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VERONICA WEBER

Tatiana Kaneva and partner **Vlad Lekhtsikau** rehearse a scene for an upcoming performance by Mountain View's Firebird Dance Studio. Firebird dancers will perform at this Sunday's Russian-American Fair in Palo Alto. For more photos and a story, see Page 15.

A big push for more cell towers in city

By Daniel DeBolt

AT&T is proposing a slew of new cell phone towers in Mountain View in order to provide high speed 4G connections to the city's mobile internet users.

Three of the towers are expected to be approved by Mountain View's zoning administrator, including one at a church on Sierra Vista Avenue, another at an office building at San Antonio shopping center and a site next to hundreds of homes at Whisman Station.

"There's a real density of mobile users in this area," said Lane Kasselmann, spokesperson for AT&T, about the church site, which is sur-

rounded by two-story apartments and condos. "People have shifted from being mobile with their phone to using them in their apartments." The cell tower is necessary "to meet the demands of people in this area."

The Mountain View Hispanic Seventh Day Adventist Church at 342 Sierra Vista Ave. is in negotiations with AT&T over how much it will cost the phone company to use the site. There already are six cellular antennas hidden on the building.

To hide the new antennas, AT&T would build a 42-foot high structure 5 feet from the front of the church building. The symbol for the Seventh Day Adventist Church would go on top. Nine antennas would be arranged in a circle for 360-degree coverage.

Kasselmann said the tower could eventually provide a data connection faster than many DSL services — a rate of 100 megabits of data per second. The technol-

ogy is known as 4G or LTE, which stands for "Long Term Evolution."

Mountain View city planner Noah Downing said he had heard from 15 neighbors expressing concerns about the less-than-appealing look of the structure, the possible health impacts of the tower's radiation and how it could affect their property values.

A staff member of a church that shares the building, Calvary Chapel Mountain View, said his church was not included in the decision to pursue the tower. He could not say whether his church supported it.

Neighbors were similarly concerned about a proposal for a WiMax antenna

on top of the First Presbyterian Church across town at Miramonte and Cuesta streets last November. The City Council eventually approved the tower after approval by the city's zoning administrator was appealed by neighbors.

Complaints that many weren't notified of the proposal at First Presbyterian have led the city to expand its notification efforts to include all residents within 500 feet of proposed cell towers, up from 300 feet previously.

Mountain View zoning administrator Peter Gilli was also set to decide on two other proposed AT&T 4G cell antenna installations after the *Voice* went to press. One could be built at 364 Ferguson Dr., a Cisco server farm surrounded by a growing Whisman neighborhood of row homes and town houses. The other could go atop 2570 West El Camino Real, an office building at San Antonio shopping center. See mv-voice.com for follow up reports. ▣

'There's a real density of mobile users in this area.'

LANE KASSELLMAN OF AT&T

Google gets deal on latest city lease

WIDE GAP IN COST OF SIDE-BY-SIDE LOTS ON CHARLESTON EAST

By Daniel DeBolt

Google may have gotten a bargain for its lease of 9 acres of city property for 53 years by paying for it all at once with \$30 million, but city officials say they made the most of a down real estate market

with a "win-win" deal.

The deal is best illustrated in relation to a lease agreement the city made with Google for a virtually identical piece of land in 2007.

In 2007 Google leased the northern 9.2 acres of the city's vacant "Charleston East" based on an appraised value of \$40 a square foot,

said Ellis Berns, Mountain View's economic development director. But when Google leased the southern 9.4 acres of Charleston East in April, Berns said the value of the land dropped to \$24 a square foot.

The result is two much differ-

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Elementary school district to drop Title I

By Nick Veronin

The Mountain View Whisman School District has decided not to accept Title I federal funding next year. Taking the money would put certain district schools between a rock and a hard place — requiring them to meet unrealistic standards or else

face unfair penalties, said Superintendent Craig Goldman.

"Basically schools are penalized for having a large percentage of low-income kids if they choose to accept federal money to help those kids," Goldman said, explaining the Catch-22 of Title I funding.

Five schools in the district currently accept Title I funds —

Landels, Castro, Monta Loma, Theuerkauf and Crittenden.

By giving up Title I, the district will lose \$450,000, about 1 percent of its operating budget. Though it may not sound like much, it is still money, Goldman said. "But in light of the alternatives, it's the right

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Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Nick Veronin and Nadezhda Banchik

Google paid the city a lump sum of \$30 million for a 52-year lease. What do you think the city should do with the money?



“Caltrain, buses and other public transportation need improvement. I’m commuting every day from San Francisco to Mountain View. Also, free WiFi for everybody in Mountain View would be great.”

Deepti Chheda, San Francisco



“Maybe Mountain View should re-skin the Hanger One at Moffett Field.”

Steve Woodson, Morgan Hill



“I think we need extra money for Caltrain.”

Andrew Gaul, San Francisco



“Off hand, I can’t really say what the city should do with the money. Maybe the city should put (it aside) for a while and decide later, instead of making a quick decision that might be not a right one.”

Brigitte Fox, Mountain View



“Obviously, they should give the money back to the teachers so that they could teach the kids of Mountain View and Los Altos.”

Toby The, Los Altos

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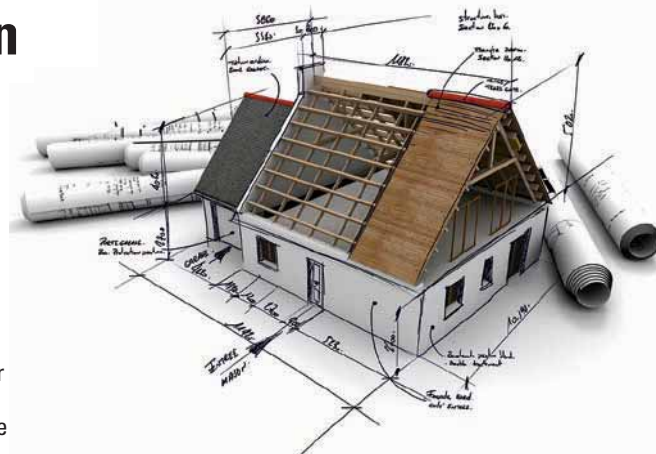
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Photo of two Mountain View City Council members, Tom Means and John Inks, in the Bahamas. The two made presentations at an economics conference. They say the trip was not paid for with city funds.

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CRIME BRIEFS

TEEN FIGHTS OFFICER

A teenage girl was punched by her arresting officer Monday after she took the officer's baton and struck him repeatedly with it, according to police, according to Liz Wylie, a spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department.

The incident, which occurred at Quetzal House — a local home for runaway girls — began with an altercation between two of the shelter's residents at about 8:15 p.m. on May 9.

Two girls at Quetzal House had gotten into a fight, Wylie said, and one of them ran away afterward. Staff at the shelter reported the fight to police and the officer was attempting to conduct interviews in the hopes of tracking down the girl who fled.

However, the other teen involved in the fight, a 16-year-old Quetzal House resident, kept "butting in" while the officer was attempting to talk to staff, Wylie said.

"She was impeding his ability to conduct an investigation," and the officer, after repeated requests and orders for the teen to stop, attempted to put the girl in handcuffs.

The teen fought back violently, Wylie said, and at one point was able to take the officer's baton from him. She

started to strike the officer in the body with the baton. She then raised the night stick over her head and tried to bring it down on the officer's head, but he was able to block the blow with his forearm and punch the girl in the face with his other hand.

Wylie said that the officer had tried other means of subduing the teenager and only used force because he feared "a potentially fatal blow" from the baton. The girl wielding the baton is a little taller than 5 feet and weighs about 250 pounds, Wylie said.

After the officer punched the girl, she dropped the baton and he took her into custody without any more trouble.

The girl was treated at the hospital for a broken nose and then booked into Juvenile Hall on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, Wylie said. Mountain View police are asking that the district attorney also charge the teen with assault on an officer and removing an officer's weapon.

The other girl involved in the fight returned to Quetzal House on her own and is no longer considered a runaway.

The officer suffered from a laceration and abrasion on

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U.S. Navy official Scott Anderson said that a layer of black painted redwood was exposed as the first pieces of siding were removed from the top of Hangar One's southern doors this week.

Another roadblock for Hangar One?

CONGRESSIONAL AGENCY SCRUTINIZES \$32.8 MILLION REQUEST

By Daniel DeBolt

As if it won't be disheartening enough to see historic Hangar One reduced to a bare skeletal frame this year, NASA's Inspector General is questioning the merit of the \$32.8 million request for new siding.

Save Hangar One Committee member Steve Williams spoke with Inspector General staff members Ridge Bowman and Jim Morrison on Friday as they sought community input for a soon to be released audit of NASA's \$32.8 million request for replacement siding for Hangar One. The agen-

cy apparently has doubts about a project that has wide support in Mountain View and Sunnyvale, where residents raised the money to buy the land for Hangar One before it was constructed in 1932. Efforts to save the structure have been supported by every elected official in Sunnyvale and Mountain View.

"The IG's concern seemed to be whether NASA really has a justification to spend money to preserve the hangar for re-use," Williams reported on his blog Monday.

As with many federal projects, Hangar One's situation has become complicated.

"In particular, they are concerned that NASA doesn't have a 'mission' for the hangar, and that because Congress has forbidden certain kinds of leases, it will be difficult to find a tenant," Williams wrote, paraphrasing Bowman and Morrison's comments.

Despite any challenges there may be in re-using the hangar, Bill Berry, co-chair of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board, said putting on new siding "is the logical next step" once a Navy contractor removes the toxic siding from Hangar One and leaves a

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Towed car case costs city \$15,000

By Daniel DeBolt

A case that left a woman and four children on the side of the road, and spurred the city to revise its towing policies, has been settled out of court for \$15,000.

Police spokeswoman Liz Wylie said the city admits no wrongdoing in settling the claim from Guadalupe Saldana, whose Dodge Durango was stopped by police on June 27. Wylie said a tail light and brake light were out and the exhaust was illegally modified. At the wheel, police found Saldana's husband Adrian Herrera, an unlicensed driver who had been arrested several times for driving without a license.

Police impounded the vehicle, despite the fact that Saldana had her license with her and proved to officers that the car belonged to her. Saldana was left on the sidewalk with her sister and their four children. Herrera was booked in county jail for a \$5,000 warrant for a previous unlicensed driving violation, Wylie said.

At the time, it was standard practice to impound a car driven by an unlicensed driver for 30 days, Wylie said. But since the start of the year the city has since made a 180-degree change in policy after City Attorney Janie Quinn received the claim from Saldana. Quinn examined several court cases and practices in other cities, which highlighted an area where officers needed further training, Wylie said. In January police began to stop the

automatic tows.

Wylie said in March police were alerted to a temporary new policy in a "training and information bulletin." It asked officers to consider a "community caretaking doctrine" created by the courts, which means "we only impound if it isn't in the best interest of the community," Wylie said. In many cases a car belonging to an unlicensed driver can be parked somewhere safely or picked up by a licensed driver.

Officers are no longer ordering very many tows, Wylie said. Tows are down 82 percent in the first four months of this year compared to the same period last year.

Officer still have discretion and Wylie said police could have still been in the right in towing Saldana's SUV.

"If the driver had previously been convicted of driving without a driver's license before and had been arrested five times for driving without a license, in the car that belongs to her but she still elected to have him drive illegally, you could actually meet the community caretaking standard and say this person is creating a danger on the road. And so is she by allowing him to drive it. At what point do you say 'enough already, we are impounding the car?'" Wylie said.

The temporary policy is aimed at those who have expired licenses or have not obtained a

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Working for a better life

LABORER AND HOMEOWNER ALIKE SAY DAY WORKER CENTER HELPS THEM

By Nick Veronin

With a 1,500 square-foot backyard, including a small orchard of apricot, nectarine and apple trees, a large vegetable patch, a greenhouse, and a wide variety of flowers, Harold Black has his work cut out for him.

Back when he was younger, Black relished taking it on —

the pruning and harvesting, the weeding and raking. But now, while the 77-year-old widower remains committed to his thriving plot of land across the street from Los Altos High School, it is a little more difficult to manage.

"As you get old, your back is the first thing to go," he explains, with a nudge and a grin one Saturday afternoon. Black is walking around his property, pointing

out various plants and trees, and occasionally giving direction to Juan Antonio, a laborer he picked up that morning from the Day Worker Center of Mountain View.

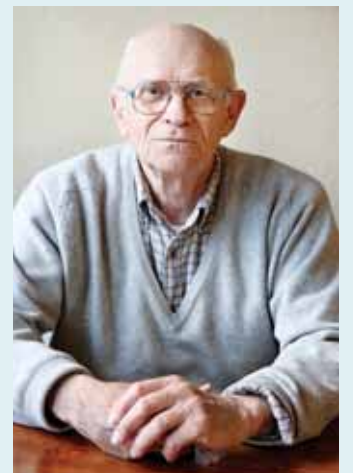
Antonio and workers like him have made it possible for Black to continue to maintain his land, and for that Black is grateful. He has been coming to the Day Worker Center to hire help for about 15

years — as long as the organization has been around — and has always been satisfied, he says.

In fact, Black prefers hiring labor from the center over other "mow, blow and go" landscaping services, because, as he puts it, "that's all they do — mow, blow and go."

With the Day Worker Center, Black says he has much more control over the length of time a worker devotes to the job and what kind of work they do. Black typically hires one laborer to work

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Harold Black

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■ CITY BRIEFS

CITY MANAGER SEARCH CONTINUES

After interviewing three top candidates for city manager Tuesday afternoon, Mayor Jac Siegel said the City Council was not able to narrow the list to one favorite, as some members had hoped to do.

While Siegel couldn't say much about the closed session meeting, he did say the process of selecting a new manager to run the city's government could take another few weeks.

Siegel said last week that if the council was unable to agree on a favorite candidate Tuesday, members might have to advertise the job again or take another look at some of the 75 applications and resumes the city received for the job. So far the council has only met eight of the applicants face to face.

Mountain View's city manager for the last 20 years, Kevin Duggan, retired in April. Assistant City Manager Melissa Stevenson Dile has been named interim city manager.

—Daniel DeBolt

LASD PARCEL TAX EKES OUT A WIN

By a slender margin, Measure E, a new \$193 annual parcel tax to benefit local schools, eked out a victory. Needing a two-thirds yes vote, Measure E passed with slightly more than 67 percent of the vote in the May 3 all-mail election.

The final tally was 9,187 votes in favor to 4,512 votes against, according to the Santa Clara County Elections Office.

Jay Gill, a proponent of the Los Altos School District's Measure E says the tax is needed to address education cuts resulting from federal, state and local budgets being slashed.

About 1,000 students living in Mountain View attend the district's seven elementary and two middle schools — roughly 25 percent of the entire student body. Homeowners in the district already are paying \$597 a year for a parcel tax passed in 2002, and a bond issue assessment of about \$600 per year on a home with an assessed value of \$1 million.

—Andrea Gemmet

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DEER HOLLOW TOURS

Deer Hollow Farm's educational tours, the last of the season, will take place on Saturday, May 21.

During a half an hour tour, visitors can spend time with Luna the cow, goats, pigs, rabbits, sheep, ducks and chickens; see the farm's new babies — lambs, kids, piglets, and chicks; and learn about homestead farming.

Tours also offer an opportunity to visit the animals inside their pens. The award-winning short film "Lessons of the Land," about Deer Hollow's history, will be shown.

"When my parents moved here, it was not Silicon Valley, it was a farming country. This farm is one of the few places where we still get this 'country' feeling," Gail Nakamura of Los Altos said about Deer Hollow. All proceeds from the tours and gift purchases benefit the farm through Friends of Deer Hollow Farm. Part of the proceeds fund a scholarship program for local students.

Deer Hollow Farm is located at Rancho San Antonio County Park. Tours will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the last tour will start at 12.30 p.m. Parking is limited. Groups of 10

or more should make reservations via email at: info@fodhf.org.

—Nadezhda Banchik

BIG EVENT FOR SMALL DOGS

Humane Society Silicon Valley is hosting small dog adoption event on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its Animal Community Center, 901 Ames Ave. in Milpitas.

Silicon Valley shelters are overflowing with dogs, particularly Chihuahuas and other small mixed-breeds. More families have having to give up their dogs because they're moving or can't afford them, and fewer people are coming to adopt, according to Kelly Grant, the organization's marketing manager.

Small dogs are common in local shelters, likely because so many people live in apartments, so they prefer smaller pets, said Laura Fulda, vice president of communication for HSSV.

The "Good Things Come in Small Packages" pet adoption event brings together Silicon Valley shelters and a handful of Bay Area rescue groups for a small dog extravaganza.

—Nadezhda Banchik

Family's donation aims to help Castro students

FAMILY GIVES \$22K FOR ONE-ON-ONE READING INSTRUCTION FOR STRUGGLING KIDS

By Nick Veronin

With the help of a private donation, Castro Elementary School has begun a program aimed at improving the language skills young students who are struggling.

Shioupyn Shen and his wife, Sandy Wu, recently donated \$22,000 to Castro to help the school provide more one-on-one reading instruction to first-, second- and third-graders who are reading below grade level.

Dr. Judy Crates, principal of Castro, said that helping children overcome reading problems at a young age is critical.

"Up until third grade you are learning to read," Crates explained. "After third grade you are reading to learn. If they don't know how to read by the end of third grade, they can't learn the curriculum from then on."

After a child matriculates from the primary grades — first, second and third — it becomes more difficult each year to play catch-up, she said. And because reading is essential to education — "You need to be able to read before you can do word problems," she said — falling behind in reading often proves disastrous for an academic career.

"The effort it takes on the part of the student and the staff to bring a fourth-grader who is far below basic back up to a basic reading level is very difficult," Crates said. "It is far easier to catch that child just as they are falling behind. And it is far more cost effective and far more productive."

Helping those who have fallen behind is not only advantageous for the lagging student, Crates said. It is also beneficial for the entire class. "It lifts the level of instruction for the entire classroom, because the teacher doesn't need to continuously pull kids out and teach concepts that were taught previously."

Crates has not hammered out all the details of how the program will work, but she said it will likely involve a

combination of after-school and in-class programming, as well as special classes, where students will be pulled out of the regular class period on a regular basis to work on phonics and other language development skills, either individually or in smaller groups.

The program began over the April spring break, with what Crates called a "vacation school" — two hours a day of concentrated reading and language skills over a five-day period. There will likely be more "vacation schools," she said.

"Reading is a practice-makes-perfect endeavor," Crates said.

A one-on-one approach is often needed to help kids learn, especially those living with parents who do not speak English fluently and who might not be able to point out a child's mistakes and correct them. "Every child is different and has personal hurdles they need to overcome to progress to the next reading level."

Sandy Wu, said that she had two children that attended schools in the Mountain View Whisman district, before she and her husband, Shioupyn Shen, moved their family to Saratoga.

Dr. Crates was the principal of Graham Middle School and Craig Goldman, the district's superintendent, was the principal of Huff Elementary School, when the couple's children were attending those two schools.

Wu called both Crates and Goldman "great educators" who are "devoted to education." As such, Wu said that she and her husband were very comfortable donating to the district.

The couple asked that their money be devoted to helping bring lagging students up to speed, because Wu said it would benefit the entire school as a whole as well as improve the lives of the children receiving individualized attention.

"My kids enjoy reading so much," Wu said, "and our

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Public hearing

Flood Control Benefit Assessment Rates for FY 2011-12



You are invited

Topic: Flood Control Benefit Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Who: Santa Clara Valley Water District

When: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

This public hearing will cover the "Flood Control Benefit Assessments Report, 2011-2012 through 2029-2030, dated "April 2011." The written report incorporates by reference a description of each parcel and the expected amount of assessment under the approved formula for each parcel within the flood control zones of the District. At the hearing, the Board of Directors will hear any and all protests. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board may adopt or revise any assessment and will make its determination upon each assessment referred to in the report.

A copy of the report may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the Board at the above address at any time during business hours. Copies of the report have also been placed and may be inspected at the following locations:

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Office project replaces baseball field

COUNCIL OKS USE OF \$2 MILLION IN PARK FUNDS

By Daniel DeBolt

On Tuesday, the City Council allowed an office building project to replace a tennis court and baseball field used by North Bayshore employees, but may have redeemed themselves by dedicating \$2 million in developer fees to parks and recreation projects across the city.

The Council unanimously approved plans for a two-story, 70,000-square-foot building on Stierlin Court, despite objections from council member Ronit Bryant that doing away with a well-used recreation facility on the site would make the office neighborhood less attractive.

"It must be a draw for people to want to work here," Bryant said after seeing the fields are "significantly used."

The project removes a tennis court, baseball field and gazebo, but retains a volleyball and basketball court on the site, which is adjacent to Google office buildings.

Owner HCP Inc. is developing the building for life science research and development.

Earlier in the evening, the council unanimously voted to direct \$2 million in park funds to nine projects, including \$500,000 for improvements to the Rock Church, which will allow city staff to

begin to modify the building for recreation purposes as the city begins to occupy it in December. In February the City Council said they wanted it used largely as a new teen center.

The Rengstorff and San Antonio neighborhoods received mini park funds of \$336,000 and \$203,000 respectively, furthering the goal of placing mini parks within walking distance of every resident, while the city's skateboarders won the approval of \$23,000 to improve the skateboard area at Rengstorff Park. A set of benches, a new box feature and a new quarter pipe will be added. Mountain View High School students Roland Tice and Danny Ianni can take some credit for the improvements after alerting city officials, commissioners and council members to skaters' dissatisfaction with the skate park, which they say is far from being a regional favorite.

Other large allocations include \$483,000 and \$187,000 for Steven Creek and Permanente Creek trail extensions, respectively, and \$297,000 for a public restroom at Edith Landels Elementary School, which doubles as a city park.

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CASTRO READING

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whole family enjoys reading so much, we hope everybody will enjoy reading. We think that reading will really open up a whole world for the children."

The one-time donation will likely be spent by the end of next school year, Crates said, but that does not mean that it won't be valuable after that. Crates said the money gives her school some extra breathing room to try new

things and that if the programs she implements yield results she may be able to allocate money from elsewhere in the school's budget to continue the programs indefinitely.

She certainly hopes the programs will be a success. "Reading improves thinking," Crates said, reiterating the value of developing strong language skills early in life. "That's how we learn to think about things — by reading about them and thinking about them." ▣

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Ghysels lands top job at Menlo Park district

By Renee Batti

Maurice Ghysels, the superintendent of the elementary school district in Mountain View for five years and, for the last 10 months, an administrator in the Santa Clara County Office of Education, has been named the new superintendent of the Menlo Park City School District, effective July 1.

School board President Maria Hilton announced the appointment in an email to district families on Friday, May 6, saying Ghysels "possesses an impressive depth of educational and business leadership experience and a demonstrated passion for excellence."

On Tuesday, the school board voted unanimously to approve a \$205,000 annual contract with Ghysels.

He will replace Ken Ranella, who began his tenure as district superintendent in 2002 and announced his retirement, effective in June 30, in January.

Ghysels, who was one of six finalists for the position, has since last July served as the chief schools officer for the Office of Education in Santa Clara County, managing a staff of 1,400 providing services to about 50,000 students in 32 districts, according to Hilton's prepared statement.

Before taking that position, he was superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School Dis-

trict, beginning that job in 2005. The end of his tenure there was overshadowed by a controversy that brewed over his romantic relationship with a principal of one of the schools he oversaw. He and the principal, Carmen Mizell, were married to other people and were in the process of filing for divorce when they informed the school board of their relationship.

The announcement in 2009 caused an outcry by some members of the school community, some of whom complained that a conflict of interest existed, particularly in light of Mizell's transfer in 2008 to a high-performing school, according to an Oct. 26, 2009, article in the *Voice*. Other parents and community members stated their continuing support for both the superintendent and the principal, the *Voice* reported.

After informing the school board of the relationship, Ghysels changed district protocol to allow Mizell to report to the assistant superintendent rather than him as a way to avoid a conflict of interest.

In November 2009, Ghysels informed the school board that he was looking for work outside the district, and the board publicly announced soon after that "our team has been discussing an



Maurice Ghysels

internal succession plan for quite some time," according to a Nov. 11 article in the *Voice*.

Ghysels could not be reached for comment for this story.

Hilton also could not be reached for comment for this story. In her prepared statement, she said that

board members "recently conducted extensive on-site interviews at both the Mountain View Whisman District and the (county office of education), which included many staff, administrators, parents and community members.

"These individuals consistently described Dr. Ghysels as a dynamic and collaborative leader who always puts the needs of students first."

Ghysels began his career as a high school teacher and principal, according to Hilton's written statement. He went on to serve as a middle school principal, then was appointed deputy superintendent/chief operations officer of the Campbell Union School District.

His career also includes a five-year stint at Citibank, Hilton said, adding that during his years in the business world, "his responsibilities included training and professional development in executive coaching, communication skills and project management." ▀



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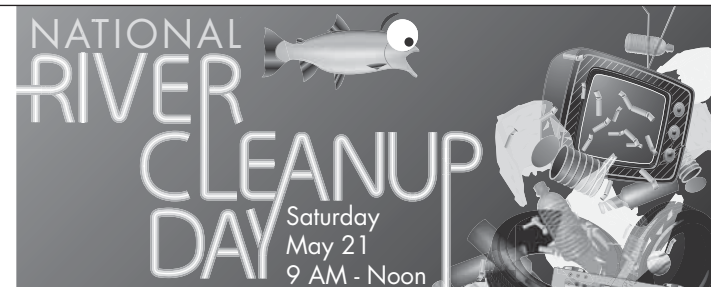
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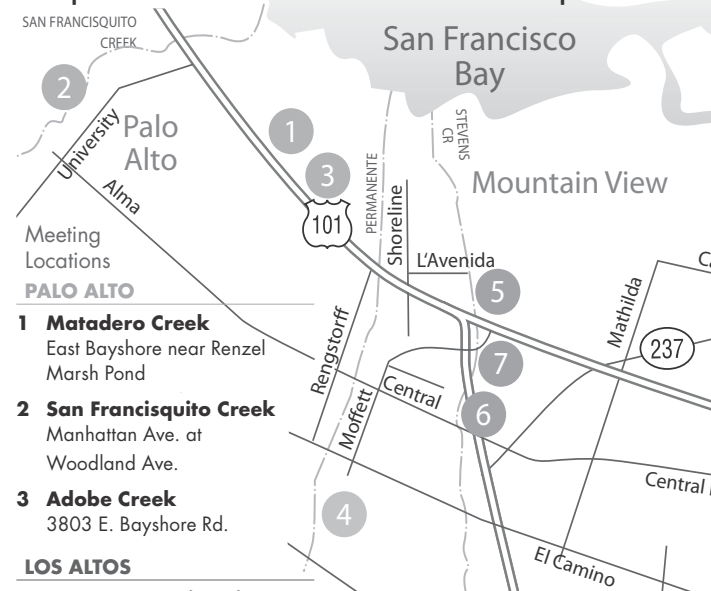
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Cuts to adult ed preschool program will have ripple effect

By Nick Veronin

Preschool services for the children of some local adult school students will be significantly cut back next year, an official with the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education program said.

Laura Stefanski, director of the MVLA Adult School, said that because of the unexpected elimination of the federally funded Even Start grant, which provides support for childhood education, adult literacy and parenting education programs, the Adult School had no choice but to make the cuts — equivalent to a little more than one

full-time position.

On March 4, it was announced that Even Start money would not be made available next year — too late for the Adult School to come up with the approximately \$133,000 that the grant would have provided.

It cost the Adult School \$285,000 to run the child care center this year, so losing the grant cut the preschool's budget almost in half. Stefanski said the Adult School was able to reallocate some funds and even raised some money at the last minute, but ultimately they had to make the decision to server fewer children and families next year.

Stefanski estimated the Adult School will have to turn away as many as 14 students next year from two programs — the English as a second language morning class and the young parent program in the afternoon.

Students attending these programs rely on the Adult School's childcare services to watch their children while they learn English and parenting skills.

Because law requires child care centers to have very low teacher to child ratios for infants and toddlers, eliminating even one preschool instructor can greatly impact the number of children a program

can accept.

Stefanski said the morning ESL class will likely reduce its capacity from 22 to 12 children, and the afternoon young parenting class will likely move from 16 down to 12.

The cuts will have a ripple effect throughout the entire community, Stefanski said.

Fewer adults will have an opportunity to improve their English skills, which will impact their ability to function in the community as well as their ability to help their children learn the language.

The Adult School also teaches parents how to engage in their child's education, giving

instruction on how to check in with teachers, visit with school counselors, stay on top of homework assignments and what kinds of questions to ask at back to school night.

It may sound simple, Stefanski said, but for young parents and those not familiar with the American culture, these classes really do empower students.

"It is a program within a larger program," Stefanski said. It helps make the transition from preschool to grade school smoother for the parents and for the children. "Preschool is really essential for a child to be successful as he or she goes into kindergarten." ■

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TOW TRUCK

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license, as is the case with many undocumented immigrants who are prohibited from doing so. Those with suspended or revoked licenses would still have their cars

impounded.

The city is still working a permanent policy, Wylie said.

Other cities have been accused of bilking large numbers of unlicensed drivers for impound fees, especially at DUI checkpoints in poorer neighborhoods. Wylie said the city

receives \$150 of the fine for each tow, with the rest of the fine going to the tow yards. Before fees increased in July 2010, the city's fee was \$75. The city brought in \$85,800 in fees from vehicle tows in fiscal year 2009-10. Since July 2010, the fees have totaled \$88,700. ■

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No leaks found in PG&E gas line

By Daniel DeBolt

PG&E workers found no leaks in 1.5 miles of gas pipeline subjected to eight hours of pressure testing in Mountain View on Monday.

PG&E spokesperson Britany Chord said the tests were "successful" and no leaks were found. The line tested is called line 132a and runs from Shoreline Golf Links to Crittenden Middle School, bridging two larger lines, 101 and 132.

At a site behind Shoreline Amphitheatre, PG&E workers pumped 175,000 gallons of charcoal-filtered water into the 24-inch diameter pipe. For eight hours workers watched pressure gauges for signs of leakage as the pipe was subjected to 600 pounds per square inch (psi). The

pipe normally holds 400 psi, Chord said.

PG&E had new sections of pipe on hand in case a section burst or sprang a leak. Sections of the pipe date back to 1944, Chord said, while other sections were replaced in the 1990s.

Chord said workers would remain in the area through the next week. Antioch will be the second city to see a gas line tested this way, followed by South San Francisco and San Bruno, where line 132 burst in a catastrophic explosion last year.

Chord said Mountain View received the first test because PG&E stores many of the resources needed for the tests in the area.

It is not clear when Mountain View's section of line 132 would be tested, Chord said.

CRIME BRIEFS

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his hand. His bullet-proof vest likely protected him from further bruising to his torso, Wylie speculated.

BLEEDING MAN FOUND

Police found a man bleeding from a "large laceration" on the back of his head, lying down on the steps of an apartment complex at 316 Escuela Ave. on May 7.

According to Mountain View Police Department spokeswoman Liz Wylie, authorities believe he was involved in a fight nearby and struck in the head with some sort of blunt object.

The victim, a 39-year-old Mountain View man, was "in and out of consciousness" as he was transported to the hospital, Wylie said.

Because of his condition and later because of the painkillers he was given, police were unsuccessful in interviewing him, Wylie said.

Wylie said it is believed that an altercation occurred near the corner of Escuela Avenue and California Street, where a police dog found fresh blood.

The police are looking for witnesses, Wylie said. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Mountain View Police Department at 903-6395. All callers may remain anonymous.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

A 55-year-old transient man was arrested and charged with indecent exposure on May 5 outside of the Rite Aid on Grant Road in Mountain View, police said.

The man, identified as John Clark, was observed exposing himself and touching himself inside the Rite Aid at about 2:50 p.m., said police spokeswoman Jaime Garrett. The witness told police that the man continued the act after leaving the store.

The victim called police to report the crime and Clark was arrested.

HOME BURGLARY

A Mountain View family recently returned from vacation to find their home had been broken into, police said.

The family, that lives in the 400 block of Franklin Street, left on a vacation April 29; when they returned home on May 3 they found that a side door to their home had been pried open. Cabinets were left open and various items were moved around and not where the family had left them before going on vacation, according to Jaime Garrett, a spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department.

Garrett said the family isn't sure what, if anything, was stolen.

—Nick Veronin

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in his yard for a full eight-hour day, paying about \$100 for his services, which may include tilling soil, trimming hedges, pruning trees or mowing the lawn, among other tasks.

Black likes that level of control, as his yard is not only his hobby but his passion. Born into a North Carolina family with a rich history of farming, Black has been working the soil since

he was 5 years old. "Everybody has their agenda," he explains. "Mine is farming."

This afternoon, Black has Antonio working in his front yard, trimming hedges. Though the two don't exchange many words, on account of the English-Spanish language barrier, they seem to communicate just fine. Black points and gestures with his hand to indicate where he would like the bushes cut and Antonio swipes the electric shears back and forth, up and down, while his employer minds the long orange extension

cord, making sure it doesn't get caught on branches as Antonio moves around.

Antonio, who came to the United States from Cuernavaca, the largest city in the Mexican state of Morelos, says that he has been living in Mountain View for about four years. Shortly after moving here, some friends told him about the Day Worker Center and he immediately went down and signed up. He is happy that he did, he says. The center helps him find, on average, two days of work each week.

The center, located at 113 Escuela Ave., accepts anyone looking to find work, and asks for only basic information upon registration. Members of the center get access to free English classes, meals prepared by Day Worker Center members, computer literacy instruction and help searching for work on the Web and applying for citizenship if necessary. María Marroquín, executive director Day Worker Center, says her organization never asks would-be members about their citizenship status.

Needless to say, the Day Worker Center has not been received with open arms by all Mountain View residents. Many object to the center's don't-ask, don't-tell policy on citizenship status.

Black, however, doesn't see things that way.

"You're giving a person with three or four kids a job and he's working his fingers to the bone," Black says in response. As for hiring a non-citizen, that's something that he isn't even sure he has ever done. Just like the Day Worker Center, Black never asks the people he hires whether they are in the United States legally.

When pressed on the issue and asked if he could be taking jobs away from American citizens, Black is incredulous.

"Quit joking me, man," he snaps. "Where are you going to find someone to do these jobs?"

The way Black sees it, there is plenty of hard, back-breaking work that needs to be done in this country, and he doesn't see many other groups of people, other than migrant workers,

who willingly offering themselves up to do those jobs.

For Antonio's part, he is certainly willing to take whatever work comes his way. He, his wife and their three children cram into one bedroom of a two-bedroom Mountain View apartment that they share with two others.

He says living in those conditions is worthwhile, considering the alternative back in Cuernavaca. He and his wife together make about \$500 during a good week, but that is still more than they might expect to make in a month where they came from. "It is a very difficult situation in Mexico," he says in Spanish.

And then there is the matter of the schools.

Antonio says that in Mexico he wouldn't be able to provide his children with the kind of life he wants for them. "In Mexico, I don't believe this would be possible," he says, nodding at the newly installed, gleaming solar panel canopies in the Los Altos High School parking lot. "In Mexico, you need much more for this kind of life." ■

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In his blog post, Williams continued recounting his discussion with Inspector General staff. "I agreed that NASA may not have a 'direct mission' for the hangar, but NASA certainly does have a mandate to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education, as do many current and future tenants of Moffett Field, and the hangar can be a huge asset in meeting that mandate."

Congress has to approve the \$32.8 million for new siding, and Republicans, who control the House, already have said they want significant cuts in NASA's budget. Congress has already made Hangar One re-use difficult by imposing restrictions on how NASA can lease property, Berry said.

Berry is former president of University Associates, a consortium of colleges that aims to build a major Silicon Valley campus at Moffett. Berry said University Associates probably had the last lease deal with NASA that allows a developer to make improvements to NASA property and subtract those costs from their lease payments.

That means that "developing the hangar for anything but a government mission is going to be chal-

lenging," Berry said.

NASA Ames deputy director Deb Feng said in a statement that "A large airship would be the best use of Hangar One by a tenant." Many believe such an airship would be developed for the department of defense.

"With the re-emerging interest in the use of airships for both military and commercial application, the West Coast is an attractive location from many perspectives, ranging from proximity to airship technology companies to geographical location," Feng wrote.

Simply preserving the 200-foot tall example of 1930s streamline moderne architecture is enough for many preservationists. But many members of the Save Hangar One Committee are advocating for an air and space museum in partnership with The Smithsonian, something that would have a "strong attraction" for millions of people, Williams wrote.

While their proposed interior improvements will not be paid for, Hangar One's prospective "tenants will find plenty of incentive in the tax benefits of refurbishing and re-using the historic structure," Williams writes. "I made sure to say several times that we're aware the tenant ultimately will have to invest far more private money to develop and enhance the property than the public money NASA might spend to re-skin it."

Berry estimates \$50 million to \$100 million in tenant improvements would have to be made to Hangar One's interior, depending on who would use it.

Feng explained that NASA took on the unusual responsibility of historic preservation at Moffett in 1994 when the Navy gave the property to NASA.

"When NASA took on the ownership of Moffett Field after the Navy's BRAC action was completed, an MOU was in place between the two organizations outlining the responsibilities of the parties with regard to the property," Feng said. "Generally speaking, the Navy is responsible for the clean up and remediation of the property and NASA has the responsibility for cultural resources, including historic preservation."

In response to concerns that NASA may not have a use for Hangar One, Brian Turner, an attorney for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, pointed to the National Historic Preservation Act, which says "any Federal agency... shall, to the extent practicable, establish and implement alternatives for historic properties...that are not needed for current or projected agency purposes." The law adds that historic property can be leased to "any person or organization ... if the agency head determines that the lease or exchange will adequately ensure the preservation of the historic property."

The Save Hangar One Committee is urging people to write California Senator Diane Feinstein in support of Hangar One at: Senator Dianne Feinstein, United States Senate, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Feinstein sits on the Senate Committee on Appropriations. ■

TITLE 1

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thing to do.”

The first of 10 “titles,” or sections, within the no Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the purpose of Title I, according to the language of the bill, is “to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.”

However, when crafting the rules governing Title I, legislators made some rather significant oversights — chief among them, according to Goldman, “is that it ties penalties to impossible goals.”

Under No Child Left Behind — or NCLB, as it is commonly called — schools that accept Title I funds must meet continually rising proficiency standards, which are measured by state standardized tests, such as California’s STAR exam. By the 2013-14 school year, all Title I schools will be expected

to have a proficiency score of 100 percent in all subjects and in all statistically significant sub-groups, or else they will face penalties, such as being classified as a “program improvement” school.

To expect that every sub-group within a school — especially traditionally low performing sub-groups, such as low-income students and special education students — would be able to consistently attain 100 percent proficiency is unrealistic, Goldman said, noting that just about everyone in the field of public education agrees. “Everybody knew in the long term that it would have to change,” he said.

It would seem that Arne Duncan, the U.S. secretary of education, along with the Obama administration, recognize that need for change and are making steps to amend NCLB. In preparing to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act, the Department of Education has released an official report explaining how the legislation will be revamped to address criticisms such as Goldman’s.

“NCLB has many flaws,” says the report, “A Blueprint for Reform.”

“It provides states with incentives to lower standards. It mislabels schools as failing and imposes one size fits all interventions. It doesn’t do enough to recognize student growth or school progress.”

According to Goldman, many schools within his district have been unfairly categorized as failures because of the faulty legislation. Theuerkauf and Monta Loma are in what is known as “program improvement” this year. But that is because low-income, English-learners at Theuerkauf and special education students at Monta Loma — all of whom traditionally perform below grade level — did not meet the proficiency standards at those schools.

The designation, besides putting the schools at risk of losing out on Title I funds, also has what Goldman called a “segregating effect.”

Under the NCLB law, parents have the option of moving their students out of “program improvement” schools to another school within the district. “The families who have chosen to transfer are not typically the ones who are the basis for the program improvement

identification,” he said.

Consequently schools that are slapped with the program improvement label often end up with greater proportions of low-income, English-learners and special education kids.

The movement of students adds to transportation costs, as bus routes are altered or new special routes are created, Goldman said. It also forces the district to reallocate resources, which is costly and can cause confusion.

Goldman said that his district believes that at its core NCLB was intended to produce positive results.

“Accountability is a good thing,” he said. “Continuous improvement is a good thing as far as we’re concerned.”

But considering the difficulties that have arisen from taking the funding, it simply isn’t worth it, Goldman said.

Fortunately, the decision to accept Title I funds is made on an annual basis, Goldman said, and if the Obama administration along with the Department of Education make appropriate changes to the legislation, Mountain View Whisman can start accepting funds again in 2012-13. ▀

GOOGLE

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ent lease payments for a pair of nearly identical vacant lots. For the northern half, the city began receiving \$1.2 million a year in 2007. For the southern half, Google paid a \$30 million lump sum for a 53-year lease — the equivalent of a \$580,000 a year payment on average over the life of the lease. Berns said the council decided to propose the \$30 million payment to Google after appraising the land’s value and estimating future increases in lease payments and re-appraisals of the property every 10 years.

The numbers didn’t seem far out of whack to Mike Cobb, senior vice president of real estate firm Colliers International. He said the city’s appraisals appeared “pretty darn close” to average.

“It was a tough couple years in this market,” Cobb said, adding that prices for this sort of property are “volatile.”

Cobb said that if the recent land appraisal favored Google, it could be argued that the 2007 appraisal was equally favorable for the city.

Google, which has plenty of cash, accepted the deal because it simply wanted to get the lease “off their books” by paying for it all at once, said Mayor Jac Siegel. And Google would also not have its lease subject to new appraisals of the value of the property every 10 years, as it is in the 2007 lease agreement, Berns said.

To the city’s credit, it is now able to invest the \$30 million and take an estimated average interest payment of \$1 million a year, which is close to the annual payment for the northern 9 acres. That is a “very

reasonable way” to make up for the diminished value of the property, Berns said. And “the interest rate will potentially go up.”

Finance director Patty Kong projects average interest earnings of 3.5 percent a year on the \$30 million. The city’s investment portfolio has paid interest ranging between the current 2.4 percent to a high of 5.7 percent in the last 10 years, Kong said.

Last week, council members talked of spending the \$30 million sooner rather than later, as inflation would make the \$30 million worth

only \$5 million in 53 years, Kong said. But, of course, if the council decides to spend the money, the interest earned would decrease, Kong said.

Perhaps fortunately, what to do with all the \$30 million doesn’t need to be figured out anytime soon. Kong said the lease money cannot be spent all at once. Interest payments aside, the council may only spend \$580,000 in the first year and after every subsequent year of the 53-year lease. It could take many years for that to add up to an amount worth spending. ▀

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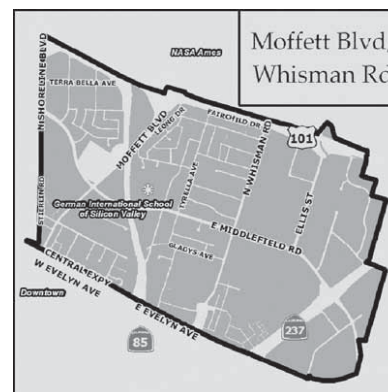
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Arts & Events

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MOUNTAIN VIEW'S FIREBIRD DANCE STUDIO MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH PERFORMANCES AND PREMIERE

By Joann So

At the Firebird Dance Studio on a late Sunday afternoon, men leap across the stage doing a valiant shepherd dance to win the ladies. Their strong, controlled movements seem grounded both on the floor and in midair.

In Russian dance, the gentlemen are very physical and display strength while the girls are dainty pursuits, says Lotta Burton, the owner, artistic director and choreographer at the Mountain View studio.

Moments later, two young boys play a game of tug-of-war with a ballerina. A princess and tin soldier are wound up from their frozen states to dance swiftly. Couples support each other's strenuous dance moves and put their skills to the test while doing elaborate tricks to the sweep of an undulating jump rope.

The dance is familiar yet quirky, drawing influences from folk, modern, ballet and ballroom dance as well as theatre. "All together, it becomes Firebird," Burton says.

In the midst of the loud music and expressive movements, Burton describes the essentials of a Russian fair: clowns, gypsies, dolls and tricks. Her dancers are portraying all of these elements.

"It's a fusion of folk and modern folk to attract both young and old — kids won't come watch if it's old-fashioned," she says.

The Firebird dance troupe will bring its fusion to the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto this Sunday, May 15, performing at the Russian-American Fair. Now in its 19th year, the fair runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and features Russian food, vodka tasting, art exhibits, children's activities



and other dance and theater performances. The Firebird group is scheduled to perform in the Schultz Cultural Hall at 4 p.m.

"A fair has to be entertaining, magical and have a lot of vibe," Burton says. Her violet-colored eyelashes add to the drama as she walks barefoot through the studio in her cool, black linen dress.

Though people may not be able to emulate the dance moves, they will still be able to relate to the performance, Burton says. Love is the theme that ties the dance together. "All we need is love, young or old," she adds.

Burton's late mother, Roza Lysaya, founded Firebird in 1991 as the Lysaya Dance School after she came to the United States from the Soviet Union. During the fair's first year at the JCC, 10 dancers from her school performed. Now Firebird has more than 100 students, Burton said.

The Lysaya Dance School had a more traditional folk-dance focus, but when Burton became artistic director in 1999, she brought in influences from around the world. Burton, who studied choreography



at the St. Petersburg Institute of Performing Arts in Russia, says, "You can add your own way of expressing it without destroying what was past."

Burton also paid tribute to her mother's love of dance by relaunching the school under a new name. "The name 'Firebird' is a Russian bird character that is characteristically strong, unique and beautiful," she says.

This month, the Firebird studio is marking its 20th anniversary by premiering an original work, "Imaginarium," on May 21 at the Heritage Theatre in Campbell.

Inspiration for the dances to be performed at the JCC fair came during a visit to the Musee Mecanique in San Francisco, where items on display include hand-cranked music boxes and coin-operated pianos. "It was endearing how vintage it is," Burton says. "It's not considered *old* but *cool*. There are things that are timeless."



ues on this Sunday afternoon, Burton's partner and rehearsal director, Igor Harea, works alongside her to perfect the dances. Her role is to create and choreograph while his is to make sure the dance moves along smoothly.

"It takes more than two to tango around here," Burton says, noting the importance of teamwork on the floor.

When asked about the difficulties in balancing contemporary dance with that of tradition, Burton says: "It's difficult *not* to do it. ... I don't want to be frozen in a moment — when it grows, it changes."

In the midst of magic and tricks, the youngest dancers are reminders of reality. "There's something about having children in your life every day that makes you feel like you've done something worthy. They don't know how to pretend. Everything is true," Burton says.

Clockwise, from top: Ilya Kravchenko, left, and Alex Dodon leap over a jump rope; Firebird artistic director Lotta Burton; Mikhail Guiz leaps during rehearsal; Irina Ivkova and Mikhail Guiz; Anya Nazarova dances with Aron Ryvkin.

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■ INFORMATION

The 19th Annual Russian-American Fair will be held at Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto on Sunday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Firebird dancers are scheduled to perform at 4 p.m. in the Schultz Cultural Arts Hall. Fair admission is free, with art and other items for sale. Dance and theater performances are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with a day pass costing \$12/\$8. Information is at paloaltojcc.org or by calling 650-223-8700. For more about the Firebird Dance Studio, go to firebirddance.com



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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Council cannot let up on cost-cutting

As the city's costs continue to spiral upward, it was refreshing news that Google has agreed to pay \$30 million upfront to cover the 52-year lease of a 9-acre lot at Shoreline Boulevard and Charleston Road to build an office building.

But we have to strongly disagree with City Council members who are saying that with \$30 million (or the interest from it) at their disposal, they are not inclined to look at ways to reduce employee compensation to close the \$2.6 million deficit forecast for next year.

Instead of facing the reality that the city has an ongoing structural deficit, caused by the increasing cost of pay and benefits for city workers, several council members seemed to be saying that they are growing weary of making budget cuts, which they have been forced to do for the past two years.

In our view, that is precisely the wrong approach. To their credit, in the last two years council members have reduced spending and cut positions in several departments. But despite these reductions, the city must continue to reduce staff compensation or reduce staff as it faces a tidal wave of dire financial news. For example:

■ Expenses are expected to increase by \$4.6 million next year, while revenues will grow by only \$1.8 million;

■ \$3.7 million of the expense increase will come from rising city employee compensation costs;

■ The city's employee retirement costs alone are expected to rise by \$2.8 million next year.

■ In addition, employee health care costs are expected to rise by \$1 million next year, partly due to an unexpected jump in city employees' use of their medical benefits.

The least painful of the three budget options presented by staff to cover the \$2.6 million deficit includes \$1 million from the Google payment, \$450,000 from "operational efficiencies," and \$1 million or more in savings from putting the brakes on union employee expenses. But such a voluntary giveback is far from certain.

"I really don't have a lot of confidence in getting the \$1 million we need from the unions," Mayor Jac Siegel said last week.

And, with Google's prepaid lease revenue in hand, unions are not likely to be in the mood to voluntarily back away from scheduled increases.

Without voluntary cutbacks from the city's unions, the council will have to consider staff-recommended cuts of "increasing levels of severity." The first tier plan includes laying off a finance department assistant, a theater stagehand and the fire department's public outreach person. Second tier options would lay off a code enforcement officer, an accounting technician, a park ranger and a community services officer. Another, possibly less painful, option for both tiers would eliminate vacant positions.

The inflation factor was another concern about the Google funds discussed by the council last week. In 52 years, the \$30 million could be worth what \$3 million is worth today, which prompted Mayor Siegel to argue for spending the money sooner rather than later.

The city staff has explained that if nothing is done to counteract the structural deficit, the city will face budget shortfalls until 2015 while burning through its reserves. Balancing the budget now will yield a much better picture, with revenues exceeding expenses by 2015 and lasting until the next recession.

Acting now to balance the budget will be a painful process for the council and city staff. But until employee compensation, including pensions, are reduced, budget deficits will continue to cast a dark cloud over the city.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

AVOIDING THE HARD CHOICES ON EMPLOYEE COSTS

It was extremely disappointing to read last week that the City Council has once again decided to "kick the can down the road" with respect to ongoing budget shortfalls.

The \$30 million from Google for their new lease is a tremendous help, but the cost of long-term debt in the city is four times that amount.

Sadly, career politicians like Margaret Abe-Koga can't imagine a budget that doesn't grow each year. She was quoted as saying that (we don't) "need to do cuts at all," even though employee costs increased almost \$4 million this year, pushing the city another \$3 million in the red. Clearly, long-term fiscal responsibility just isn't her thing.

I recall debating with Mayor Jac Siegel this past fall about needing to rein in employee costs. He said that he couldn't wait to have "tough" negotiations with the employee unions to get costs in line. Now, he doesn't think that he's capable of getting the unions to accept a mere 2 percent cut. That doesn't sound very tough to me.

Until the voters of Mountain View are ready to elect pragmatic, fiscally responsible candidates that aren't beholden to the unions, the city's spending will continue to spiral out of control.

**Dan Waylonis
Stierlin Road**

TAKE SANTANA ROW OUT OF SAN ANTONIO DISCUSSION

Thanks for your coverage and editorial about the deficiencies of the San Antonio Shopping Center development plan. But there are two words I wish everyone, including you, would stop using when discussing the San Antonio Center: Santana Row.

We're not getting Santana Row, not next to that apparently very successful WalMart. Constantly bringing up Santana Row distracts us from understanding what locals want and need and what is feasible in the space as it exists.

Mountain View citizens have suggested lots of good ideas to improve the developer's plan. Let's talk about those ideas and leave the glitzy pseudo-downtown to the south out of it.

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By Dale F. Bentson

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everything is fresh, and deliveries are every other day. We make everything in-house, from naan to yogurt,” owner Mani Kabir said.

Opened in December 2008, Tandoori Oven is sandwiched between The Counter and Starbucks in a busy court. Kabir owns four other Peninsula locations and says more are on the way. The menu derives from family recipes but with a continental touch. “I was educated

in Europe so the cooking style can best be described as Northern Indian-British,” he said.

Kabir said that many Indian restaurants in American use too much butter and oil, but that his “home-cooked concept emphasizes ‘fresh’ with minimum amounts of oil.” As for the tandoori oven, he said it requires no oil at all; radiant heat cooks foods quickly and evenly.

Indigenous to India and southeast Asia for centuries, the ovens are the ideal vessel for baking naan (bread) as well as roasting chicken and lamb. Tandoori Oven in Palo Alto uses a glass-lined clay oven with tasty results.

Inside the restaurant, menu boards are awkwardly positioned, one high above the pay station and another off to one side. Unless one is familiar with Indian cuisine, the choices can be baffling. While I generally dislike photographs of entrees on menu boards, in this case, some guidance would help the uninitiated. While cashiers are knowledgeable and helpful, no one wants to hold up the line by asking too many questions.

Overall, the prices are very

good and the portions large. There are no desserts, so leave the sweet tooth behind. I thought the appetizers uninteresting but found just about every other item on the menu worthwhile. There is nothing delicate about this food. There are sometimes just layers of spices without subtlety, but that’s a price paid for fast-food.

The samosa appetizers (\$4.97) were two deep-fried pyramid shells filled with cumin roasted potatoes bobbing in a pool of seasoned garbanzo beans. It was a heavy dish without much flavor wallop, with the tiny amount of herbed potato filling lost at sea.

Ditto the choley bhature (\$3.57). This time, the seasoned garbanzo beans were topped with diced red onion and cilantro.

The dish was redeemed by the accompanying fried naan, though, which was airy, doughy and delightful.

Naan is also offered with a variety of fills. The chicken pesto naan (\$3.97) was like a stuffed pizza minus the cheese. The chicken was minced and layered with the pesto inside the bread. The naan was grilled and served piping hot like flatbread. Turned out to be one of my favorite dishes: plenty to share, enough for a meal for one or complement with a cup of cucumber or potato salad (\$1.97). Amazing prices.

Besides chicken pesto, other options include spicy ground lamb, spicy potato, paneer (a light Indian cheese), onion, garlic and a sweet version with coconut and raisins. Each order comes with house-made yogurt for dipping or topping.

Mixed grill (\$12.47) featured seekh kabob (chunks of lamb seasoned with ground chili, gin-

Tandoori chicken is the color of the Golden Gate Bridge.



The chicken curry is served with with rice, cucumber salad, naan, and a side of saag paneer.

VERONICA WEBER



The lunchtime crowd fills Tandoori's bright, colorful dining room.

VERONICA WEBER

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VERONICA WEBER

Father and son share a tandoori mixed grill plate with naan.

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ger and spices); chicken kabob (marinated and spiced); tandoori shrimp, fire-engine red from spices; and caramelized onions and green bell pepper served on a sizzling platter with choice of naan or rice. Loads of tender meat, very filling, very successful.

I loved the spicy seekh kabob wrap (\$7.97) with ground lamb that had been seasoned with green chilies and spices, onions and chutney, then wrapped in fresh, cloud-like naan. This was serious bite-back-spicy lamb, sinus-clearing spicy but not quite blistering. It lingered on the lips but the tingle quickly dissipated. It was easily the spiciest dish I had at Tandoori Oven, and perhaps the most satisfying as well.

Tamer was the chicken wrap (\$7.67), which featured tender chunks of tandoori chicken, wedges of cucumber and creamy mint mayo bundled in baked naan. Tandoori chicken is the color of the Golden Gate Bridge, an orange-vermillion shading. The chicken is marinated in yogurt and seasoned with spices including turmeric and chili

powder, which gave it the pulsating color.

No Indian restaurant in America, fast-food or otherwise, would be complete without curry dishes. Tandoori Oven offers chicken, lamb, shrimp and vegetarian variations, both a la carte and as dinners (\$8.97-\$12.97).

The tender chicken curry dinner (\$10.97) came with basmati rice, fluffy naan and a side of stewed vegetables. The curry was lush and piquant, kissing the lips without tormenting the tongue.

Tables were promptly bussied and the place was always clean. The decor is inconsequential but looks more homemade than formulaic. The too-loud piped-in Indian pop music can be screechy, challenging the ears rather than soothing.

Tandoori Oven serves quick basic Indian fare, with good prices and generous portions. The food is well-prepared and the menu intriguing enough to keep it interesting.

I hope something is done to help educate those with little knowledge of Indian cuisine: photos, definitions or explanations. It's not that the place lacks for business, but lots of people are missing out on a good thing. ■

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African Cats (G) ★★1/2 Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; Sat. also at 9:40 a.m.

Applause (1929) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 6 & 9:10 p.m.

The Band Wagon (1953) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 3:45 p.m.

The Beaver (PG-13) Century 16: Tue. at 11:05 a.m.; 1:30, 4, 6:50 & 9:30 p.m.
CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:40 & 7:20 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

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

Cave of Forgotten Dreams (G) Century 16: In 3D at 11:25 a.m.; 1:50, 4:05, 6:50 & 9:20 p.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at noon, 2:20, 4:35, 7 & 9:15 p.m.

The Conspirator (PG-13) CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: Fri.-Mon. & Thu. at 4:25 & 7:15 p.m.; Wed. at 1:30 p.m.; Fri. also at 1:30 & 10 p.m.; Sat. also at 10 p.m.; Sun., Mon. & Thu. also at 1:30 p.m.

Everything Must Go (R) Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

Fast Five (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:55, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m.; 12:30, 1:55, 3:25, 4:50, 6:20, 7:50, 9:20 & 10:45 p.m.; Sat. also at 9:30 a.m.

Funny Face (1957) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Go For It! (PG-13) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:05 & 9:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.

Hanna (PG-13) Century 20: 2:25 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 5:05, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil (PG) Century 20: Fri. & Sun.-Thu. at 11 a.m.; In 3D (Fri.-Thu.) at 3:35 & 8:10 p.m.

Incendies (R) Aquarius Theatre: 2:30, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Jane Eyre (2011) (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri.-Mon. & Thu. at 1:55 & 7:35 p.m.

Jumping the Broom (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:45, 4:25, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 2:25, 5:10, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

Meek's Cutoff (PG) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:40, 4:15, 7 & 9:45 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Die Walküre Century 20: Sat. at 9 a.m.
CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: Sat. at 9 a.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Il Trovatore Century 20: Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

Monte Carlo (1930) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 5:50 & 9:35 p.m.

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) Century 16: Thu. at 12:01 a.m. **Century 20:** Thu. at 12:01 & 12:02 a.m.

Priest (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 3:30 & 8:10 p.m.; In 3D at 1:15, 5:45 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 3:40 & 8:25 p.m.; In 3D at 12:15, 1:25, 2:30, 4:45, 6, 7:05, 9:25 & 10:45 p.m.; In 3D Sat. also at 10 a.m.

Prom (PG) ★1/2 Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 4:40 & 10:20 p.m.

Rio (PG) ★★ Century 16: In 3D at 11:10 a.m.; 1:35, 4, 6:40 & 9:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 5:45 & 10:20 p.m.; In 3D at 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.; Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 1:10 p.m.; In 3D Sat. also at 9:35 a.m.

Roberta (1935) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 5:35 & 9:25 p.m.

The Smiling Lieutenant (1931) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

Something Borrowed (PG-13) ★1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:30, 4:10, 7:10 & 9:50 p.m.p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 2:15, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m.

Source Code (PG-13) Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:10, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m.

There Be Dragons (PG-13) Century 16: Fri.-Mon. & Thu. at 11:05 a.m.; 4:45 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 1:45 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 7:25 p.m.

Thor (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2:10, 4:50, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m.; In 3D at 11 a.m.; 1:40, 4:20, 7 & 9:40 p.m.; Fri.-Sun., Tue. & Wed. also at 12:30, 3:10, 5:50 & 8:40 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun., Tue. & Wed. also at noon, 2:40, 5:20, 8 & 10:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:45 a.m.; 1:05, 2:35, 3:50, 5:15, 6:35, 8, 9:20 & 10:40 p.m.; In 3D at 11:05 a.m.; 12:25, 1:50, 3:10, 4:35, 5:55, 7:20, 8:40 & 10:05 p.m.; In 3D Sat. also at 9:45 a.m.

Water for Elephants (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:25 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:45 & 10:30 p.m.

Win Win (R) ★★ Guild Theatre: 2:30, 5:15 & 8 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

AFRICAN CATS ★★1/2

(Century 20) "African Cats" unfolds on the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya, where the filmmakers seemingly trailed a pride of lions and a coalition of cheetahs. The story focuses on lion cub Layla getting steadily schooled in "the circle of life" (by film's end, new cubs have arrived), cheetah "single mother" Sita raising a litter of five, and savanna "king" Fang ruling the pride with tough but regal authority. Kids would doubtlessly learn more watching basic cable, but the spectacle is what it is, and the big screen adds majesty to it, enhanced by IMAX-style helicopter shots and bigger-than-life slo-mo of "the fastest creature on land — a cheetah." *Rated G. One hour, 29 minutes.* — P.C.

PROM ★1/2

(Century 20) Class president Nova Prescott (Aimee Teegarden of TV's "Friday Night Lights") is in charge of the school's climactic celebration — the prom. Things go from sweet to stressful for Nova when the storage room full of completed prom decorations catches fire. The school's principal forces motorcycle-driving rebel Jesse Richter (Thomas McDonell) to help Nova redecorate for the upcoming dance. Can anyone else see where this is going? Prom might be a night to remember for high-schoolers, but "Prom" is a movie to forget for filmgoers. *Rated PG for mild language and a brief fight. 1 hour, 43 minutes.* — T.H.

RIO ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) "Rio" starts in the Brazilian rainforest, where baby Blu gets shanghaied by pet-trading smugglers. The blue macaw grows up as the pet of Minnesotan bookstore owner Linda (Leslie Mann), who — like Blu (Jesse Eisenberg) — lives comfortably off the social radar. That all changes with the arrival of Tulio (Rodrigo Santoro), a Rio-based bird scientist who has traveled across the globe to ask Linda to bring Blu home to mate with the last female of their kind: If Linda doesn't agree, Blu's particular species will go extinct. A nervous Blu must shake a tail-feather on a blind date with restless parrot Jewel (Anne Hathaway). Human smugglers again intervene, with white cockatoo Nigel (Jemaine Clement) doing their dirty work. Attracted opposites Blu and Jewel gradually learn to see eye to eye over the course of their vertiginous adventures. *Rated G for mild off-color humor. One hour, 36 minutes.* — P.C.

SOMETHING BORROWED

★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Based on the 2005 Emily Giffin bestseller, "Something Borrowed" spins a "one that got away" fantasy of young, trendy urban professionals, including lifelong best friends Rachel (Ginnifer Goodwin) and Darcy (Kate Hudson). Seems Darcy is marrying Dex (Colin Egglesfield), the man Rachel regrets not pursuing in law school. All bets are off once Rachel has a drunken one-night stand with Dex a month before the wedding. The film

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Thor (Chris Hemsworth) romances Jane Foster (Natalie Portman) in "Thor."

is sort of impressive in its studied mediocrity, and the actors are capable, but overall the movie is so aggressively cookie-cutter that it's hard to just smile and say, "Thank you, sir, may I have another (romantic comedy)?" *Rated PG-13 for sexual content and some drug material. One hour, 53 minutes. — P.C.*

THOR ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Marvel Comics' interpretation of the Norse god of thunder has caught the wave of superhero cinema and ridden it into multiplexes. With Shakespearean Kenneth Branagh as director and a frequently cheeky script, "Thor" has a winking sensibility that wisely holds the line this side of self-mockery. Even those allergic to superhero movies might see the appeal of the film's throwback mythology and classy casting, since the hero (Chris Hemsworth) is son of Odin (Anthony Hopkins) and love interest to astrophysicist Jane Foster (reigning Best Actress Natalie Portman). The story opens in the astral plane, where the arrogant, hammer-wielding Thor becomes responsible for reopening a longstanding conflict with the Frost Giants. He's soon banished to Earth — and entangled in a matter of top-secret national security. *Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action. One hour, 54 minutes. — P.C.*

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS

★★★ (Century 16, Century 20) With his story told in a flashback, Jacob (Robert Pattinson) is a young Cornell veterinary science student. After receiving tragic news, he hops aboard a train in the darkness of the night and awakens to the world of the struggling Benzini Brothers traveling circus. The spectacle dazzles him, but he soon learns about the tawdry reality behind the sequined illusion and enters a forbidden love affair with the cruel ringmaster's wife Marlena (Reese Witherspoon). *Rated: PG-13 for moments of intense violence and sexual content. 2 hours. — S.T.*

WIN WIN ★★★

(Guild) When we meet lawyer Mike Flaherty (Paul Giamatti), he appears to be a born loser. His aging client base is shrinking, his office duplex is giving him \$6,000 worth of plumbing agita, and the

wrestling team he coaches is lousy and uninspired. Everything changes when Mike sees an opportunity to bring in some extra scratch by becoming the legal guardian of one of his clients, an elderly and mentally deteriorating man named Leo Poplar (Burt Young). This way, Mike can move Leo into a rest home that can shoulder the responsibility for daily care, occasionally check in, and collect a cool \$1,500 a month. A curveball arrives in the form of 16-year-old Kyle Timmons (Alex Shaffer), here to crash with his Grandpa Leo. *Rated R for language. 1 hour, 46 minutes. — P.C.*

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Open Studios at Gallery 9 Five Gallery 9 artists exhibit work in Silicon Valley Open Studios: Joyce Savre, Shigemi Sanders, Kiyoco Michot, Rajani Balaram and Miyoko Mizuno. Through May 28, Tue.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

AUDITIONS

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CONCERTS

'Swing in the Spring' Chez Mana presents "Swing in the Spring," an evening of music, dinner, exhibits and dance. Pianist Noam Eisen and his swing quintet performs. May 14, 6:30-11 p.m. \$48 for concert and buffet, \$25 for concert only. Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Viscaino Place, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-275-2439. blog.chezmana.com/?p=1441

Divisa Ensemble Divisa Ensemble presents chamber music for mixed winds and strings. They will be joined by the El Camino Youth Symphony's "Windissimo" and "The Fine Ensemble," two groups coached through ECYS' Divisa Honors program. May 13, 8-10 p.m. \$11. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts SecondStage, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.divisaensemble.com

MVHS Classical Concert Mountain View High School Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform pieces from classical and contemporary composers such as Julie Giroux. May 26, 7-8 p.m. General admission \$8, senior citizens, children under 12 or MVHS ASB cardholders \$6. Mountain View High School Spartan Theater, Truman Avenue, Mountain View.

ENVIRONMENT

Greywater Workshop Roy Nordblom III, early greenbuilder and sustainable-construction consultant, will teach about greywater methods, including using washing-machine water. For people age 16 and up. May 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$75 per person, \$35 per senior, student, or limited income. Hidden Villa Farm, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9704. www.hiddenvilla.org

EXHIBITS

Covington School Art Show The Los Altos Art Docents present the Covington Student Art Show. The art was created in classes taught by the volunteer docents. See water colors, paper cut-outs, clay and more. May 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Art Docents, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. www.losaltosartdocents.org

Mike's Cafe Photo Exhibit Panoramas of Stanford and the Sierra Mountains, an egret landing at Gatorland, plus large photographs of Yosemite and other scenes are now on display at Mike's Cafe in Midtown in Palo Alto. The photos are by Paly High and Stanford alumnus Tom Poulter, some from his airplane at 18,700 feet. Through May 27, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Mike's Cafe, 2680 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-968-4097.

FAMILY AND KIDS

Autism Spectrum Disorders: Educational Series for Parents Presented by clinicians with expertise in ASD in an informal presentation. Opportunities for parents to ask questions and to share their own experiences. Topics include behavioral interventions, social-skills training, improving communication skills, managing stress, disruptive behaviors. Thursdays, through July 21, 9:30-11 a.m. \$5 per class. Stanford University, 401 Quarry Road, Stanford. Call 650-721-6327. childpsychiatry.stanford.edu

ON STAGE

'Moon Over Buffalo' Over-the-hill repertory thespians George and Charlotte Hay are touring the backwaters in 1953 in "Moon Over Buffalo," a comedy of misunderstandings, mistaken identities and madcap adventures by Ken Ludwig. May 19 to June 18, 8 p.m. \$26-32 Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.busbarn.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

'Holy Yoga' This class offers a form of

experiential worship; no prior experience with yoga needed. Class meets Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Free. Los Altos United Methodist Church, Children's Center, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-383-9322. www.laumc.org

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. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

SENIORS

'Budget Impacts on Medicare' Frank Chen from Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) leads a discussion about how the proposed budget will impact Medicare. May 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

'Shedding Light on Staying Home' Home Instead Senior Care gives a presentation on being a senior caregiver. May 19, 1 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Newcomers' Group An orientation and tour of the Senior Center includes a review of classes, upcoming events, social services and general information. May 16, 2 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

'A La Carte & Art' A La Carte and Art is a street festival featuring art, music, food and more. May 21 and 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Castro Street, Mountain View. www.miramarevents.com

Town Hall Meeting on Caltrain County Supervisor Liz Kniss hosts a town-hall meeting to discuss the past, present and future of Caltrain, including a presentation from Caltrain staff on electrification. May 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Palo Alto Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 408-299-5055.

Vintage Vehicles and Family Festival 2011 The Museum of American Heritage presents Vintage Vehicles and Family Festival 2011. Featuring vintage, antique and specialty vehicles. Live entertainment, food, vintage treasure sale and more. May 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. El Camino Park, 100 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

SPORTS

Charity Golf Classic The tournament will showcase the impact of Family and Children Services' work with children, adults and families in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, while raising funds to benefit these year-round services. The event will host approximately 100 golfers including a few celebrities. May 16, 12:30-9 p.m. \$250 to play, \$75 for after-party only. Los Altos Golf & Country Club, 1560 Country Club Drive, Los Altos. Call 650-543-5412. www.fcservices.org

TALKS/AUTHORS

'Construction of the 10,000 year clock begins' Alexander Rose discusses the 10,000 year clock project based in San Francisco. This talk is suitable for a general audience. May 18, noon-1 p.m. Free. SETI Institute, 189 Bernardo Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-810-0223. seti.org/talks

'Maybe Your Robot Just Needs a Hug' Studies in cognitive neuroscience reveal that emotions serve a functional role helping agents rapidly assess situations and select adaptive behavioral stances. May 17, 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

'Why can't Mimas be more like Enceladus?' Bill McKinnon, Washington University, discusses an active satellite of Saturn and its cousins. May 25, noon-1 p.m. Free. SETI Institute, 189 Bernardo Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-810-0223. seti.org/talks

Humanist Community Sunday Forum Brigid O'Farrell will discuss her new book "She Was One of Us: Eleanor Roosevelt and the American Worker." May 15, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Palo Alto High School Student Center, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. www.humanists.org

Jennifer Grant Jennifer Grant presents, "The Good Stuff: A Reminiscence of My Father, Cary Grant," May 17, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc - Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-0600. www.booksinc.net

Lecture on Multiple Universes Dr. Anthony Aguirre of U.C. Santa Cruz is giving a nontechnical talk on "Multiple Universes and Cosmic Inflation: The Quest to Understand Our Universe." May 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothill.edu/ast

Siva Vaidhyathan Siva Vaidhyathan discusses "The Googleization of Everything (And Why We Should Worry)," an examination of the ways people have used and embraced Google, and the growing resistance to its expansion across the globe. May 16, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc in Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Catherynne Valente Catherynne Valente shares her YA novel, "The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland." May 17, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

Teen Open Gym Teen Open Gyms are open every Saturday night for various sports. Middle-school and high-school students only; bring student ID. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Whisman Sports Center, 1500 Middlefield Road, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410.

Teen Zone Party The Teen Zone at the Mountain View Public Library is having an after-hours party for teens. Kids in grades 6 through 12 who have a Mountain View Public Library card are welcome. Food, music, contests and games. May 14, 7-10 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-9526-7036. mvplteen.blogspot.com/

VOLUNTEERS

A La Carte Art Festival Volunteers are needed to pour wine, beer, sodas, and sell tokens for 3.5-hour shifts. Volunteers receive a free t-shirt and nonalcoholic drink coupon. Teams of friends, families and co-workers are welcome. May 21-22, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. A La Carte Festival, Castro Street, Mountain View. Call 650-964-3395.

Reading Partners Ice Cream Social The Mountain View Senior Center is looking for 16 volunteers to pair with first graders who will show off their new literacy skills by reading a story. Afterward, see a third-grade play and have snacks from an ice cream sundae bar. May 26, 12:45 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Wetlands Field Trips Volunteers are needed to help guide students during two-hour field trips as part of the Wetlands Discovery Program. Students learn about the wetlands and the animals that live there (especially birds). Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Charleston Slough and Mountain View Baylands, Terminal Boulevard, Mountain View. Call 408-252-3740. www.scvas.org

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LA: 655 Magdalena Ave., 5/13, 8-4; 5/14, 8-3 Los Altos United Methodist Church Huge Annual Rummage Sale. x-Foothill Expressway.

Menlo Park, Camino A Los Cerros, May 14, 8-11am

Menlo Park, Mckendry Drive Block Sale, May 21, 9-1

PA: 4128 Amaranta Ct. near Maybell, 5/21, 9-2 Furniture, patio and kitchen items, gifts and linens.

Palo Alto, 303 Parkside Dr., May 21, 9-2 Community-Wide Garage Sale! 10+ families (at Greenmeadow Park)

Palo Alto, 355 Chestnut Ave, May 13 11-4; May 14 & 15, 8-4 Retirement Moving Sale: 30 year resident downsizing moving to east coast.

Palo Alto, 713 De Soto Dr., June 4 & 5, 8am-2pm Moving. Everything must go.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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File No.: 550312
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This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 01/26/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 12, 2011.
(Voice April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2011)

PREMIER SMOG
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 550143
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Premier Smog at 101 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A General Partnership.
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(Voice April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2011)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 549910
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
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(Voice April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2011)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KENNETH F. ARNOLD also known as KENNETH FRANKLIN ARNOLD
Case No.: 1-11-PR-168729
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KENNETH F. ARNOLD, also known as KENNETH FRANKLIN ARNOLD.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CAROLE J. DWYER in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: CAROLE J. DWYER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 3 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:

/s/ David W. Knapp, Jr., Attorney at Law
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(Voice May 13, 20, 27, 2011)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Case No.: 111CV200574
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: SUSANNE OMANDER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a). CHRISTINA SUSANNE ELISABETH OMANDER
b). SUSANNE OMANDER
c). SUSANNE NILSSON to SUSANNE CHRISTINA ELISABETH OMANDER.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: June 28, 2011, 8:45 a.m., Room: 107. Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE
Date: May 10, 2011
/s/ Thomas Wm. Cain
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(Voice May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2011)



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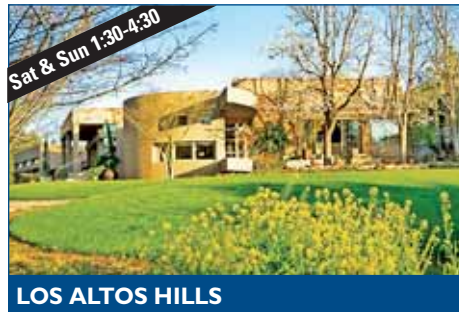
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 Kevin Klemm 650.328.5211



MOUNTAIN VIEW
3480 BRUCKNER CIRCLE \$1,389,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA Charming Mt.View home w/ Los Altos schools. Well maintained home.
 Alan Huwe 650.948.0456



MENLO PARK
121 LOYOLA AV \$995,000
 2 BR 2 BA Stylish remodeled home w/ character & instant appeal. Designer finishes throughout.
 Judy Decker 650.325.6161



LOS ALTOS HILLS
13680 ROBLEDA ROAD \$3,350,000
 2 BR 2.5 BA This custom masterpiece is a home for all seasons, designed for opulent entertaining.
 Charlene Geers 650.941.7040



LOS ALTOS HILLS
26040 ELENA ROAD \$1,500,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA With majestic hill views! One acre lot, this 4BD/2.5 bath hm offers opportunity galore
 Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040



CENTRAL MENLO
1145 SAXON WY \$1,639,000
 3 BR 3 BA Ranch-style hm on quiet st. Close to downtown MP. Library. Private backyard w/large spa.
 Denis Morrissey 650.325.6161

BELMONT
 2004 BELLE MONTI AV
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,190,000
 4 BR 3 BA Charm + Space. 2700+ sq. ft. Newer eat-in kitchen. Two-level. Lg. Family room. Lg. gar.
 Tom Huff 650.325.6161

EAST PALO ALTO
 RARE GEM IN THE GARDENS!
 3 BR 1 BA Beautiful Gardens home w/ 10k+ lot, updated kitchen & bath, hdwd flrs & new paint/ carpets
 Clara Lee 650.328.5211

HAYWARD
 541 RAVENNA WY
 SAT/SUN 1 - 4 \$389,000
 3 BR 2.5 BA 2 yr old home. Spacious. HWY flrs, granite counters, stainless apps, 2 car gar., great loc!
 Fabiola Prieto 650.325.6161

LOS ALTOS
 716 N SAN ANTONIO ROAD
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,595,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA Master suite & sitting area. Full guest cottage completed. 2 car garage. Built 2005.
 Terri Couture 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS HILLS
 EXQUISITE HOME, BAY VIEWS \$4,285,000
 4 BR 4.5 BA Pristine custom home w/guest cottage. Privacy, prime location, Palo Alto schools.
 Stephanie Hewitt 650.325.6161

LOS ALTOS HILLS
 24040 OAK KNOLL CIRCLE
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,198,000
 5 BR 5.5 BA Imagine living in your own amazing villa w/a personal vineyard. Bay & hill views.
 Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS HILLS
 24632 OLIVE TREE LN
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,599,000
 5 BR 3 BA Fabulously updated home with a beautiful gourmet kitchen.
 Terri Couture 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS HILLS
 14176 STANFORD CT
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,550,000
 5 BR 4.5 BA Beautiful Hm w/Western Hills vw. Virtual tour www.EllenBarton.com Close to Stanford
 Ellen Barton 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS HILLS
 0 EASTBROOK AV
 SAT/SUN 10 - 6 \$1,795,000
 Eastbrook lot will be open and unattended. Please pick up a flyer & call the listing agent
 Jamie & Phyllis Carmichael 650.941.7040

MENLO PARK
 A MODERN MASTERPIECE \$4,188,000
 5 BR 4.5 BA Spectacular custom-built home with over-the-top amenities and amazing high tech features.
 Janie & John Barman 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK
 825 SHARON PARK DR
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,799,000
 3 BR 2.5 BA +Office. Beautifully updt gorgeous landscaping Lg. LR, DR & lot. Great location
 Fereshteh Khodadad 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK
 1151 ORANGE AV
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,295,000
 4 BR 2 BA Refined living/dining rm with fireplace. Cheerful kit. Lg master suite + 4th BR/Family rm.
 Nancy Goldcamp/Brendan Callahan 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK
 TRANQUIL SETTING \$1,199,000
 4 BR 2 BA This charming home near Downtown Menlo Park features stepping stones & towering trees.
 Barbara Sawyer 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK
 BEAUTIFUL SPACIOUS HOME \$898,000
 3 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful, spacious 3-level home. Walls of glass. Large, bright kitchen w/breakfast rm.
 Ken Morgan/Arlene Gault 650.328.5211

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 1836 GOLDEN WAY
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,450,000
 4 BR 3 BA Los Altos schools. Great flr pln w/formal liv rm, sep dining, eat-in kit, fam rm, 2 frplcs
 Nancy Adele Stuhr 650.948.0456

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 300 MARIPOSA AV
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,250,000
 3 BR 3 BA A fabulous new Mountain View Lane featuring 4 distinctive single-family homes.
 Kim Copher 650.941.7040

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 1610 SARA LN
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,199,000
 4 BR 3 BA A fabulous new Mountain View Lane featuring 4 distinctive single-family homes.
 Kim Copher 650.941.7040

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 803 RUNNINGWOOD CIRCLE
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,099,000
 4 BR 3 BA 4 bedroom + office/3 bath, 2399 sq.ft. home in Heatherstone community w/pool & tennis courts
 Elizabeth Thompson 650.941.7040

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 63 DEVONSHIRE AVE
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,050,000
 6 BR 5 BA 2 large modern houses on 1 lot. Huff K-5 (API 929). Perfect for extended family.
 John Fyten 650.325.6161

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 105 LAUREL WAY
 SAT 12 - 3 \$989,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious-Light & airy detached home in the Crossings-4 Bd-2.5 BA-Separate family room.
 Letty Guerra 650.941.7040

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 479 THOMPSON AV
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$799,000
 5 BR 2 BA Large home w/updated kitch w/gas stove & granite, updt baths, sep fam rm, many dbl pane win's
 Nancy Adele Stuhr 650.948.0456

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 DUPLEX IN MOUNTAIN VIEW! \$785,000
 Spacious duplex in Mtn. View! Each unit has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, & garage! BY APPT. ONLY!
 DiPali Shah 650.325.6161

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 1685 CALIFORNIA ST
 SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$699,000
 2 BR 1 BA Meticulously updated bungalow with gorgeous eat-in kitchen. Close to Castro St. and train.
 Janie & John Barman 650.325.6161

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 161 EASY ST
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$649,000
 2 BR 2.5 BA Huff elementary, 1770 square foot stunning Mountain View Townhome w/attached 2 car garage.
 Elizabeth Thompson 650.941.7040

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 161 EASY ST
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$599,500
 2 BR 2.5 BA Feels like a single family home with attached 2-car garage and private backyard.
 Elizabeth Thompson 650.941.7040

PALO ALTO
 509 HALE ST
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,998,000
 7 BR 6.5 BA Exceptional Crescent Park Estate. 3 story home - 7 beds, 6.5 baths, on 18,600 sf lot. Pool
 Leannah Hunt & Laurel Robinson 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 1734 WEBSTER ST
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,998,000
 8 BR 6 BA Elegant Remodeled Craftsman Style in Prime Old PA. 7 beds + guest house, 10k sf lot.
 Leannah Hunt & Laurel Robinson 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 959 WAYERLEY ST
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,995,000
 4 BR 3.5 BA Beautiful Arts & Crafts home. Full restoration & addition completed in 2007.
 Zach Trailer 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 4195 OAK HILL AV
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,898,000
 4 BR 3 BA Large home + 1BR apt on a closed-in 1 acre lot. Oak floors, 2 fireplaces. Horses permitted.
 Dorothy Gurwith 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 STUNNING MEDITERRANEAN \$1,798,000
 4 BR 3 BA Stunning Mediterranean built in '06. Located on tree-lined street in Midtown.
 Sharon Witte 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 865 FOREST AV
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,675,000
 3 BR 2 BA Tastefully Renovated. Built-in hutch in dining rm. HWY flrs. Granite counter tops. A/C.
 Debbie Nichols 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 656 GEORGIA AV
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,650,000
 5 BR 3 BA Located in the Green Acres II neighborhood, walking distance Gunn High.
 Vicki Geers 650.941.7040

PALO ALTO
 585 SALVATIERRA ST
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,618,000
 4 BR 3 BA Craftsman Style with interesting architectural features on a large lot.
 Dorothy Gurwith 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 430 ADOBE PL
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,299,000
 3 BR 2 BA Desirable Greenmeadow Eichler on a cul-de-sac. 3 bedrms, 2 ba, family rm, 2 car garage.
 Lea Nilsson 650.328.5211

PALO ALTO
 2149 YALE ST
 SAT/SUN 1 - 4 CALL FOR PRICE
 5 BR 3.5 BA Price Reduced! Beautiful, newly constructed craftsman style College Terrace home.
 Ginna Lazar 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 3712 HERON WY
 SUN 2 - 5 \$845,000
 3 BR 3 BA Elegant 2-year new townhome, with many green, built-in, energy efficient features.
 Judy Shen 650.328.5211

PALO ALTO
 ENJOY QUIET & COMFORT \$425,000
 2 BR 1 BA Beautiful 1 BR + Den currently used as BR. Enjoy the quiet & comfort of this lovely home.
 Kathleen Jarvis Pasin 650.325.6161

PALO ALTO
 2468 BAYSHORE RD #5
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$380,000
 2 BR 1 BA Wow! What a value of this remodeled two bedroom one bath condo with Palo Alto Schools!
 Jessica Tang 650.328.5211

PORTOLA VALLEY
 346 WAYSIDE RD
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,095,000
 3 BR 2 BA Beautifully updated approx. 1500/ SF Desirable wooded Portola Valley location and schools.
 Zach Trailer 650.325.6161

REDWOOD SHORES
 32 DOCKSIDE CIR
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$980,000
 4 BR 3 BA Come home to this beautiful, open, spacious home with high ceilings. Quiet location.
 Pooneh Fouladi 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE
 4556 ENCANTO WAY
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$834,000
 3 BR 2.5 BA Gorgeous Hm w/great schools! Located on a quiet street w/view of reach luscious hills
 Afsie & Sia 650.948.0456

SARATOGA
 14170 TEERLINK WAY
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,650,000
 4 BR 3.5 BA Nestled in the prestigious Saratoga Hills is this 4400 sq.ft home w/a contemporary flair.
 Deepa Rangan 650.941.7040

SUNNYVALE
 1149 JAMESTOWN DR
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$849,000
 3 BR 2 BA Beautifully updated home on large corner lot in desirable Cherry Chase neighborhood.
 Alan Huwe 650.948.0456

SUNNYVALE
 1342 ELEANOR WAY
 SUN 1 - 4 \$740,000
 3 BR 2 BA Ideal for large family, in-laws, or live in main house and collect rent from sep units.
 Melanie Johnson 650.941.7040

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