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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Saint Francis student Justin Lai, above, danced his way to a prom date on Wednesday, April 28. Lai gathered his friends and staged a musical invitation that re-enacted a scene from the movie "500 Days of Summer." The object of his prom proposal, Michelle Arra, pictured with the bouquet, said yes.

PHOTOS BY JAMES TENSUAN



City asks unions for \$1 million cut

FEE HIKES ALSO KEY TO CLOSING BIG BUDGET GAP

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View's budget outlook is rosier than expected, but city officials will be less likely to worry about service cuts and layoffs if unions agree to at least \$1 million in concessions and a workable plan for fee increases is created.

City manager Kevin Duggan reported "good news" in Tuesday's City Council budget study session. Better-than-expected tax revenue projections have decreased the city's general fund deficit estimate from \$5 million to \$4.3 million for 2010-2011.

City officials now hope to make only \$1.3 million worth of significant cuts to services instead of the \$2 million in cuts previously needed.

But that hope rests on ongoing negotiations with the city's four unions over the next few weeks to save \$1 million by slowing down increases to pay and benefits, along with \$1 million in new revenue from various fee increases for

city services. Thankfully, council members don't have to bet on another \$1 million in less painful cuts called "operational efficiencies," some of which are already in effect. The City Council has to approve a city budget in June.

Mountain View Firefighters Association president John Miguel said his union has already agreed to a cut in pay raises worth \$1 million over the next two years in order to avoid layoffs and cuts

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Sunnyvale man ID'd as Caltrain victim

By Jay Thorwaldson and Martin Sanchez

A Sunnyvale man who stepped off a Mountain View train platform into the path of a speeding Caltrain commuter at 5:08 p.m. Monday, May 3, has been identified as Christian Edward Archibald, 31, according to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office would not confirm if he is the same Christian Edward Archibald 31, of Sunnyvale, who was to be arraigned Tuesday, May 4 on one charge of lewd and lascivious behavior on a child under 14. He allegedly molested a 5-year-old boy in a Milpitas Walmart on March 20, District Attorney's Office spokeswoman Amy Cornell said.

Cornell said the accused man

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High speed muddle at rail meeting

RESIDENTS ATTEMPT TO VISUALIZE NEW TRAINS, NEW TRACKS

By Daniel DeBolt

In a meeting Monday night about the consequences of high-speed rail in Mountain View, local residents found themselves mulling the sort of questions usually left to those with degrees in transportation design.

"Can you photo-shop some pictures for us?" said one attendee as many tried to visualize the various alternatives for the grade-separated train crossings required in Mountain View at Castro Street and

Rengstorff Avenue.

The city-organized meeting was intended to educate the public, who came to hear the California High Speed Rail Authority officials speak in the crowded Senior Center ballroom about the various challenges, options and scenarios that could play out in Mountain View. In the effort to build the high speed train line from San Francisco to Los Angeles, a major rail station

is being considered for downtown and the two additional train tracks could turn the Caltrain corridor into an aerial platform, trench or shallow tunnel.

In small groups, residents made their preferences known about those options, though little was said about the possible train station.

"People don't want the aerial or at-grade options," for running the tracks, concluded one group at

the end of the meeting. "We want the whole thing to be invisible, really." Most attendees cheered and applauded the remark.

But the solution, as some found, isn't that simple. Stevens Creek and Permanent Creek are major obstacles for the trench or shallow tunnel options, which may also be prohibitively expensive. Rail authority officials said a deep tunnel that could go underneath the creeks is not being studied in Mountain View.

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Cindy Hart, Mountain View



"I didn't really have a strong opinion, but it's too bad it affects our environment so much. Our only other option is to become less dependent on foreign oil and oil in general."

John Foster, Danville



"The federal government needs to be more prepared as we increase offshore drilling so it can handle emergencies like this one. The incident definitely made me think about it, but I still support offshore drilling."

Ben Smith, Scotts Valley



"It hasn't affected my opinion – I still think offshore drilling is stupid. I know that sounds coarse, but it's true."

Rylan Schaeffer, Mountain View



"It has definitely strengthened my opinion that offshore drilling is wrong. I think the environmental costs are just too big to risk for oil."

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And you would be ...?

By Andrea Gemmet

“Well, that was fast. If you do well, I guess by next week, they’ll make you the publisher,” a bemused colleague said to me last week.



Andrea Gemmet

For everyone who just filed me in the rolodex as the new education reporter, I apologize. Less than a month after I joined the staff of the Voice, I find myself sitting in the managing editor’s chair, thanks to the departure of Don Frances. I still haven’t updated my voicemail message, let alone figured out what to do with a few hundred suddenly out-of-date business cards.

While my time here has been brief, I’m no stranger to the newspaper business. I got my first job at a community newspaper in Redwood City when I was a junior in high school, and that was ... well, more than half a lifetime ago. That was when I discovered my love of the newspaper business, and I’ve remained true to it ever since. Another after-school job at a local newspaper followed, then college, where I wrote for various publications, including the weekly newspaper.

Most recently, I’ve been at The Almanac, the Voice’s sister paper based in Menlo Park. In my 14 years there, I’ve covered stories on every beat, and gotten to know every nook and cranny of its territory. I’ve written more stories than I can count on Steve Jobs’ quest to tear down a historic Woodside mansion. I covered a wine cellar heist in Atherton, fatalities on the Caltrain tracks, fugitive hunts and endless stories about traffic problems.

There have been murder

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COURTESY IMAGE

Affordable housing project on track

50-UNIT COMPLEX TO BE BUILT AT EVELYN, FRANKLIN STREETS

By Daniel DeBolt

City Council members indicated they had no major issues with a plan for 50 affordable family apartments at Evelyn and Franklin streets, which is set for approval this summer.

In a April 27 study session the council discussed an environmental study and the project’s \$25.6 million budget, which includes a \$7 million loan from the city’s affordable

housing fund and a \$13 million federal tax credit. Partly because of high quality materials, each unit will cost \$502,354 to construct.

Depending on a family’s income level and the size of apartment needed, rents will range from \$563 to \$1,600 for one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, saving residents from \$215 to \$1,157 compared to a market rate apartment of the same size.

Units would be made avail-

able in a lottery to qualified families living on less than 60 percent of the area median income on a first-come.

Residents of the condos next door at 108 Bryant Street did not speak in opposition to the project at they have in previous meetings, although their opposition likely played a part in its latest design, which places a courtyard between the two buildings and removes a driveway that would have run along the adjoining property line. ▣

Coming and going at City Hall

TOP MANAGERS, CITY CLERK RETIRING; FULLER HEADS PUBLIC WORKS

By Daniel DeBolt

The wave of departures at City Hall continues with the retirement last week of transportation and policy manager Joan Jenkins. Meanwhile city clerk Angee Salvador and assistant city manager Nadine Levin have announced retirements in June and Mike Fuller has been named public works director after doing the job on an interim basis.

The City Council passed a resolution of appreciation for Jenkins on May 5 for her 17 years with Mountain View, which ended April 30. City manager Kevin Duggan called her an expert

on transportation funding. She has been “instrumental in allowing us to get millions of dollars for grants on everything from the Stevens Creek Trail to public transportation projects” including the downtown transit hub, Duggan said. Jenkins’ position is also critical in the city’s efforts to advocate for the best possible plans for high-speed rail through Mountain View.

The City Council met in closed session on April 30 to discuss the recruitment or appointment



Angee Salvador



Mike Fuller

from within of a new city clerk and city attorney after Michael Martello stepped down in December. Mayor Ronit Bryant said the council had nothing to report on either position this week. Recruitment has not begun for either position.

Levin’s retirement means the loss of one of the city’s longest serving top officials. Her position, which is now being advertised at up to \$190,000 a year, will also oversee the city’s employee services department. ▣

City aims to close ‘scofflaw’ pot club

MAY 28 HEARING COULD DECIDE IF ‘BUDDY’S’ VIOLATED ZONING REGULATIONS

By Daniel DeBolt

The city has filed an injunction to shut down a storefront marijuana dispensary in Mountain View known as Buddy’s even as it works to create regulations to allow such businesses.

According to court papers filed April 28 at the City Council’s request, the city says it is entitled to \$1,000 a day in fines against property owner Mizrahi Building of Mountain View, LLC, named as a defendant along with the dispensary, for the continued operation of Buddy’s, which opened on April 20 at 2632 Bayshore Parkway. The injunction request calls Buddy’s Cannabis Patient Collective a “scofflaw medical marijuana dispensary” because it violates the city’s building code, zoning ordinance, business license ordinance and the city’s recently approved temporary ban on marijuana dispensaries.

Buddy’s could be ordered to close at a court hearing scheduled for May 28, said interim city attorney Jannie Quinn. She would not comment further on the case, but said it was not going to delay her assignment from the City Council to draft regulations allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in Mountain View.

“We’re trying to figure out how to do this as best possible for our residents,” said Mayor Ronit Bryant, referring to the possible regulations. “We need the time to do that. It’s really disappointing to not have people wait for us to figure this out and do the best job we can.”

When asked if the injunction was worth starting a potentially costly legal battle for the city, Bryant said “We made certain decisions and we have to live by them. We decided on a process and we are continuing with that process. We’re trying to run a well-regulated city.”

Quinn said regulations are being drafted for council review in early June, just after the scheduled May 28 court hearing for Buddy’s. Those regulations include possible zoning regulations on the location of pot

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Teacher could face battery charge

A 17-year-old male student has accused his 58-year-old female teacher at View Side Academy — a Mountain View school for at-risk teens — of shoving him to the ground during an April 30 classroom argument, police say.

The Mountain View Police Department received a call reporting a battery at View Side's Linda Vista Avenue campus at 11:30 a.m. and arrived shortly

afterward, police spokeswoman Liz Wylie said.

The teacher confronted the student at around 10:10 a.m. when he brought a dodge ball into a classroom, which is against the school's rules, Wylie said.

The student claims the teacher then pushed him, causing him to fall and scratch his arm, Wylie said. The scratch required

no medical attention, she said.

The student is requesting that his teacher be prosecuted, Wylie said, so the police department has submitted the case to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office for review.

View Side Academy was formerly known as Terra Bella Academy.

— Martin Sanchez

POT CLUB

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clubs in the city, a possible limit on the number of pot clubs allowed in Mountain View, building security requirements and rules against using marijuana on the premises, Quinn said.

The city is seeking both a temporary and permanent injunction against Buddy's, which means a judge could decide at the May 28 hearing to shut down Buddy's temporarily before deciding whether to shut it down for good, Quinn said.

In the injunction request the city argues that "California appellate courts have recently upheld injunctions against marijuana dispensary operations on essentially the same grounds as those urged by the city here."

The filing notes two Southern California cases, City of Claremont v. Kruse in 2009 and City of Corona v. Naulls in 2008.

The owner of Buddy's, wealthy corporate lawyer Matt Lucero, hopes that Northern California appellate courts will have a different opinion. He believes state law allows medical marijuana dispensaries despite the city's regulations and he has hired outside legal counsel to handle a fight that he hopes will end up in state Supreme Court. He says he has also promised to reimburse his landlord for any fines the city imposes.

The city says Buddy's failed to apply for building and planning permits and was denied a business license the day before it opened. According to the court filing, a code enforcement officer found several

code violations inside Buddy's that would have prevented building permits from being issued. A stairway and mezzanine are identified as "non-compliant with current codes, including the lack of a proper guardrail and/or handrail, and therefore...presenting hazardous life safety concerns."

Lucero said Monday that he is planning to launch a public relations campaign to illustrate how the collective has helped people in the area treat various ailments with marijuana. He says the collective now has over 300 members and has taken in \$30,000 in "contributions." Lucero said he is now considering which local non-profits will receive any excess revenue. ▀

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COUNCIL

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to city services. Whether the city's three other unions will follow suit remains to be seen. But it appears that several deals are in the offing.

"I wouldn't necessarily be able to agree with any of the financial estimates the groups might offer," Duggan said Wednesday. "At this point I would be cautious to characterize any of the proposals as complete."

For Tuesday, Duggan prioritized possible budget cuts by organizing them into four tiers and if all go according to plan, only the first tier will have to be cut. That would mean cutting some vacant library staff positions, some street maintenance, and technical assistance for the planning department, as well as city building maintenance, public works analytical support and document processing services. Tier one would cut 8.5 positions, but most are vacant. Because of a recently announced retirement, Duggan said layoffs would be limited to three half-time police assistants. Council member Margaret Abe-Koga opposed those police cuts Tuesday in favor of cutting the city's equipment replacement

budget.

"These are not desirable things to do," Duggan said of tier one. "We think they are manageable without major negative impacts on our customers or our employees."

Without the union concessions, the city may have to delve into tier-two cuts totaling \$1 million, which includes park ranger services, library staff, the book mobile, park and tree maintenance, and more police staff cuts to community service officers and record keepers.

Cuts to popular Deer Hollow Farm appear to be unlikely as those were listed as a last resort in tier four and several City Council members oppose cutting the program.

Fee increases challenged

At Tuesday's meeting dozens of local swimmers spoke to the city council about proposed pool fee increases for the Los Altos Mountain View Aquatics Club and the Mountain View Masters swim team. The swimmers claimed that they would be forced out of the city's pools at Eagle and Rengstorff parks under the proposals and the city would be without the revenue it currently gets from the swim clubs. The parent of one swimmer claimed that the price per swim lane per hour would

be six times what Sunnyvale and other nearby cities charge.

Council members agreed and said the city may have miscalculated the market rate fees for swim clubs.

"If we get too expensive, people will just swim somewhere else," said council member Tom Means, who added that finding a balance when raising fees is "tricky."

Users of Mountain View's community gardens also spoke about increases to their annual fees that would make them among the highest in the region.

While some members previously considered a parking fee for Shoreline Park, the council ended up voting 6-1 against the idea Tuesday in a straw vote. Council member Laura Macias remains the only supporter of the idea.

"There's plenty of people that go there that would pay \$1 to \$2" for parking at Shoreline, Macias said. But other members were concerned about effects on Shoreline Park businesses such as the Lakeside Cafe. Others thought the fee was unnecessary.

"I'm really glad we're in a better budget position than we thought we were," said council member Abe-Koga. ▀

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FATAL

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was listed in the county database as being free on bail.

Monday's train was a "limited stop" train that was going between 73 and 79 miles per hour, Caltrain spokesperson Christine Dunn said.

The train was stopped some distance south of the San Antonio Station and other southbound trains were single-tracked on the northbound tracks starting at about 5:40 p.m., Dunn said.

Caltrains were delayed between 30 and 60 minutes until after 7 p.m.

Tracks were reopened to regular service at 8:30 p.m.

A tall steel fence separates the tracks to prevent any crossover by pedestrians.

Monday night, long strands of yellow "caution" tape prohibited pedestrians from entering the station as a dozen officials combed the scene. A white stretcher stood on the platform, empty. A few passersby paused to survey the station.

Dunn said the death is the fifth track fatality of 2010, somewhat below the rate of 2009, when there 19 deaths on Caltrain tracks — the second highest year since 1995, when there were fewer trains running at slower speeds. ▣

Battle begins to combat bullying

MV WHISMAN'S GOAL IS TO HELP STUDENTS DEFEND THEMSELVES

by Martin Sanchez

The Mountain View Whisman School District has taken up an unprecedented campaign against bullying in hopes of creating a safer, more respectful atmosphere in local schools.

Two recent workshops for parents focused on the issue. The workshops were not triggered by any serious incidents, but were spurred by the general realization that "in our district, as in other districts, bullying does occur," said Mountain View Whisman Assistant Superintendent Stephanie Totter, who said the district was aiming to be "proactive."

A major goal is to help kids defend themselves against bullies. But Erica Pelavin, a psychologist and Parents

Place employee, said that children who are bullied should not feel they have to bear the burden on their own.

"Our kids want us to understand that these things are important to them," she said, as she led the English-language session April 29 at Crittenden Middle School.

Pelavin said children should be "upstanders," who stand up for peers who are being bullied, rather than "bystanders." Upstanders can eliminate the emotional rewards for bullies. Bystanders, by watching their peers get bullied, tacitly encourage bullying behavior. Eighty-five percent of bullying episodes involve more than just a bully and their target, she said.

"The bystander not only encourages the bully but is at risk of

becoming desensitized to cruelty," she said.

Some parents attended the Thursday meeting to see if their own children might be bullies. One Mountain View parent, who asked not to be named, was worried that her elementary-school-age daughter was bullying her peers. She said it was the first time bullying had been "openly addressed" by the school.

Mountain View parent Sharon Glouster said having children participate in a similar workshop would help parents and teachers discuss bullying with them.

"It would be ideal if the kids can get educated too, so we can use the same language with them," she said.

Mountain View parent Angie

Cortez said she attended the meeting because she is worried that her elementary-school-age daughter was the one being bullied.

"Everything's so focused on the tests, but we have to teach about friendship as well," she said.

Other parents — like Mountain View resident Judy Zellers — attended for less personal reasons. Zellers' children, who are in the fourth, seventh and tenth grades at Mountain View schools, are not being bullied. But even a single bullying problem can be too much for that child's parents to handle alone, she said.

"The more people who are aware of it, the easier it will be to solve," she said.

The district has been working since August with Parents Place, a Bay Area family counseling group that provided the presenters for last week's workshops. The purpose was to find ways of teaching par-

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Not guilty plea in choking case

by Martin Sanchez

A Mountain View man accused of nearly choking his girlfriend to death last year pleaded "not guilty" to charges, including attempted murder, last week at the Superior Court in Palo Alto, according to the district attorney's office. Police say Reginald Ellis, 22, tried to choke his 26-year-old girlfriend to death during an argument in their Mountain View apartment last November. Ellis turned himself in to the police Dec. 19.

Amy Cornell of the District Attorney's office said Ellis' next step is a June 3 preliminary hearing at the Palo Alto courthouse, during which a judge will decide whether or not a full trial will occur.

Besides attempted murder, Ellis faces charges of violation of a protective order resulting in physical injury, corporal injury to a spouse or cohabitant, terrorist threats, domestic violence, brandishing a deadly weapon, and obstructing use of a wireless telephone used to summon law enforcement. ▀

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And while the aerial platform option has the advantage of making the land along the corridor useable and pedestrian friendly, it would require that Shoreline Boulevard and San Antonio Road overpasses be "leveled," as one participant put it.

Safety concerns about the aerial platform option were also raised. A train going 100 miles per hour could "have the possibility of flying off the tracks and into houses," concluded one group.

But others disagreed, saying that high speed rail had a near perfect safety record in other countries, and that the real problem of debris falling onto the tracks and derailing a train was less likely on a platform than an open trench.

Rail Authority officials presented a picture of an aerial train viaduct in Paris with retail shops inside the arches. Some liked the idea, others did not.

"Well that might work in Paris

but this is Mountain View," said one participant. The remark got laughs when repeated to the entire crowd in the group's report.

Rail authority officials said they were taking seriously the city's concerns about not running the 125 mile per hour train at grade across Castro Street, which would require the major traffic artery to be closed off.

"At this point we need to keep Castro Street open," said Dominic Spaethling, regional manager for the rail authority, to the crowd.

Some of those attending thought the exercise was a waste of time.

"This is like re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic," said Sylvan Park resident Kathy Hall. She and resident Leslie Murdoch pointed to the recent of the California High Speed Rail Authority which they said raises serious questions about the financial management the \$43 billion project. ▀

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BULLYING

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ents, teachers, administrators and students how to recognize and deal with bullying, Totter said. All of the district's teachers and support staff have participated in the "Breaking the Cycle of Bullying" workshop since then, she said.

Parents Place Maria Alvarez ran the April 27 workshop, a Spanish-language presentation which about 40 people attended, many of whom were glad it was in Spanish, she said.

Many of the parents were "very engaged," she said, adding that they asked questions and pointed out problems they were having.

While most of the presentation covered the same material as the English-language one, Alvarez said she added some cultural elements to address bullying issues

unique to Spanish-speaking families. Some Latino families encourage their children to speak Spanish at home, while others prefer that their children speak English as much as possible, she said.

These linguistic differences can lead to bullying behavior, she said.

"Even if you are Latino, you can be bullied by people from your same social group," she said.

Relationships between children from different ethnic backgrounds can also lead to bullying behavior, she said.

"We need to teach kids how to be respectful, seeing how this is such a diverse community," she said.

Cultural differences can also affect the parents of children

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Twin brothers Eli, left, and Mark beat the heat on a warm day by spending some time on the swings at Pioneer Park in downtown Mountain View.

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Posh Bagel founders arrested for fraud

LOCAL STORE IS NOT INVOLVED, OWNER SAYS

The owner and founder of several Bay Area bakeries has been arrested on suspicion of failing to report employee injuries and accurate hours worked, according to the California Department of Insurance.

Posh Bagel founder Jeffrey Michael Ottovoggio, 48, and his wife Cheryl Ann Lee, 39, were arrested Thursday at their home in Redwood City for workers' compensation insurance fraud.

The company's accountant/controller, 54-year-old Bruce William Campbell, was arrested at his home in Palo Alto.

Ottovoggio founded Posh Bakery and Posh Bagel. The company has 14 retail locations in all, including those in San Francisco, Santa Clara, Los Altos and San Jose. The Moun-

tain View store is independently owned and operated by Chuck Whelan.

"The guys that own Posh are apparently bad actors," Whelan said Tuesday. "We buy two products from them, that is the extent of our affiliation."

Between January and September 2006, the company had an insurance policy with a subsidiary of Applied Underwriters. Payrolls were reported to Applied Underwriters on a bi-weekly basis so the insurance company could determine premiums for workers' compensation insurance, according to the insurance department.

In June, Applied Underwriters received an internal spreadsheet that contained two payroll records — one for Applied Underwriters

and one for a second company. The sheet showed fewer hours were being submitted to Applied Underwriters.

The California Department of Insurance then launched an investigation and found Posh had underreported more than \$1.6 million worth of earnings to Applied Underwriters.

The department also found Posh did not report two employees who cut themselves while cutting dough and needed sutures, injections and prescription medication.

The suspects were booked into Santa Clara County jail, and bail was set at \$500,000 each. ▀

— Bay City News Service. Mountain View Voice staff contributed to this report.

BULLYING

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who are being bullied, Alvarez said. Many district staff members speak Spanish, but many Latino parents come from cultures in which parents typically are not involved with their children's schools, she said.

"Latino parents are not used to challenging a school authority. It's a cultural issue," she said.

Alvarez said one attendee — the mother of a 15-year-old daughter who was being bullied at school — felt uncomfortable after speaking to school administrators three or four times with no luck.

"She started crying while she was explaining this," Alvarez

said.

In addition to learning to identify symptoms of bullying relationships in their children, Latino parents need to feel empowered enough to report such problems, she said.

"I told them 'You have a right to express your concerns or problems to teachers, administrators or people at the district office until the problems are taken care of,'" she said.

Totter said she suggests that parents become active at their children's schools.

The district released a protocol just before last month's spring break that defines bullying and establishes how school and district staff must respond when bullying is reported, Tot-

ter said.

This bullying protocol is the first time the district has outlined how it will respond to bullying incidents.

Bullying will be treated differently than other conflicts and the district will monitor bullying reports to see if any trends emerge, Totter said.

Totter said ongoing staff changes will make it hard to ensure all district staff members are trained about the new bullying protocol. Determining the best way to monitor bullying reports in the coming year will also be a challenge, she said.

"I don't think bullying is going to go away," but the district can be "better equipped about how to handle it," Totter said. ▀

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City may beef up phone tax

INTERNATIONAL CALLS WOULD BE INCLUDED IF VOTERS APPROVE

By Daniel DeBolt

A survey of local voters shows that a majority would support a November ballot measure to place an additional tax on phone calls in Mountain View.

It is estimated that the city could raise several hundred thousand dollars in new revenue by expanding the telephone user's tax to interstate and international phone calls. As the city faces a \$4 million deficit this year, the City Council appeared to support the proposed ballot measure in an April 27 study session. A city-hired consultant said 68 percent of local voters supported the ballot measure in a recent survey.

It is estimated that the city could raise several hundred thousand dollars in new revenue by expanding the telephone user's tax to interstate and international phone calls.

"Adding these calls does not appear to be of overriding concern to voters when compared to the benefit to the community ... that the UUT (utility user's tax) revenue helps fund," a city staff report concludes.

The staff proposes "modernizing" the telephone user's tax portion of the UUT to include new technologies such as voice over internet protocol phone services. The city's general fund already receives \$1.9 million a year from a 3 percent tax on intrastate phone calls in Mountain View, according to

a staff report. But the city has not been as aggressive as other cities in pursuing taxes from all forms of phone use.

The survey asked questions of voters to reveal why they might support the tax. Over 70 percent strongly disagreed with the notion that the city could not be trusted to manage additional tax revenue.

"Voters believe the city is going a good job of providing quality services," said consultant Larry Tramutola.

Those surveyed also prioritized new taxes for youth and teen services over emergency services like police and fire. ▀

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Case ends against airmen accused of theft

By Daniel DeBolt

It may have taken three years, but the Air National Guard has concluded a 2007 criminal investigation into whether some locally-stationed airmen stole government resources during a deployment in Afghanistan.

There was not enough evidence for criminal conviction of the unnamed airmen, according to a recent e-mail from Pete Sobrino, interim public affairs officer for the 129th Air Rescue Wing at Moffett Field. But "129th Rescue Wing leadership has taken appropriate action against the Airmen involved"

the email states.

The *Voice* had last contacted the Air National Guard about the investigation in 2008 and the e-mail update was unsolicited. But the Air National Guard and the 129th Rescue Wing did not respond to phone calls for additional details.

The *Mercury News* reported in 2007 that "the investigation centers around senior officers and involves missing funds as well as equipment that cannot be accounted for," citing an anonymous source. The theft could have been anything from a few hundred dollars to a piece of heavy equipment, such as a

Humvee or airplane.

Approximately 90 members of the 129th Rescue Wing rotated through Afghanistan between April and September of 2007, with about 70 of them in the country at any one time. The unit has a total of about 900 members.

The 129th is also regularly deployed by helicopter for search and rescue missions in natural disasters and emergencies, such as shipwrecks in the Pacific Ocean or the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake that rocked the Bay Area. ▀

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**ARMED ROBBERS
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Two men unsuccessfully tried to rob a Mountain View grocery store late Thursday night, April 29, before fleeing the scene less than a minute later, police say.

The two men entered the Shop n Save market on 779 East Evelyn Ave. at 11:12 p.m. wearing black hooded sweatshirts, Mountain View Police Department spokeswoman Liz Wylie said. Their faces were covered, she said, and one had a semi-automatic handgun.

The men demanded money from the store's clerk, who told them to go behind the counter themselves to get it, Wylie said. The robbers then left the store without taking anything and fled the scene via unknown means, she said.

The entire incident lasted about 12 seconds, she said.

There were several other customers in the store during the attempted robbery,

Wylie said, but no injuries occurred. The suspects' identities are currently unknown

— Martin Sanchez

**ALCOHOL USE A
FACTOR IN FATAL
CAR CRASH**

The driver who died in a fiery crash in February on West Middlefield Road had a blood alcohol content three times the legal limit, police say.

Police say that 24 year old Luis Sanchez-Contreras died immediately from blunt force trauma to the head after his Volvo struck seven trees at high speed and then burst into flames in the early morning of Sunday, Feb. 21. No one else was involved in the crash.

Police spokesperson Liz Wylie said blood tests now show that Sanchez-Contreras had a blood alcohol content of .26.

— Daniel DeBolt

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mysteries, construction controversies, budget surpluses and gaping budget shortfalls. Breaking the cycle of bullying in middle school, adopting controversial math books, and teaching kids to teach science to virtual students in the computer lab. Building department scandals in Atherton, law-breaking police officers, consternation over high-speed rail, and oh my, the land-use controversies. At *The Almanac* I had a stack of environmental impact reports cluttering my cubicle that was nearly as tall as I am.

In fact, on my first day, I was handed the foot-thick draft EIR for Stanford's Sand Hill Road projects and advised to familiarize myself with it.

When I was a teenager imagining my future career, I had no idea how much arcane knowl-

edge about zoning codes and traffic delays at intersections I'd need to acquire.

Over the years I developed a real appreciation for community journalism, the kind that's practiced by the Voice and its sister papers. It's not necessarily high-profile or flashy, but it's absolutely vital. A good local paper keeps its readers informed, keeps its local government honest and accountable, and reflects its community in a way that just can't be duplicated by reporters who aren't familiar with the area. I'm thrilled to be part of the Voice, a newspaper that's an intrinsic part of a city with such a vibrant, fascinating community. And I'm excited to start getting to know Mountain View better. It's going to take a while until I know its ins and outs as well as the Voice's terrific, dedicated staff, but I can't wait to start that journey.

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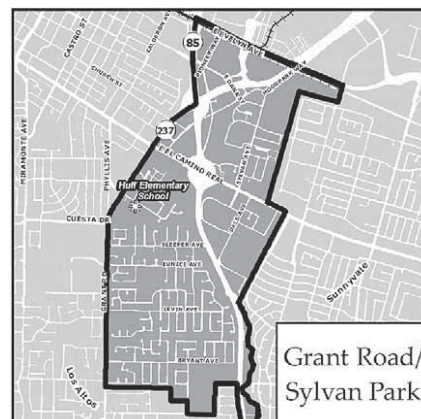
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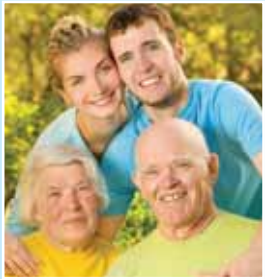


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State audit blasts High-Speed Rail Authority for poor planning

FLAWS IN OVERSIGHT OF CONTRACTS, RISK MANAGEMENT, REPORT SAYS

By Gennady Sheyner

California's controversial high-speed-rail project risks major delays because of poor planning, a shaky business plan and lax oversight by the state agency charged with building the \$43 billion system, a new report from the California State Auditor Elaine Howle has found.

The audit, which the state auditor's office released Thursday, identifies a myriad of flaws in the California High-Speed Rail Authority's effort to implement the 800-mile rail system, for which state voters approved \$9.95 billion in 2008. The audit found that the rail authority has failed to carefully track the work of its contractors; has not figured out exactly how it will pay for the colossal project; and has spent at least \$4 million on invoices without receiving evidence that the work in the invoices was performed.

"The report concludes that the High-Speed Rail Authority has not adequately planned for the future development of the program," Howle wrote in the cover letter of the report, which carries the descriptive title, "High-Speed Rail Authority: It Risks Delays or an Incomplete System Because of Inadequate Planning, Weak Oversight, and Lax Contract Management."

Many of the audit's findings echo the concerns recently expressed by Legislative Analyst's Office; by state Sens. Joe Simitian and Alan Lowenthal; and by a multitude of rail watchdogs and project opponents. Chief among these is the concern that the rail authority's business plan has failed to identify the necessary funding sources for the project and to adequately consider some of the project's biggest risks.

The rail authority's 2009 business plan projected, for example, that the rail authority would receive \$4.7 billion from the federal government as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. So far, the agency has only received \$2.25 billion.

"The program risks significant delays without more well-developed plans for obtaining or replacing federal funds," the

auditor's report states.

The report also notes, however, that the rail authority is working to improve its approach to managing funding risks. The agency recently hired a risk-insurance manager and revised its risk-management process. The audit states that the authority "must ensure that these actions for managing risk are fully implemented so it can respond effectively to circumstances that could significantly delay or even halt the program."

The new report is particularly scathing in its review of the rail authority's oversight of contracts. The auditor's office

the work plan. The rail authority also reportedly paid its program manager \$53,000 for work on a federal grant application — work that was also not included in the work plan.

The rail authority's program manager, not named in the audit, is the firm Parsons Brinckerhoff.

The report also had major questions about the peer-review committee, which was mandated by state legislation and which is supposed to be reviewing the rail authority's plans. Auditors found that only five of the eight members of the committee have actually been appointed. The auditor's office also found that members of this group have not been holding public meetings — which the auditor's office believes may violate the Bagley-Keene Act, which governs open meetings.

The audit recommends that the rail authority produce "alternate funding scenarios;" keep a

better track of its expenditures; and make sure it receives accurate reports on contractors' progress.

Curt Pringle, chair of the rail authority's board of directors, wrote in his response to the auditor's office that the rail authority agrees with the auditor's recommendations, but not the report's title.

"We do believe, however, that the report's inflammatory title is overly aggressive considering that the contents of the audit's findings are not equally scathing," Pringle wrote. "While the Authority is appreciative that the report in its entirety reflects more objectively the challenges of a state entity in transition from a planning body to one responsible for implementing a large-scale infrastructure project, we also appreciate that not all Californians are able to read each and every word in the audit report and therefore may be misled by the title and headlines contained within."

The rail authority also wrote in its response to the audit that it is already working to update its risk-management practices; clarify its efforts to secure private funds for the rail project; and implement a database that tracks expenditures. ▀

'The report's inflammatory title is overly aggressive considering that the contents of the audit's findings are not equally scathing.'

CURT PRINGLE, CHAIR OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

found that the rail authority "does not generally ensure that invoices reflect work performed by contractors." Though the rail authority's program manager is required to review each invoice and make sure the work was performed before notifying rail authority staff to release money for the funds, that procedure has not been followed. In fact, the audit found that the rail authority paid at least \$4 million to regional contractors without documented notification from the program manager.

In other cases, the rail authority paid contractors for work or for items that were not part of their terms of agreement. In one case, it reportedly spent \$46,000 on furniture for its program manager. The payment was "based on an oral agreement, despite the fact that its written contract expressly states that oral agreements not incorporated in the written contract are not binding." The written contract, the audit notes, requires the program manager to "provide its own furniture, equipment and systems."

The audit also points out one case in which the rail authority paid a regional contractor more than \$194,000 to subcontract for tasks that were not included in

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Council bets on high density rentals

In the end, fears of traffic gridlock, impossible parking and an imposing, four-story facade did nothing to scare the City Council as they voted 5-2 last week to approve a 203-unit apartment complex on the Minton's Lumberyard site which sits across the street from the downtown train station.

Whether Old Mountain View residents will pay the price, as they claimed in their strident opposition to the plan, won't be known for several years, when the project is completed. The OMV group strongly objected to a slightly lower parking requirement (1.5 vs. 1.8 spaces per unit) for the complex, fearing residents would park extra cars in their neighborhood. Their cause was taken up by council members Laura Macias and Jac Siegel, who blasted the majority for not listening to neighbors about parking and other issues.

"There was a revolt in the neighborhood over this project. I don't know why we aren't listening to the neighborhood and what they want," Siegel said.

Council members on the winning side disagreed, saying the environmental advantages of building high density near transit made it a perfect location for high-density residential buildings.

The vote was victory for the developer, Prometheus Real Estate Group, which started out seeking 214 units, including 21 units of affordable housing. But the affordable housing was pulled when a recent court decision ruled it was illegal for California cities to require such units in new housing projects. Ultimately, Prometheus agreed to build seven new affordable housing units at 455 W. Evelyn Ave., considerably less than the original offer, but given the court case, a reasonable compromise.

The council's decision was good news for the Eaton family, owners of Minton's, the oldest business in the city. They will lease the 3.5 acres to Prometheus, meeting the intent of the longtime owners to keep the property and an income stream in the family for years to come. Even if the deal with Prometheus did not work out, a lawyer for the Eatons said another lease arrangement would have been sought out, contrary to some reports that the site might be sold.

Conversion of Minton's sprawling complex to a tightly-packed high density rental project illustrates the development vision held by a majority of the current City Council and city staff, partly because residential development is necessary to fuel retail growth downtown. Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga told the council audience that she hopes to see 4,000 to 5,000 residences downtown, which could be enough to attract a full-size grocery store.

"My hope is we will eventually get there and be able to sustain a grocery store," she said. With some 3,400 homes downtown now, it won't take many 200-unit projects to reach the 4,000 mark, and only five after that to reach 5,000. But many other potential sites downtown promise to be an even harder sell to residential neighbors than Minton's.

With a blossoming downtown, and the commensurate pedestrian traffic, other major retailers also may begin to take notice of Castro Street, which attracts a huge following to a wide variety of dining options but lacks one or two destination stores that could bring in more shoppers, in addition to restaurant patrons.

After last week's decision, it appears that at least five council members are ready to do whatever they can to boost growth and retail growth downtown, if it is a project they like.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

NO NEED FOR HIGH-SPEED TRAINS TO REACH SAN FRANCISCO

Editor:

As we can see the whole idea that high-speed rail has to start in San Francisco and go through the Peninsula is idiotic.

San Francisco is no longer the economic or population hub of the Bay Area. It is more like the South and East Bay. San Francisco represents only 12 percent of the Bay Area's population.

If they are serious about building a high-speed rail to Southern California, it should be built from San Jose via the Altamont Pass to the Central Valley, using existing tracks and rail corridors, where the train can reach the maximum speed. Reduced-speed areas and stops along the Peninsula defeat the purpose of high-speed rail.

The feeder traffic from San Francisco, the Peninsula and the East Bay can be carried by BART and the upgraded and electrified Caltrain on the existing tracks without any tunnels or elevated tracks that would absolutely destroy the quality of life for residents in the communities along the Peninsula corridor. The current plan would add tens of billions of dollars to the taxpayers' burden by building the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco plus the super expensive rail corridor on the Peninsula, which could delay the project for many years.

Ditto for routing the line via the Pacheco Pass, where expensive right-of-way must be bought in Morgan Hill and Gilroy and a tunnel would be needed under the Pacheco Pass.

Just ask the pundits how many minutes it would save by traveling from S.F. to L.A. taking the high-speed train vs. taking the upgraded Baby Bullet to San Jose and then

taking the high-speed train from there to L.A. instead? How much more would it cost to run the high-speed trains from San Francisco instead of San Jose?

Kaj Rekola
Laura Lane

POINTED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GARAGE SALE PAGES

Editor:

What knucklehead organized the garage sale addresses page? My instinct was that the page could help you locate the garage sales shown on the adjacent page map.

So tell me what was the point of assigning numbers to each of the sites and then listing the sites alphabetically by street? Okay, so I'm looking for the garage sales in my neighborhood. Oh, look, number 22 is near my house, let's find out where it is. Oh, I see I need to look at a jumbled mess of numbers and find it: Not a good way to do it, in my opinion.

And what about the heading "street numbers?" What is a street number? Oh, it looks like an address. Why not call it an address?

And then there are "bolded streets." What are bolded streets? Oh I see. They are the listings that are in bold type. Why not just say: listings in bold type, instead of making up a word. Do you have spell check? Hint: That squiggly little red line means something isn't quite right.

And then there are the zones. Let's look at all the sales that are in a specific zone. Oops, we can't do that without jumping all around the listings again. So really the zones are much like the numbers, they are there to confuse us.

Who checks the work over there? An editor? Really?

C'mon, you can do better than that.

Gary Lekan





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Chef Bruno Chemel prepares the seabass "Vapeur" with fennel and bouillabaisse jus at Baumè restaurant in Palo Alto.

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Cuisine changer

PALO ALTO'S BAUMÈ: MODERN FRENCH WITH MACROBIOTIC INFLUENCES

By Sheila Himmel

Baumè could be the soul of a new cuisine. Or it could be just another once-pretty face on a high-turnover restaurant corner of Palo Alto's California Avenue. Two people ventured early behind the orange door and gave me their opinions about Baumè. One got all dreamy-eyed recalling his 10-course feast, the other said everyone in her party left hungry.

I side with the besotted, but love it or hate it, you have to give Baumè major style points.

The Website describes Baumè as serving "French modern cuisine with a Zen touch."

Chef-owner Bruno Chemel, 41,

studied macrobiotic cooking in Japan and worked at starry restaurants in France, New York, Southern California and San Francisco. Most recently, he headed the kitchen at Mountain View's Chez TJ, with pastry chef Ryan Shelton and much of the staff of Baumè. They opened Jan. 28 and run a pretty tight little ship.

There is science behind the food, but don't feel compelled to dissect every dish. Eating at Baumè is delicious fun — a game in which you don't know what's going to happen.

You have to know this: Baumè is a benevolent dictatorship. The choices

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The live scallop sashimi with soy and liliko pearls at Baumè restaurant in Palo Alto.

BAUMÈ

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are five-, 10- or 15-course dinner, made with the 20 or so ingredients listed. If you are allergic or just don't want any ingredients, tell your server and the chef will leave them out. All we knew about a recent five-course meal, \$78 per person, was that it

would include young garlic, beef, saffron and 17 others.

Whom does Monsieur Chemel think he is? And where? It's Palo Alto, not New York, not Paris. Many of us would rather spend this kind of money at a steakhouse. And you know what, we still can.

The two dining areas are cozy behind blackout windows and heavy drapes. Diners aren't hovered over, but there is lots of front-room staff, serving at a steady pace. Details extend to filtered tap water, cold without ice, poured behind a napkin without splashing.

Décor is just beyond minimal. You look at each other or the food. And by the way, on a recent weekend no one wore jeans.

Our meal began splendidly, with a "chocolate truffle of olives." Two balls of tapenade, cocoa-lookalikes in paper cups, were to be spread onto freshly toasted walnut bread.

All breads are baked in-house. We had yeasty French epi rolls, with amazingly thin bottom crusts, and steamy soft whole-wheat buns. The part of butter was played by a cold, creamy balsamic-olive oil spread. Next to it was an herbal and surprisingly more liquid marriage of tofu and parsley. Baumè is a feast of textures and tempera-

tures at every turn.

Still, it's all about taste. Next up: scallop sashimi with passion-fruit caviar, a mouth-filling soup spoon each that heightened interest in whatever was to come.

The first course stumbled over itself: a jumble of luscious asparagus spears, just slightly warm, with tiny balls of hollandaise sauce, a curl of asparagus, pureed asparagus and pickled peri-peri peppers, sweet rather than hot, and shavings of Parmesan cheese. Individual parts were good, but didn't work together.

Course two, the bacon "floating island," made up for all that. A cube of meringue, soft as a marshmallow, floated in warm artichoke soup with a scoop of olive oil ice cream. Very fine bacon covered the island.

The fish course cemented our faith. Ethereal striped bass rested on fennel-laced panna cotta, in a sea of bouillabaisse reduced to its essence. It was like enjoying a whole seafood stew in a few spoonfuls.

The main course was an impossibly tender filet mignon, the size of a tall brownie, topped with microgreens. One spear of baby leek rested on an itsy-bitsy cioppolini onion tart. Perigord truffle sauce and mustard sauce contrasted beautifully with the sweet tart.

Before dessert came another play on words, "sashimi of lichee fruit," which meant seedless lichee filet with chocolate in a spoon.

We sprang for the wine pairing, \$50 for ample pours of 2007 Cheverny from the Loire, 2002 Chalons District Chardonnay from Michaud, 2008 Napa Valley Viognier, 2004 Margaux, and a five-year Madeira.

Dessert included a strawberry ice cream soda, a chocolate tarragon torte (incredibly creamy with a crunchy bottom), more strawberry ice cream, and crumbled chocolate.

Before leaving, we got tiny éclairs with pieces of sweet bacon. It was like eating a maple bar without the indigestion.

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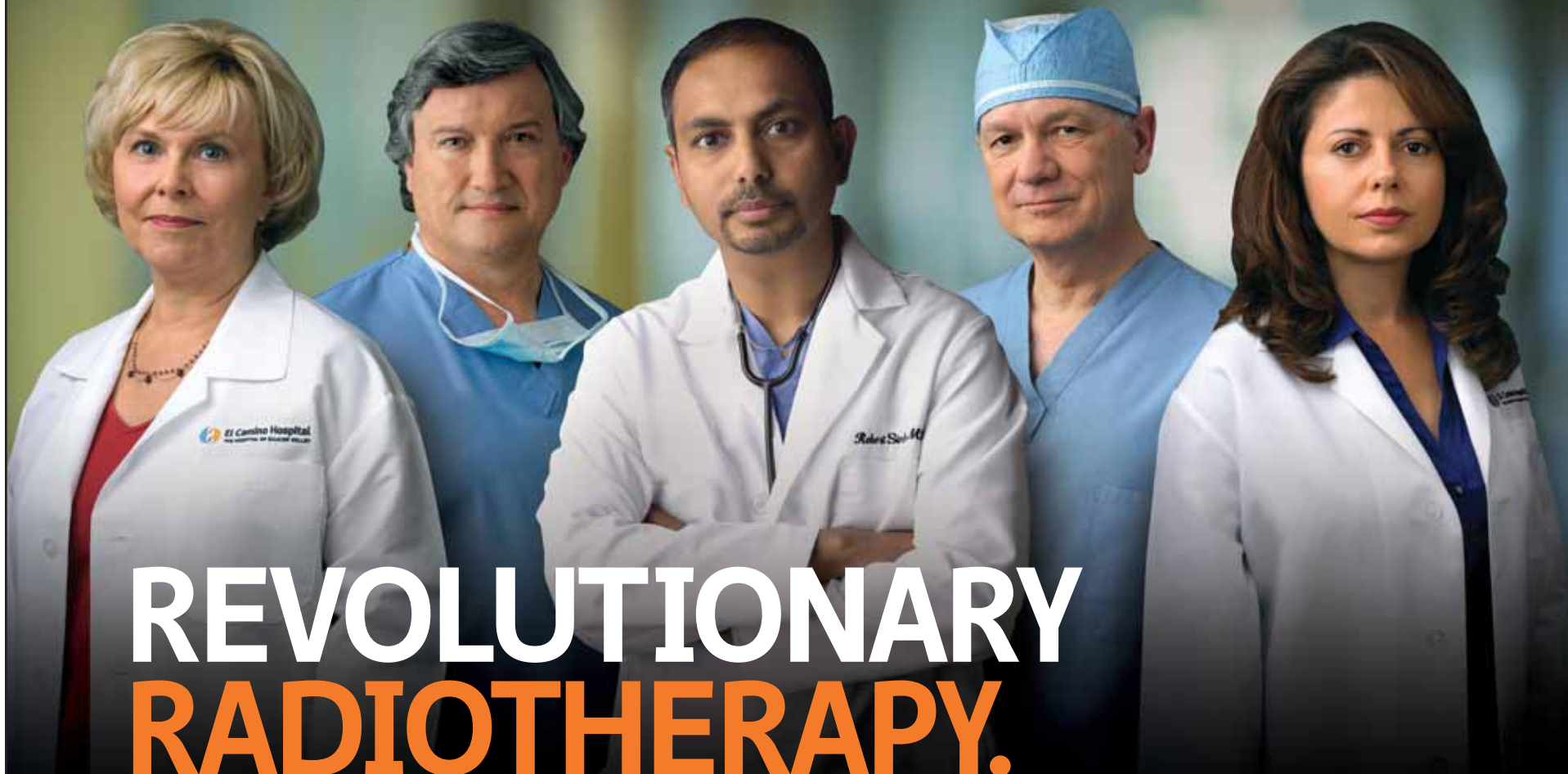
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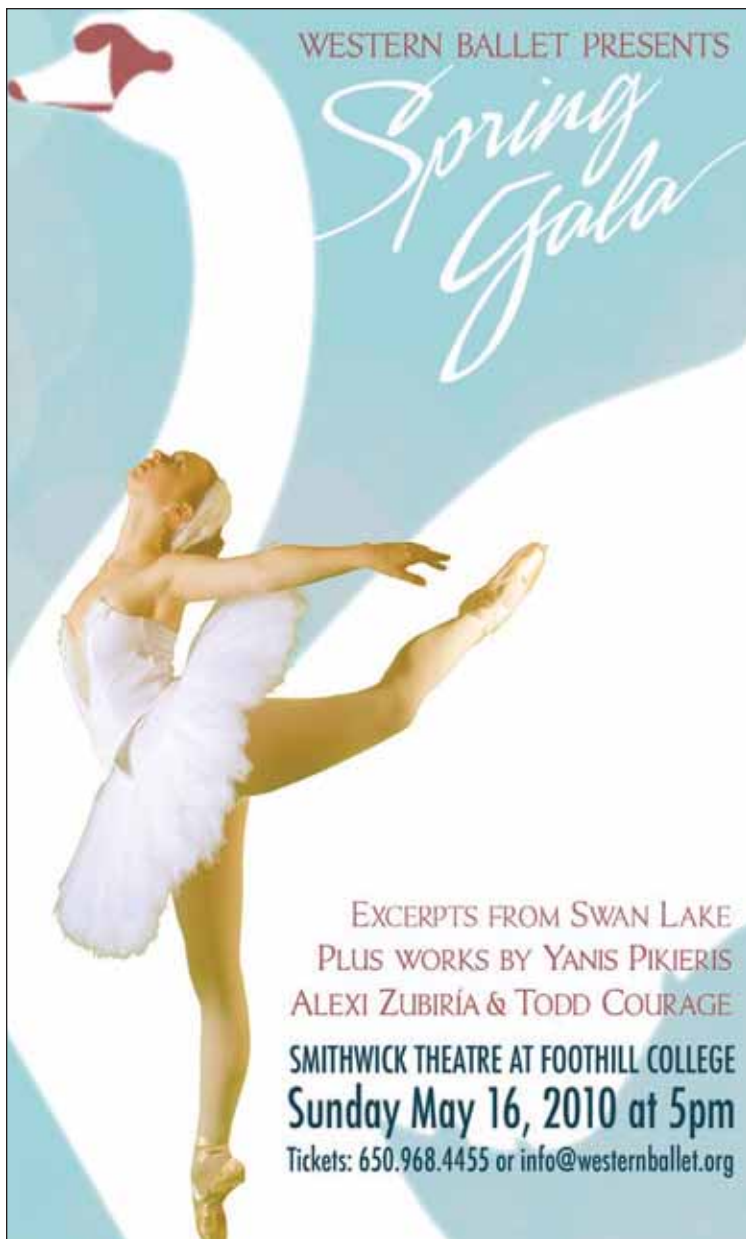
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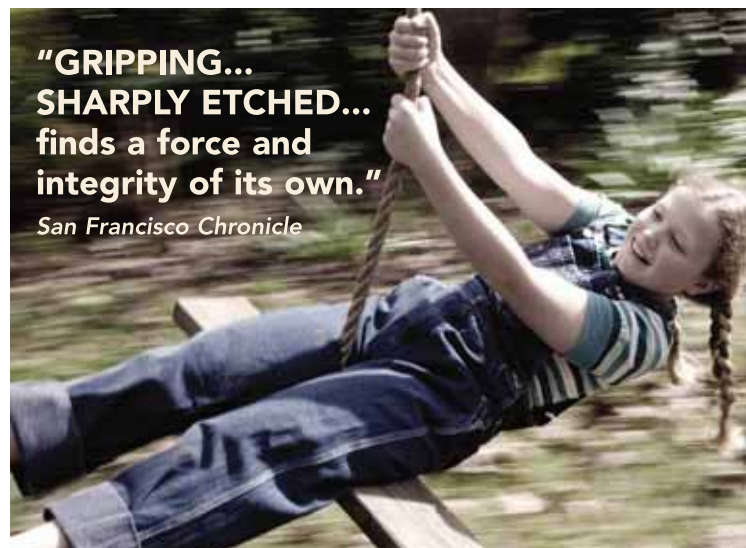
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A Nightmare on Elm Street (R) ★1/2 Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:15, 3:40, 4:45, 7:45, 9:30 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 & 11:55 a.m.; 1:30, 2:25, 3:50, 4:50, 6:15, 7:20, 8:40, 9:45 & 10:40 p.m.

Alice in Wonderland (PG) ★★ Century 20: In 3D at 1:55 & 7:15 p.m.

Babies (PG) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20 & 9:25 p.m.
Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 7:55 & 10:05 p.m.

The Back-up Plan (PG-13) Century 16: 7:30 & 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m.

City Island (PG-13) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 5 & 10:20 p.m.
Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:15, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m.

Clash of the Titans (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 12:55 & 6:50 p.m.
Century 20: Fri 1:35 & 6:35 p.m.; In 3D at 11:20 a.m.; 4:30 & 9:50 p.m.

Date Night (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 6:55 & 9:15 p.m.
Century 20: 12:20, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:15 p.m.

DCI 2010: The Countdown (PG) Century 20: Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Death At a Funeral (2010) (R) Century 20: 11:05 a.m.; 4:05 & 9:05 p.m.

Exit Through the Gift Shop (R) Aquarius Theatre: 2:30, 4:45, 7 & 9:15 p.m.

Furry Vengeance (PG) 1/2 Century 16: Noon, 2:20, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m. Fri.-Sat. & Mon.-Wed. also at 4:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:55 a.m.; 1:50, 6:50 & 9:10 p.m. Fri.-Sat. & Mon.-Thu. also at 4:20 p.m.

Genevieve (1953) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

The Ghost Writer (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 1:55 & 7:25 p.m.
Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 2 p.m. Fri.-Wed. also at 4:55 & 7:45 p.m.

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo ★★★★★ Guild Theatre: 1:15, 4:30 & 8 p.m.

Green for Danger (1946) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 5:45 & 9:10 p.m.

Gunga Din (1939) Stanford Theatre: 5:20 & 9:45 p.m.

Harry Brown (R) CinèArts at Palo Alto Square: 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16: In 3D at 2, 4:25, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m. Sat.-Wed. also at 11:30 a.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at 11:15 a.m.; 1:40, 4:15, 6:55 & 9:20 p.m.

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. at 10:35, 11:10 & 11:45 a.m.; 12:20, 1, 1:35, 2:10, 2:45, 3:20, 4, 4:35, 5:10, 5:45, 6:20, 7, 7:35, 8:10, 8:45, 9:20, 10, 10:35 and 11 p.m. Sat. & Sun. at 10, 10:35, 11:10 & 11:45 a.m.; 12:20, 1, 1:35, 2:10, 2:45, 3:20, 4, 4:35, 5:10, 5:45, 6:20, 7, **Century 20:** Fri.-Sun. at 11 & 11:30 a.m.; noon, 12:30, 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10 & 10:30 a.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 10:30 a.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10:55 p.m.

Kick-Ass (R) ★★ Century 16: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:15 p.m.
Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 2:10, 5:05, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.

La Mission (R) ★★ Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 1:50, 4:50, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.

Letters to Juliet (PG) Century 16: Sun. at 4:55 p.m.
Century 20: Sun. at 4 p.m.

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Century 20: 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.

Oceans (G) Century 16: 12:15, 2:40 & 5:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 7:05 & 9:15 p.m.

Only Angels Have Wings (1939) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Tue. at 7:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. also at 3:05 p.m.

Please Give (R) CinèArts at Palo Alto Square: 2:45, 5, 7:20 & 9:35 p.m. Fri.-Sat. also at 9:35 p.m.

Ruggles of Red Gap (1935) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

The Secret In Their Eyes (R) ★★ Aquarius Theatre: 2:15, 5:15 & 8:15 p.m.

The Square (R) Century 16: 1:45 & 7:05 p.m.

Twentieth Century (1934) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 5:45 & 9:10 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

ALICE IN WONDERLAND ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) A time jump and convenient amnesia allow an older hero — in this case Mia Wasikowska's 19-year-old Alice — to rediscover the childhood adventures depicted in Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking-Glass." This Alice is a runaway bride, escaping the marriage proposal of a Victorian prig and tumbling down the ol' rabbit hole. In the chamber below, she reenacts Carroll's pre-feminist puzzle of body consciousness to gain entry into Wonderland. It's all more tiresome than entertaining, especially with mind-numbing CGI exhaustion setting in. *Rated PG for fantasy action/violence, and for a smoking caterpillar. One hour, 48 minutes.* — P.C. (Reviewed March 5, 2010)

THE GHOST WRITER ★★1/2

(Palo Alto Square, Century 20) Ewan McGregor plays this mystery's dogged flatfoot, a ghost writer hired to rewrite the autobiography of a former prime minister (Pierce Brosnan). The ghost's predecessor lately washed up on the shores of Cape Cod, not far from Lang's seaside property. The death is deemed an accident; still, no sooner does the new ghost arrive than a scandal involving Lang blows up. Suddenly facing war-crime charges, Lang appears to have authorized the illegal use of British Special Forces for a secret kidnap culminating in CIA torture. *Rated PG-13 for language, brief nudity/sexuality, violence and a drug reference. Two hours, eight minutes.* — P.C. (Reviewed March 5, 2010)

KICK-ASS ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) What a superhero-loving teen took to the streets in his own homemade costume? That's the idea behind "Kick-Ass," itself based on a fanboy-fave comic-book series by writer Mark Millar ("Wanted") and illustrator John Romita Jr. "With no power comes no responsibility," Dave Lizewski muses, but he's wrong, of course. When he pulls on his eBay-bought wetsuit and prowls the streets as "Kick-Ass," he's taking his very life into his hands. Lizewski quickly lands himself in the hospital, lucky to be alive. But that accomplished, the story spins wilder and wilder "what-if's," throwing Dave (an appealingly nerdy Aaron Johnson) into a world much broader than the walls of his high school. *Rated R for strong brutal violence throughout, pervasive language, sexual content, nudity and some drug use — some involving children. One hour, 57 minutes.* — P.C. (Reviewed April 16, 2010)

THE LOSERS ★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Jeffrey Dean Morgan is Clay, the leader of a special-ops squad known as "The Losers." Clay is flanked by wisecracker Jensen (Chris Evans), ruffian Roque (Idris Elba), father-to-be Pooch (Columbus Short) and soft-spoken sharpshooter Cougar (Oscar Jaenada). A misled mission in Bolivia forces the team to feign death — and seek vengeance on murderous govern-

ment powerhouse Max (Jason Patric). The group finds an unlikely partner in mysterious femme fatale Aisha (Zoe Saldana), whose animosity against Max is fueled by personal motivation. Soon the gang is stealing helicopters and planning suicidal assaults in hopes of finally putting the kibosh on Max's war-mongering machinations. "The Losers" is harmless — and mindless — entertainment. But at \$10 a ticket, you deserve better than that. *Rated PG-13 for a scene of sensuality, violence, sequences of intense action and language. 1 hour, 38 minutes.* — T.H. (Reviewed April 23, 2010)

NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET ★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Ol' Cuisinart Hand is back in "A Nightmare on Elm Street," a pointless, unimaginative "re-imagining" of Wes Craven's cleverly conceived slasher movie. In eight films between 1984 and 2003, Freddy Krueger serial-killed, always sporting a bladed glove and an unfashionable red-and-green-striped sweater, and always played by Robert Englund. Now Oscar-nominated actor Jackie Earle Haley has taken on the role, which requires him to spend most of his screen time unrecognizable due to burn makeup and a heavily processed voice. What always gave the "Nightmare" films a bit of added cachet was how Craven bridged the slasher genre with supernatural horror. Having once been hunted and murdered, Freddy takes revenge from beyond the grave, haunting the dreams of his victims, typically teenage and conspicuously nubile. This latest in Michael Bay-produced horror remakes takes a mostly anti-creative approach. As such, it's conceivable this "Nightmare" might put audiences to sleep. *Rated R for strong bloody horror violence, disturbing images, terror and language. One hour, 35 minutes.* — P.C. (Reviewed April 30, 2010)

THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES ★★★

(Aquarius) The story is about modes of seeing — including the passive watching of could-be lovers whose hesitation spans decades. The man and woman are court investigator Benjamin Esposito (Ricardo Darin) and lawyer Irene Menendez-Hastings (Soledad Villamil). The film begins in 1999, with Benjamin retired and struggling against writer's block to launch a second career as a novelist. Concluding he must get out of his system the defining story of his erstwhile career, he visits his former colleague Irene, object of the great unconsummated love of his life. Though she is now married with children, possibility still hangs in the air as the pair recall a murder case from 25 years hence and the politics that hampered the investigation and prosecution. "The Secret in Their Eyes" doesn't hedge any bets, offering romance, mystery, prosecutorial tension and social critique. *Rated R for a rape scene, violent images, some graphic nudity and language. Two hours, seven minutes.* — P.C. (Reviewed April 23, 2010)

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Clerestory: "Soul's Light" The Bay Area's male vocal ensemble performs music of the spirit, from America to the Middle East. May 8, 8-10 p.m. \$17, \$10 student/senior in advance, available online from clerestory.org, or \$20 at the door. All Saints' Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. www.clerestory.org

Mother's Day Celebration with Nancy Cassidy Nancy Cassidy performs her original music. Sun., May 9, 3-5 p.m. \$16 per person in advance; \$20.00 per person at the door. Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9704. www.hiddenvilla.org

Palo Alto Two-Piano Club A concert held by the Palo Alto Two-Piano Club features duo-piano music by Mozart, Brahms, Ravel, Milhaud, Ger-shwin, Piazzolla, Clark and others. Sat., May 8, 2 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

SFCO Rockin' Robin This final concert of the 2009-10 season features the world premiere of Gabriela Lena Frank's Hailli Lirico. Also: Music of Mozart, Reich and Bartok. Sat. May 8, 8-10 p.m. Free. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 415-248-1640. <http://www.sfchamberorchestra.org/concerts/home-concert/>

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



Golf Classic As a benefit for Family and Children's Services, participants can play the private course of the Los Altos Golf & Country Club, meet former 49ers Roger Craig and Harris Barton, and try to win a Tesla Roadster. Mon., May 17, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. \$250 per person (\$75 for the dinner). Los Altos Golf & Country Club, 1560 Country Club Drive, Los Altos. Call 650-543-5412. www.fcservices.org/news/events_golf-2010.html

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.

Tanya and Vassil at Stanford International Dances Stanford International Dancers presents an evening of dance and music with Tanya Kostova, Vassil Bebelevkov and Maria Bebelevkova on May 7, 8-11 p.m. \$12, students \$6. Flex-it aerobics studio, 425 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-733-5529. dance.blochg.com

ENVIRONMENT

Wetland Weeding at San Francisquito Creek (Palo Alto) Help remove invasive weeds. Due to the sensitive nature of the restoration site, space is limited and RSVP is requested. Sat., May 8, 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve, Directions will be provided upon registration., Palo Alto. Call 510-452-9261 ext. 109. www.savesfbay.org/bayevents

EXHIBITS

"Longing for Sea Change" This series of video installations by contemporary artists living and working in Africa and the diaspora addresses broad human issues of humanity in moments of upheaval, fragmentation and transition. (Museum open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays.) Through June 26, 2011, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-724-3600. museum.stanford.edu/news_room/sea_change.html

FAMILY AND KIDS

18th Annual Russian-American Fair Fair celebrating Russian culture. Sun., May 9. Free except for concerts at Cultural Arts Hall (\$3-5). 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free except for concerts at Cultural Arts Hall (\$3-5). Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. <http://www.paloaltojcc.org>

Almost Mother's Day Andy Z Kids' Concert "Almost" Mother's Day Concert, featuring Andy Z & the Andyland Band. Kids can also create a Mother's Day Gift in the craft area. May 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-780-7340. www.redwoodcity.org/events/mothersday.htm

C & C Walking Club Start at Cubes & Crayons and take a walk along the Steven's Creek Trail. This group meets weekly. Fridays, 9-10 a.m. cubes and crayons, 154 E Dana St., Mountain View. www.cubesandcrayons.com

Choral Fest at Shoreline Amphitheatre "Everybody's Got a Song to Sing," the 9th Annual Choral Fest featuring choirs from all schools in the Mountain View Whisman School District. Pre-show entertainment by Graham & Crittenden Middle School jazz bands. May 10, 5-8 p.m. Free.

Shoreline Amphitheatre, One Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend

Cubes & Crayons: "Kids' Night Out" Cubes & Crayons, which provides office space, childcare and family activities, is hosting a "Kids' Night Out" event. Parents can drop their kids off for children's art activities and story time, along with pizza, snacks and games. Four Friday times are planned: March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, each 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$50 general, \$40 for members. Cubes and Crayons, 154 E Dana St., Mountain View. www.cubesandcrayons.com

Spring Festival Little Acorn School-Annual Spring Festival. All proceeds help fund programs for children's learning and playing experience. May 8, 9 a.m.-noon. Little Acorn School, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View.

FILM

"The Good Soldier Schweik 2: Beg to Report, Sir" In Czech with English subtitles. May 7, 7-9 p.m. Free. Stanford University, Language Corner, Bldg. 260 (Pigott Hall), Rm. 113, Stanford. Call 650-725-2563. creeds.stanford.edu

"Trouble the Water" "Trouble the Water," Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary Feature, about the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. May 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Annenberg Auditorium, 435 Lausen, Stanford. Call 650-723-0997. ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu/ethics-events/events/view/736/?date=2010-05-13

HEALTH

CPR and First Aid Classes Every Tuesday and Thursday nights, CPR and first-aid classes. CPR basic/health care professional/renewal and basic first-aid class, adult care and child care classes every Saturday by All Care Plus. Please call and preregister. Can be taken separately or in combination. Caregiver support workshops also available. 5-9:30 p.m. \$75. 862 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0204. www.allcareplus.org

Better Breathers Club "Yoga Breathing and Poses for COPD and Lung Disorder Population" ñ Matra Majmundar, Board Member of the International Assoc. May 10, 1:30-3 p.m. Free. Avenidas Senior Center, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 408-998-5865. www.lungsrus.org

LIVE MUSIC

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

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OUTDOORS

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

Designing Firefox Alex Faaborg, a principal designer at Mozilla, will discuss the design philosophy at Mozilla, the unique process of coordinating user experience design in an open source environment, and the future of Firefox's user interface. May 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley, NASA Research Park, Bldg 23, Moffett Field. Call 650-335-2852. www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/news-events/seminars/index.html

SENIORS

A "Luau under the Palms" Spring Dance!!! This year's spring dance will feature ballroom dancing, refreshments, and live music from Jerry Jay's Quartet. May 19, 8 p.m. \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Mountain View Senior center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Healthy Aging Workshop Foothill College instructor Scott Lohman facilitates a group exploration about aging and some easy exercises. May 17, Noon. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Asian Pacific Heritage Month - Cooking Demo Meet Hong Kong born cookbook author and former food columnist, cooking teacher and restaurateur, Mabel Lai, as she prepares an Asian noodle salad. Seating is limited. May 8, 1 p.m. Bloomingdales, 1 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. www.bloomingdales.com

Shakespeare's "Troilus & Cressida" In collaboration with The Public Theater New York, Stanford Drama presents "Troilus & Cressida," directed by visiting director Rob Melrose of Cutting Ball Theater, San Francisco. May 13-15, 8 p.m. Tickets \$5-\$15. Roble Studio Theater in Roble Gym, 375 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. Call 650-723-1342. drama.stanford.edu

SPORTS

PARC Tuesday Night Interval Training

A RUN! Closing Ceremonies Celebrating the end of the run! at Red Rock campaign (<http://run.brutelabs.org>) with music, food, and prizes. Grand prizes from REI, Red Rock, and Crossfit to top participants, with raffle prizes for attendees and other participants. Come in sports attire. May 8, 7-9 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-200-0378. run.brutelabs.org

TALKS/AUTHORS

Anna Quindlen Mother's Day event with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Anna Quindlen. Quindlen discusses "Every Last One", the journey of a family and the sacrifices made by mothers to put their families first. May 9, 2-3 p.m. \$12 members; \$18 nonmembers. Eagle Theatre, Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. commonwealthclub.org/sv

Public Lecture on Black Holes Astronomer Alex Filippenko will explain the science and mystery of black holes (both small ones that form from dying stars and the huge ones found in the centers of galaxies) in a free non-technical talk at Smithwick Theater, Foothill College. The program is part of the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lectures. May 19, 7-8:45 p.m. Free. Foothill College, Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7888. www.foothill.edu/ast

Robin Hobb's "Dragon Haven" Robin Hobb discusses "Dragon Haven," the second volume in the two-part tale of resurgent dragons in a world that needs and fears them. May 12, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. in Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Next Teen Top Chef This class offers teens the opportunity to focus on food preparation, kitchen safety, nutritious and delicious eating, and more. Please register in advance. Ages 11-14 years old. Sat., May 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$40 for residents/\$52.50 for non-residents. The House, 298 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6402. online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation

MORE LISTINGS

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Mountain View Senior Center Social Hall
266 Escuela Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94040-1813

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities underway at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement. **To review documents** on Moffett Field environmental restoration projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6337.

For more information, contact Ms. Kathy Stewart, Navy Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator at (415) 743-4715 or kathryn.stewart@navy.mil.

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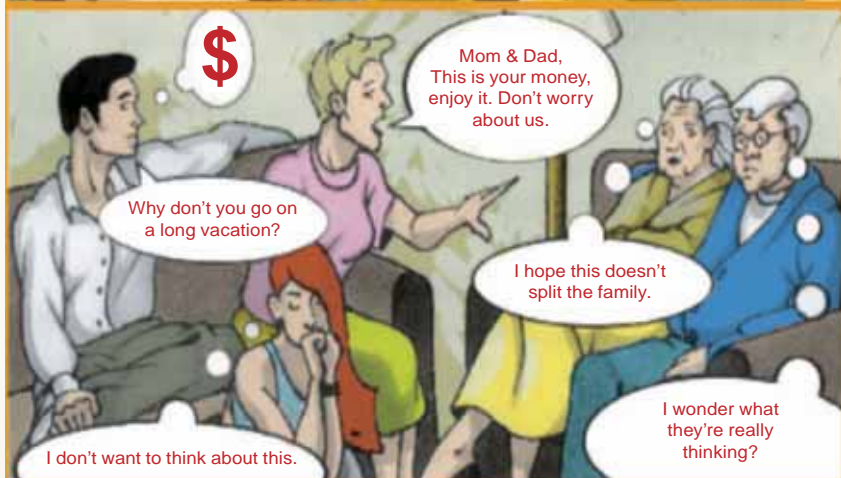


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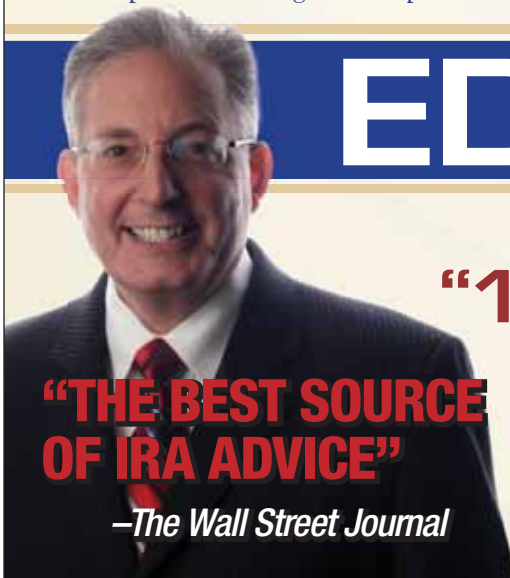
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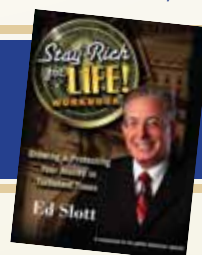
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