:25, 3, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m. Mon 12:25, 3, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m. Tue 12:25, 3, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 & 10:35 p.m. Sat 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 & 10:35 p.m. Sun 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 & 10:35 p.m. Mon 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 & 10:35 p.m. Tue 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 & 10:35

It's Complicated (R) ★★★

Century 16: 1 & 6:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 4:10 & 9:10 p.m.

The Last Station (R) ★★1/2

Guild Theatre: 3:15, 6 & 8:45 p.m. Fri.-Mon. also at 12:30 p.m.

Legion (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 20: 10:45 p.m.

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:45 & 10:30 p.m. Fri.-Tue. also at 12:50, 3:35, 6:20 & 9:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m.; 12:25, 1:50, 3:15, 4:40, 6:10, 7:30, 9 & 10:20 p.m.

Saint John of Las Vegas (R) (Not Reviewed) CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2:30 p.m. Fri.-Wed. also at 5 & 7:20 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 9:15 p.m.

Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 10:20 p.m.

The Spy Next Door (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 20: 1:55 & 6:50 p.m.

Tooth Fairy (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 2:15, 4:50, 7:25 & 9:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:15, 2:45, 5:15 & 8 p.m.

Up in the Air (R) ★★1/2

Century 16: Noon, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:50 a.m.; 2:25, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.

Valentine's Day (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)

Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 12:35, 1:35, 2:30, 3:40, 4:35, 5:35, 6:35, 7:30, 8:25 & 9:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 12:05, 1, 2, 3, 3:50, 4:55, 5:55, 6:45, 7:45, 8:50, 9:45 & 10:35 p.m.

When in Rome (PG-13) 1/2

Century 16: 12:20 & 2:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:10 p.m.

The White Ribbon (R) ★★★★★

Aquarius Theatre: 4:30 & 8 p.m. Fri.-Mon. also at 1 p.m.

The Wolfman (R) (Not Reviewed)

Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 12:30, 1:20, 2:10, 3:05, 3:55, 4:45, 5:40, 6:30, 7:15, 8:10, 9:05, 9:55 & 10:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 12:45, 2:10, 3:10, 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35 & 10:40 p.m.

The Young Victoria (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16: 4:10 & 9:45 p.m.

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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.

DEAR JOHN ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) John (Channing Tatum) is one hunky dude: broad chest, good head of dark hair. And Savannah (Amanda Seyfried), with her little round gerbil face and enormous turquoise eyes, is certainly a cutie. During a two-week spring break — hers from college, his from the army — they meet and fall in love on the beach near Charleston. But what they have in common besides their good looks (she's a horse-country rich girl, he's the bad-boy son of a reclusive coin collector) is a mystery. "Dear John" is a sweet enough romance-cum-war story, though its cloying score and the numbing nobility of all its characters are off-putting. The plot had enough complications to hold my interest. *Rated PG-13 for some sensuality and violence. One hour, 48 minutes.* — P.C.

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.

FROM PARIS WITH LOVE ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Jonathan Rhys Myers plays James Reece, an aide to the U.S. ambassador and an aspiring CIA operative. At last given his chance to tackle a full-fledged mission, Reece is partnered with brusque agency superstar Charlie Wax (John Travolta). A seemingly

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screw-loose cannon with a maniacal grin, Wax repeatedly proves he's crazy like a fox as the odd couple descends ever deeper into a terrorist conspiracy. After a vain attempt to drum up a rooting interest in Reece — who must temporarily leave behind his hot fiancée, Caroline (Kasia Smutniak) — Morel and screenwriter Adi Hasak open the floodgates to a rush of action and "buddy cop" banter. A predictable mid-film plot twist provides fodder for a downright stupid climax, the purported "payoff" for Reece's "character development" as he proves he's learned his "training day" lesson from Wax. *Rated R for strong bloody violence throughout, drug content, pervasive language and brief sexuality. One hour, 32 minutes.* — P.C.

THE LAST STATION ★★1/2

(Guild) The film opens in 1910, with Leo Tolstoy (Christopher Plummer) more or less happily ensconced at his family estate Yasnaya Polyana. He's irritably aware of the contradiction represented by this piece of private property, a notion he has publicly renounced. With his career as a novelist already history, Tolstoy has become the spiritual leader of a social movement that captures the imagination of many a youth and in equal proportion threatens those invested in the social order. His wife, Countess Sofya (Helen Mirren) falls in the latter camp. Since her husband seems likely, in death, to relinquish his estate — and the rights to his works — to a common good, jealous socialite Sofya maintains a thick, rich

lather around her husband and his trusted associate Vladimir Chertkov (Paul Giamatti). *Rated R for a scene of sexuality/nudity. One hour, 52 minutes.* — P.C.

THE LOVELY BONES ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Alice Sebold's bestseller "The Lovely Bones" held good potential for a screen treatment, but Peter Jackson squanders it on a schizoid film that largely misses the point of the novel. "The Lovely Bones" takes place partly in the afterlife of Susie Salmon, teen victim of a rape-murder. Sebold's story finds Susie exploring her "In-Between" purgatory while failing to let go of Earth, where her family mourns and her killer roams free. Jackson fails to engage us in the hurt of the Salmons, to whom at least half of the story should belong. Jackson contains himself mostly to the obsession of Susie's father Jack (Mark Wahlberg), who believes he can and must solve his daughter's murder. *Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving disturbing violent content and images, and some language. Two hours, 15 minutes.* — P.C.

WHEN IN ROME 1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Come, play the cliché-counting game with me! "When in Rome" stars Kristen Bell as Beth, a workaholic New Yorker who's unlucky in love. When she zips to Rome for her sister's wedding, she reaches new lows of embarrassment. At the same wedding is Nick (Josh Duhamel); the conspicuously hunky best man. Their boozy flirtation takes a bad turn, leaving a distraught Beth soaking in the "Fontana D'Amore." There, she


purloins four of the coins wishful lovers have tossed, setting in motion a painfully unfunny comedy of stalking. You see, by plucking out the coins, she has magically made herself the object of the wishers' love mania. They follow her back to New York to make her — and us — miserable. *Rated PG-13 for suggestive content. One hour, 31 minutes.* — P.C.

THE WHITE RIBBON

★★★★ (Aquarius) Malicious incidents occur in a small northern German village before the outbreak of World War I. A deliberately placed tripwire causes a doctor on horseback to take a terrible tumble. The baron's young son, kidnapped and tortured, barely survives. Another child is beaten until almost blind. Who does things like that? The narrator of Michael Haneke's disturbing meditation on the spiritual, moral and economic climate of this seeming Village of the Damned asks that question. So will you. For generations, the remote village has operated as a patriarchal system with a ruling class. Violence breeds mistrust and fear — and increasingly repressive rule. What turns an ideal into ideology? This film raises intriguing questions that will linger long after the lights come up. *Rated: R for some disturbing content involving violence and sexuality. In German, Italian, Polish and Latin with English subtitles. 2 hours, 24 minutes.* — S.T.

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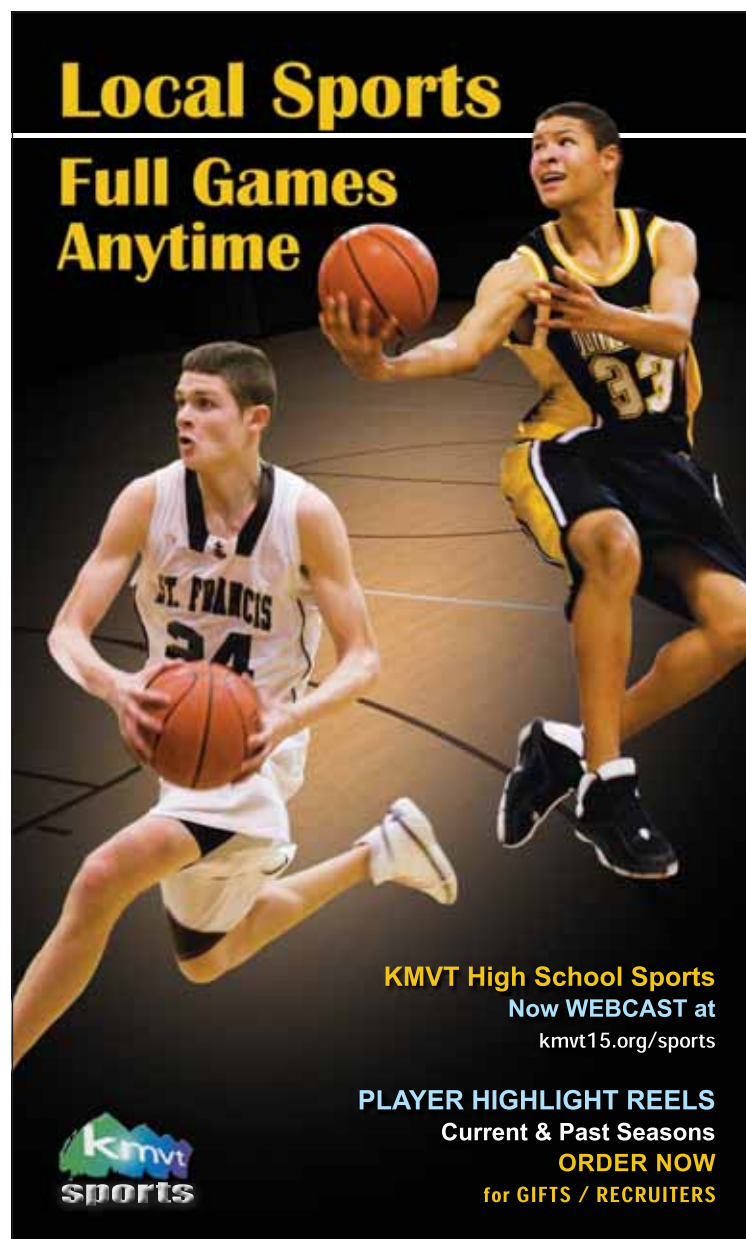


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Pearl/Bead Knotting Class In this class you will learn a quick and easy way to knot between beads. Materials and tools are not included with price of class. Tue., Feb. 23, 6-8:30 p.m. \$60. Global Beads Inc., 345 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-967-7556. www.globalbeads.com

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Offered by the After-School Counseling Program at Adolescent Counseling Services, this group will cover a range of topics facing teenage girls today, including: self esteem and body image issues, sexuality and sexual health, dating and peer relationships, substance use and academic pressure. Thursdays, 6-7:15 p.m. Please contact Vicki Petropoulos for more information. Adolescent Counseling Services Main Office, 4000 Middlefield Road, Suite FH, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0852, ext.115. www.acs-teens.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Find Out How a Garden Is Established De Anza Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. Find out about the Harmony Woods garden, located in Mendocino, California, created by Bob and Judy Mathey, that has an emphasis on rhododendrons and conifers. Wed., Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. Hillview Community Center, Room 12, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. www.deanza-ars.com

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

Benefit Recital with Emiliya Serebrennikov Pianist Emiliya Serebrennikova presents her annual recital benefiting Music in the Schools, an organization that provides classroom music instruction for children in East Palo Alto. Ms. Serebrennikova will be performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Schubert and Schumann. Reception to follow. Sat., Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. \$15. The Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

Cantatas, Madrigals and Motets Soprano Laura Heimes is featured in Magnificat's program of songs about love - spiritual and worldly - by Alessandro Grandi. The concerts will include the modern premieres of several songs from the 1620s including the first cantatas. Fri., Feb. 12, 8-9:30 p.m. \$12-\$35. First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 415-265-2948. magnificatbaroque.com

ECYS Sinfonietta Winter Spirit The program features Schubert's "Symphony No. 3;" Lalo's "Symphonie Espagnole, Mvt I.," Blade Chapin, soloist; Spohr's "Clarinet Concerto, Mvt III.," Sole Chang, soloist and Nicolai's "Overture to Merry Wives of Windsor." Sun., Feb. 14, 2-4 p.m. \$12 general/\$6 student-senior. Albert & Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

Klezmer Concert and Dance Party Klez California Yiddish Culture Festival's Klezmer concert featuring Frank London, Christian Dawid, Josh Horowitz, Cookie Segelstein, Stu Brotman, Eleanor Reissa and others, followed by Yiddish Dance Party led by dance master Steve Weintraub. Sat., Feb. 13, 8-11 p.m. \$10 - \$20. Congregation Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto. www.klezcalifornia.org

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra presents "An Elegant Romance" Valentine's Day program features the music of Romantic composer Johannes Brahms. Violinist Viktoria Mullova returns to PBO for a performance of his "Violin Concerto." McGegan also conducts Brahms' "First Serenade." Fri., Feb. 12, 8-10:30 p.m. \$30-\$75. First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 415-252-1288. www.philharmonia.org

Sekala-Niskala: 'Seen and Unseen' The Bay Area's Gamelan Sekar Jaya performs the world premiere of "Sekala-Niskala: Seen and Unseen," a new music-dance suite exploring the Balinese concept of the visible and invisible worlds. The event is part of the Stanford Pan-Asian Music Festival. Sat., Feb. 13, 8 p.m. \$20 for adults; \$10 for students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford, CA 94305. panasianmusicfestival.stanford.edu

'Generations: A Father-Daughter Exhibit' Terri Ford and Michael Dancer have work included in a father-daughter show. 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

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St. Lawrence String Quartet and Stanford Philharmonia The St. Lawrence String Quartet will join forces with the Stanford Philharmonia Orchestra to present the West Coast premiere of young Japanese-American composer Takuma Itoh's "Concerto for String Quartet" and Orchestra. Other works by Neil McKay and Henry Cowell. Fri., Feb. 12, 8 p.m. \$10 for adults; 5 for students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford. <http://panasianmusicfestival.stanford.edu>

DANCE

Ballroom Dancing Valentine's Party Fri., Feb. 12. Romantic Nightclub Two Step lesson at 8 p.m., beginning and intermediate levels, no experience or partner necessary. Dance Show, Jack 'n Jill Contest, party, & general dancing 9 p.m.-midnight. Prizes. Free refreshments. Singles & couples welcome. Dressy casual attire. \$10. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

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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.

FEB 13 Live Music Valentine's Contra Dance Caller: Eric Black. Band: Swing Farm (Ray Bierl, Charlie Hancock, Steven Strauss). Free beginners class 7:30-8 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m. Bring potluck food. Sat., Feb. 13, 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

FAMILY AND KIDS

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

Game Day Grades K-5. Games will be available at the library. Fri., Feb. 12, 2-5 p.m. Free. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

Halau 'o Keikiali'i, Hawaiian Music & Dance Traditional dance (hula kahiko), music, native instruments, dress, language and stories. Part of CSMA's Family Concerts series, supported by Target. Sponsored by Applied Materials. Two performances, at 2 and 4 p.m. Thu., Jan. 21, 2-5 p.m. No charge; donations gratefully accepted. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend

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.

Paws to Read "Reading to dogs has shown to improve children's literacy skills so stop by the library and have your child read to a canine companion who will love hearing your story," the library says. This program is first come, first served. Sat., Feb. 13, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

Travel to Morocco with Nancy Riley Palo Alto author Nancy Riley shares artifacts, local food and drink, and her book, "Passport to Morocco." Wed., Feb. 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo

Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

Yoga with Shyamoli Yoga class for parents and kids ages 3-6. Feb. 21, 2-2:45 p.m. Free. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

FILM

Talk Cinema Palo Alto Subscription 14-part series meets Saturday mornings September 2009- April 2010, offering sneak peeks of new movies. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$129 series/\$20 general admission. The Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto. Call 800-551-9221. talkcinema.com

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

LIVE MUSIC

Divine Alchemy Concert Paradise, master didjeridoo artist. Joining him will be shamanic drummer Norbeth Granada, Rasamayi (chanting, singing bowls) and special guest Eddie Gale. Sat., Feb. 20, 8-10 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$30 day of event. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 800-909-6161. www.eastwest.com/february_events.html

Sunday Nights at Joya Live music performances on the patio at Joya, with styles including flamenco, reggae and jazz. Every Sunday evening, 6-9 p.m. Free. Joya Restaurant & Lounge, 339 University Ave., Palo Alto. www.joyarestaurant.com

Talisman 20th Anniversary Show Join more than 100 Stanford alumni as they descend on campus to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the university's popular a cappella group, Talisman. Mon., Feb. 15, 7-9:30 p.m. \$8-\$43. Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 415-677-2732. stanfordtalisman.com

ON STAGE

"Spelling Bee" Foothill Music Theatre presents the loopy musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam, County Spelling Bee." Feb. 19-March 7, 8 p.m. \$10-\$26. Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothillmusicals.com

OUTDOORS

Morning Ramble with a Ranger Gentle, ranger-led hike. Open to Palo Alto residents and accompanied guests. First Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Foothills Park Interpretive Center, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-329-2423. bit.ly/enjoyonline

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

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

RESEARCH SUBJECTS

Where Was I? Recovering From Interruptions Introduction to the "Where Was I" project, which can be compared to a DVR for the computer, which allows you to quickly remind yourself what you were doing before an interruption. Hear the history of the project, and see a brief demonstration. Tue., Feb. 16, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley, NASA Research Park, Bldg 23, Moffett Field. Call 650-335-2852. <http://www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/news-events/seminars/index.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.

Mountain View Senior Center New-

comer's Group An orientation and tour of the Mountain View Senior Center is scheduled for Tue., Feb. 16, 2 p.m. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Sudoku Workshop on Sudoku puzzles and techniques for solving them. Thu., Feb. 25, 1 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ming's Lion Dance Performances Ming's celebrates Chinese New Year with special banquet lunches/dinners (Feb. 13-28) and traditional Lion Dance performances (Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. & Feb. 21, 12:30 p.m.) by the Young Lion Dancers. Reservations recommended. Ming's Chinese Cuisine and Bar, 1700 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-856-7700. www.mings.com

TALKS/AUTHORS

Jeffrey Sachs (Director of The Earth Institute, Columbia University) "Designing a Path to Sustainable Development." For more than 20 years, Sachs has promoted policies that help all parts of the world benefit from expanding economic opportunities and well being. Thu., Feb. 18, 7:30-9 p.m. Free but tickets are needed. Stanford University, Memorial Auditorium, Stanford. Call 650-723-0997. <http://ethicsinc-society.stanford.edu/ethics-events/events/view/6917?date=2010-02-18>

Judith London's "Connecting the Dots" Judith London discusses her book, "Connecting the Dots," which presents practical techniques for decoding the language of Alzheimer's in order to improve communication. Wed., Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. in Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

Lisa See's "Shanghai Girls" Lisa See discusses "Shanghai Girls," a novel about two sisters who leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930's Los Angeles. Tue., Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. in Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

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/mvcreation

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

The House The House is open to middle-school students to come hang out with their friends in a safe, fun environment. This free drop-in program is supervised by trained recreation leaders and offers a social atmosphere that includes homework help, billiards, arts and crafts, foosball, video games and more. 5-8 p.m. Free. The House, 298 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/teen_services.asp

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(Voice Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 2010)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 533012

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STATEMENT
File No. 532802

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STATEMENT
File No. 533868

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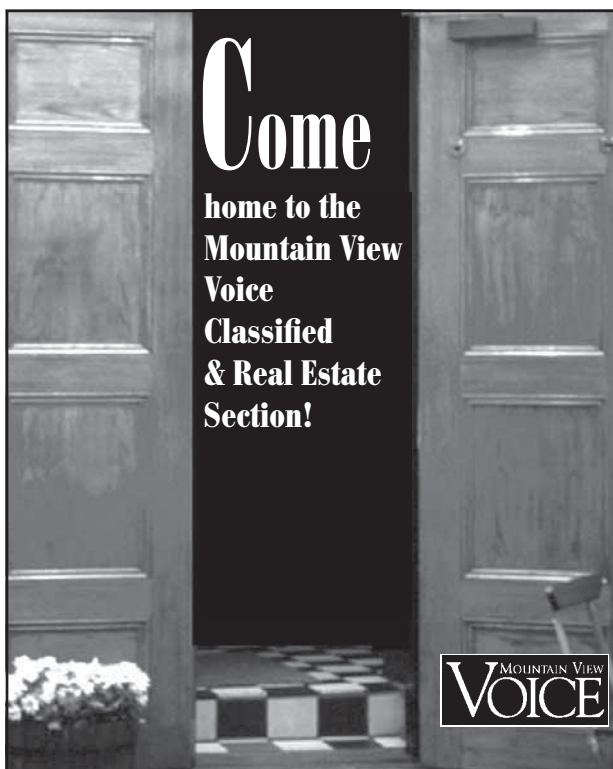
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1232 CHRISTOBAL PRIVADA

Three bedrooms/three baths with the amenities of gracious Country-club style living near the new Palo Alto medical facility in Mtn View. Open for your review this Sunday 1-4pm.

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LOS ALTOS HILLS

13901 WEST EDITH AVE.

\$4,495,000

Gated Country French Estate situated on 1.3 acres of park-like setting bordered by a meandering creek, approx one block to the Village. Elegant spacious home with family friendly flexibility. 6,488 sq. ft. of living space: 5 bedrooms, 5.5 baths including guest house, separate bonus/entertainment room and library/office. Other features include sparkling pool, vegetable gardens, and garages for four cars.

LOS ALTOS



24131 SUMMERHILL AVE

\$4,195,000

Magnificent Mediterranean, designed for family living and entertainment. Formal entry, grand living room high ceiling, marble & hardwood floors, mahogany doors, detailed tile work, Luxurious mahogany office, gourmet kitchen w/ custom cabinetry & top appliances opens to spacious family room, wine cellar & tasting bar. Half acre lot with pool, pool cabana, spacious patios and game court.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

374 N RENGSTORFF AVE

\$649,000

Charming two bedroom, two bath home located a short distance from the newly renovated Monta Loma shopping center, the elementary school, and a lush city park. Enjoy indoor or outdoor entertaining. New interior and exterior paint. Light and bright ready to move in! 1,388 square feet of living space and a 4,792 square foot lot.

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LOS ALTOS HILLS

13914 MIR MIROU DRIVE

\$6,850,000

Exceptional estate which includes a 1.12 Acre parcel with main home, pool, gazebo plus a 1.25 Acre parcel w/guest house, tennis court, 2nd gazebo for a total of 2.37 Acres adjacent to the open space Arastradero Preserve. Palo Alto Schools.

12369 GIGLI COURT

\$4,150,000

Newly constructed Mediterranean style villa w/ sweeping views to the Bay. Located on a private cul-de-sac, 5 BR/5 BA + 2 1/2 BA, 4700 sq. ft., 1.5 acres, theater, wine cellar & elevator. Palo Alto schools

12011 GREENHILLS COURT

\$3,495,000

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



12125 OAK PARK COURT

\$3,349,000

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

10723 MAGDALENA RD

\$2,895,000

Experience a rare opportunity for unforgettable family living. Situated on over an acre of exquisite landscaping, vineyard, fruit trees and vegetable gardens. 4BR's, 3.5BA's plus a separate guest house, is conveniently located just a few miles from the Village. Excellent Los Altos Schools and easy commute access.

25231 LA RENA

\$2,185,000

Spacious 4-bedroom, 2-bath ranch style home on 1 acre lot with guest house and pool. Double pane windows, updated kitchen and bathrooms and sky lights. Guest house has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen and laundry room. Makes great rental with its private setting from main house.

▼ BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

LOS ALTOS HILLS

12155 EDGECLIFF PL.

\$1,565,000

VIEW! VIEWS! VIEWS! Very private property, A lot of potential at a low price, Move in remodel or build new, Indoor swimming pool, Possible 5th bedroom or bonus room, Garage 2nd floor bonus room, original tennis court, close to town.

LOS ALTOS

MOVE RIGHT IN

\$1,485,000

Charming two Story home. 4 BR/ 2 BA upstairs plus in-law quarters off garage w/ kitchenette. Step down Living room w/ fireplace and recessed lighting Separate dining room, Bright and sunny kitchen with breakfast nook. Swimming pool, expansive yard with sprawling lawns. Excellent Los Altos Elementary Oak School.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

2255 SHOWERS DR. #313

\$449,500

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SAN JOSE 5 BR | 3 BA

658 SALT LAKE DR \$679,000
Vw of mntns, 2 stories sngl fam 5B/3B(1B&1B on 1st flr) 16 ft.ceiling on liv/din & foyer
Alice Chakhmazova 650.948.0456



SAN ANTONIO 1 BR | 1 BA

UNIT W/ REMODELED KITCHEN! \$298,000
1 BR 1 BA Possibly the best loc in complex! Top floor w/newer carpet, vaulted ceilings, remod kit.
DiPali Shah 650.325.6161



MOUNTAIN VIEW 4 BR | 2.5 BA

COMPLETELY REMODELED \$1,399,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Home in the desirable Los Altos school system. 4 bdrm(including 2 mstr Bdrm suites), 3 BaRms
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Open Sunday

MOUNTAIN VIEW 3 BR | 2.5 BA

368 BRYANT ST \$729,000
Located in the heart of dwtwn Mountain View. 7 yr young spacious property.
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Open Sat & Sun

CAMBRIAN 5 BR | 2.5 BA

5067 CARTER AV \$715,000
Custom hm-A lot sf for the price. On the end of Carter Ave. New paint & carpet. High ceilings
Veronica Rudick 650.325.6161



Open Sunday

MOUNTAIN VIEW 3 BR | 2 BA

1640 NOTRE DAME DR \$1,199,000
Exceptional Varsity Park hm w beautiful remodeled interior & landscaped yards. LA schools.
Lan L. Bowling 650.328.5211

ATHERTON

301 STOCKBRIDGE AV
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,849,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Outstanding West Atherton Opportunity in Los Lomitas. Large Lot. Enhance or built new
Hunt & Robinson 650.325.6161

CUPERTINO

COMMERCIAL OFFICE CONDO \$225,000
Desirable Monte Vista location. 2 offices, reception area and restroom
Dana Willson 650.941.7040

FOSTER CITY

860 MERIDIAN BAY LN #123
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$580,000
2 BR 2 BA Ground Floor unit w/private balcony, lg master, hrdwd flrs. Eat-in kit, W/D, 2 parking.
Greg Stange 650.325.6161

HALF MOON BAY

9 TURNBERRY CT
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,599,000
5 BR 3.5 BA Come hm to paradise on the Coast. This Ocean Colony hm has 4700+sq.ft. of luxury living
Elizabeth Thompson 650.941.7040

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

439 RINCONADA COURT

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,649,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Enjoys Mills Act benefits. Classic Farnsworth hm in the heart of Los Altos, built in 1895.
Buchanan & Bowen 650.941.7040

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

1 W EDITH AV #A104

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$849,000
2 BR 2 BA Newer condo for 55+ years. Grnt kit, lrg mstr; travertine baths, inside Indry.
Buchanan & Bowen 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS HILLS

27580 ELENA RD
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,450,000
7 BR 6.5 BA This elegant Hm will impress even the most discriminating tastes. Exquisite touches thruout
Vivi Chan 650.941.7040

13581 WILDCREST DR

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,399,000
6 BR 4.5 BA Nestled on a private road in the hills, this custom Hm has sweeping vws of the Valley.
Terrie Masuda 650.941.7040

12374 MELODY LN

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,695,000
5 BR 3 BA Rare! Over 5,000 newly remodeled at end of a cul de sac on over 1 acre! Palo Alto schls
Vicki Geers 650.941.7040

26600 ELENA RD

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,049,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Custom gourmet kitchen. Soaring ceilings in master bedroom & living rm. An ideal sanctuary
Janie & John Barman 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK

578 OLIVE ST
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,495,000
6 BR 6 BA New, 5000 sf Craftsman in W. Menlo. +10k lot! High-End Finishes & Countless Amenities
Mandana Nejad 650.325.6161

TOWNHOME BY GOLF COURSE \$979,000

2 BR 2 BA Beautiful TH in a tranquil area. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room & kitchen
Patsy Kodama 650.325.6161

MOUNTAIN VIEW

LOT CLR & READY TO BUILD \$1,080,000
4 BR 3 BA List price reflects Hm being built by owner/bldr as approved by the city. Permits in place
Eppie Cf Lam 650.941.7040

2100 CALIFORNIA ST

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$910,000
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

MOUNTAIN VIEW

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

UNIT W/ REMODELED KITCHEN! \$298,000

1 BR 1 BA Possibly the best loc in complex! Top floor w/newer carpet, vaulted ceilings, remod kit.
DiPali Shah 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO

955 ADDISON AV

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,980,000
6 BR 5.5 BA Xquisite 2stry 8 yrs nw cstm blt in Crescent Prk 4300sqft living area lot size 12,400sqft
Dora Thordarson 650.941.7040

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'.
Hunt & Robinson 650.325.6161

1234 PITMAN AVE

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,649,000
4 BR 3 BA 9-year-young custom built lot over 7000. House over 2700+ Attached grg. Family rm+sep study
Julie Lau 650.325.6161

3604 ARBUTUS AV

SAT & SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,585,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious rooms, Oak flrs, 2 FP. Brown & Kaufman home w/"good bones" in move-in cond.
Nancy Goldcamp 650.325.6161

3334 BRYANT ST

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,258,000
3 BR 2 BA Desirable Midtown location on tree-lined street. Updated kit, baths, double-pane windows.
Judy Shen 650.328.5211

3780 STARR KING CI

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,199,000
4 BR 2 BA Beautiful & Bright, this fully renovated home is a classic contemporary with open-design.
Lan L. Bowling 650.328.5211

PALO ALTO

365 FOREST AVE. #2E
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,050,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Premium downtown loc! Approx 1918sq ft condo. Close to vibrant Univ Ave. Bike to Sanford
Jon Anderson 650.325.6161

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

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.
Nancy Goldcamp 650.325.6161

444 SAN ANTONIO RD #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

80 KENT PLACE

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,695,000
5 BR 4 BA Gutted, expanded, rebuilt 15 yrs ago. Cul-de-sac nr. Eleanor Pardee Pk. Top PA schls.
Margaret Williams 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

SAN JOSE

1832 ANNE CT
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$789,000
4 BR 3 BA Nestled at end of cul-de-sac near Los Gatos border.
Ellen Barton 650.941.7040

BEAUTIFUL-A LOT FOR THE PRICE \$715,000

5 BR 2.5 BA Custom hm-A lot sf for the price. On the end of Carter Ave. New paint & carpet. High ceilings
Veronica Rudick 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE

2176 JEWELL DRIVE
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$598,000
3 BR 2 BA FR w/frplc, frml DR, & red oak flring thruout. Neighboring prop, for sale 2178Jewell
Aileen La Bouff 650.948.0456

2300 SQUARE FEET \$479,000

3 BR 1.5 BA You will not find this square footage for this price! 2 bdrms + a bonus rm dwnstrs.
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SAN MATEO

FABULOUS VIEW PROPERTY! \$1,075,000

4 BR 3.5 BA Enjoy this beautiful sunrise for the rest of your life! SM Highlands remodeled
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SANTA CRUZ

EXPANSIVE AND DRAMATIC \$12,995,000

4 BR 4 full BA + 3 half Estate & Equestrian facility is nestled on 80 spectacular acres in the Pleasant Villy.
Susan Furstman 650.941.7040

SUNNYVALE

1301 VICTORIA TERRACE

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$619,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Lovely end unit twnhm w/lots of wndws & light. 2 mstr bdrms upstrs w/ vaulted ceilings.
Teri Woolworth 650.941.7040

1065 SAGINAW TE #201

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$510,000
2 BR 2 BA Lovely single level condo with upgrades throughout. Grnt Kit Cntrs w/ backspash.
Nargis Sadruddin 650.941.7040

WOODWORKER'S SHOWCASE! \$479,000

3 BR 1 BA Beautiful Brazilian cherry wood flrs, stainless steel appliances, new roof & French doors!
Kevin Klemm 650.328.5211