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WHEELED VICTORY

Jeremy Cottell, center, finishes in first place at Foothill College's "Learning Curve" bike race held at the community college's campus on July 31. The elite men's category 3 race won by Cottell was one of several that took place throughout the day. The first-ever Learning Curve race was a fundraiser for a multi-use bike and pedestrian path that will encircle the Foothill campus.

\$2 million 'ransom' for city to keep downtown redevelopment district

By Daniel DeBolt

When City Council members return from summer break in September they will have to decide whether to pay \$2 million a year to keep the downtown's redevelopment

funding or be forced to turn over as much as \$5 million a year in revenue to other local services.

Under the new state budget, cities must pay what Mountain View officials are calling a "ransom payment" to the state in order to keep redevelopment agencies running.

In the case of Mountain View's downtown redevelopment district, the amount is \$2 million of the \$5 million a year the special tax district has been earning annually in recent years.

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MVLA district seeks fairer grades

By Nick Veronin

Not all A's are created equal. The differences in how teachers grade their students are being scrutinized by a commission of instructors and administrators looking at mak-

ing student assessment and grading more uniform throughout the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District.

"Our board feels strongly that the grades students earn should truly reflect the students' achievement," said Brigitte Sar-

raf, associate superintendent of educational services with the district.

The idea is to eliminate unfair advantages or disadvantages that may be present in the grading

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Smaller flood basin for Cuesta Annex?

PERMANENTE CREEK DAM MAY BE UNNECESSARY, WATER DISTRICT SAYS

By Daniel DeBolt

A close look at the way water drains off the hills into Permanente Creek has revealed 300 acres that do not drain into the creek, reducing the need for proposed flood basins in Mountain View and a dam upstream that would destroy wildlife habitat.

The Water District examined the area after Los Altos school officials pulled the Blach School overflow basin from the project, said Santa Clara Valley Water District engineer Afshin Rouhani. That spurred a new look at building a dam upstream near Lehigh Quarry. Hydrologists found 300 acres nearby that were assumed to drain into the creek but actually drained into the quarry pit.

"When the school turned us down we had to go back to the dam alternative," Rouhani said. "That was the only feasible alternative at that point. When they looked at the upper watershed in detail, they assumed all of it flowed downstream, but some of it actually drains to the Lehigh Quarry pit. Once they removed that area it made a big difference."

Water flow projections down the creek in a major, 100-year flood, have been reduced by 10 percent, or as much 300 cubic feet per second, Rouhani said. A so-called 100-year flood is a flood that has a 1 percent chance of occurring every year.

The reduction in flow not only is enough to make the dam unnecessary to meet project goals, but could also reduce the size of a planned flood basin at the Cuesta Annex, which has been a controversial use of a

much-loved piece of open space. The Annex basin was proposed to be 21 feet deep in some areas, and cover 7.5 acres.

Detailed revisions to the project will be released in a draft environmental impact report in two to three months, Rouhani said. Plans for the City Council-approved flood basin at McKelvey Park, which would lower the park 15 feet and create new baseball fields, are not expected to change. And the proposal is likely to retain a third flood basin on county land near Los Altos at Rancho San Antonio Park, Rouhani said.

Dam still an option

Without a flood basin at Blach School, residents of Mountain View who live south of Cuesta Park may still be subjected to increased flooding if a dam is not built upstream. The Permanente Creek diversion channel, which runs east to Stevens Creek through residential areas near the city's southern border, could overflow in a major flood, Rouhani said. The Blach School basin would have prevented that.

Whether to better protect those homes near the diversion channel is up to elected officials. The 2000 bond measure that is funding the project only specified flood protection for 1,600 Mountain View properties in flood zones north of El Camino Real, but could pay for added flood protection south of El Camino Real if an acceptable way of doing so is found. It is a hard sell to residents however, as there is no record or memory of major flooding from the creek since the area became developed. ▣

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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Hannah Kim

Do you think kids get the right amount of homework?



"I think we get a good amount of homework. If we got a little more it would be more educational because some people's grades drop a little bit because we have too little homework."

Blake Sandstrom, Virginia



"I'm for children not having homework and having the choice of different activities on their off-time and getting the work they want done in the eight hours that they're at school."

Janice Miller, Palo Alto



"I think kids are getting the right amount of homework. We have to take time to do it, but it's not pushing us too hard."

Sophie Lloyd, Los Altos



"I don't think kids ever get enough homework at all."

Karamjeet Gill, Fremont



"I think that's up to the kids themselves. You always hear people complain about the amount that they get, but I think it's doable, you just have to budget your time right."

Scott Kleckner, Palo Alto

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COFFEE SHOP BURGLARIZED

More than \$100 in cash was reported stolen from the register of the Dana Street Roasting Company, and a window was smashed at the neighboring Alberto's Salsa Studio and Ultra Lounge sometime overnight between July 25 and July 26, police said. Investigators believe the two incidents may be linked.

The coffee shop reported the burglary early on July 26, according to Liz Wylie, a spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department. The burglar or burglars apparently pried open a side window and took more than \$100

from the store's cash register.

Though cabinets and drawers had been rifled through, nothing else was taken, Wylie said.

While investigating, officers noticed that a small window had been smashed at Alberto's Salsa Studio and Ultra Lounge, which is next door to the Roasting Company, Wylie said. A cash register that sits on a shelf just below the window was found lodged in the broken window frame. There was no cash in the register to be stolen, she said.

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BURGLARY

1700 block Drew Av., 7/27
 400 block Bryant St., 7/27
 1500 block W Middlefield Rd., 7/28
 1 block of N Rengstorff Av., 7/28
 400 block N Shoreline Bl., 7/29
 700 block Castro St., 7/31
 1500 block W Middlefield Rd., 8/1

BATTERY

200 block Fairchild Dr., 7/28
 100 block Castro St., 7/29
 1300 block Park Dr., 7/30
 1500 block California St., 7/31

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

1700 block California St., 7/31

GRAND THEFT

800 block Heatherstone Wy., 7/30
 100 block E El Camino Real, 8/1
 1000 block Grant Rd., 8/2

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

2500 block Alvin St., 7/28
 1800 block Golden Wy., 7/28
 100 block Gladys Av., 7/30
 1600 block Gretel Ln., 7/30
 900 block Clark Av., 7/31
 800 block Heatherstone Wy., 8/2
 400 block Ortega Av., 8/2

ROBBERY

Escuela Av and Villa St., 7/30
 California Av and S Rengstorff Av., 7/31
 400 block N Rengstorff Av., 8/1

VANDALISM

400 block San Antonio Rd., 7/27
 1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 7/28
 400 block Tyrella Av., 7/29
 700 block W Dana St., 7/31

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Local company helps cops fight gun violence

By Nick Veronin

A local crime-prevention-technology company is working to change the way police departments across the country fight gun violence and illegal gun use.

Headquartered in Mountain View, ShotSpotter builds networks of location-aware acoustic sensors, which record and pinpoint the source of gunfire or explosions in a given city.

Law enforcement agencies that subscribe to the service can use the recorded audio to respond to incidents of gunfire in real time; the recordings have also stood up in court as evidence during trials.

“One of the key missions of our company is to reduce gun violence and illegal gun use,” said Lydia Barrett, vice president of marketing and communications for ShotSpotter.

In the past, after ShotSpotter set up an array of geo-tagged acoustic sensors for a law enforcement agency, it was up to that agency to monitor the system. Systems have been set up in 58 cities throughout four countries, including Panama, the United Kingdom, Brazil and the United States.

In the future, however, the activity picked up by the acoustic sensors will be monitored by ShotSpotter’s staff of experts, who will, in turn, relay information to the subscribing agencies.

The service has always been a time-saver for emergency responders, according to Barrett. Now, she said, ShotSpotter will be cheaper for subscribing agencies than it was before. Set-up costs will be lower, as agencies will not have to purchase the hardware needed to collect the data from the acoustic sensors.

According to Doris Cohen, a gunshot forensic analyst for ShotSpotter, when an average citizen calls 911 to report hearing gunshots, it may take the responding dispatch center several minutes to relay that information to police in the field. Dispatchers must first vet each call to make sure a caller is telling the truth. Getting an accurate description of the shots’ location can be difficult, as people reporting gunshots are often unsure of where the sound came from.

With the ShotSpotter system,

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NICK GONZALES

ROW YOUR OWN WAY

There were a lot of kids enjoying the water at Shoreline Park, but one little guy opted for a more unique voyage. He sat atop his flipped-over kayak and happily paddled along, apparently enjoying the sunshine and the change of pace on July 28.

Church passes on cell tower deal

By Daniel DeBolt

After being put through the wringer in a neighborhood battle over a church-top cell antenna, Miramonte Avenue’s First Presbyterian church will not allow it after all, said Pastor Tim Boyer.

A new steeple in one of the church’s buildings would have housed a Clearwire 4G cell phone antenna, according to plans approved by the City Council in January. A board of church elders had also supported the plan, which would have provided monthly income for the church. But opposition came from neighbors and parents of the church-run Little Acorn pre-school on the site, with some saying the church had a “moral obligation” to consider their concerns, including effects on property values and possible human health effects from cell tower radiation.

Neighbor Jared Waxman was one of the opponents, personally filing an appeal against the zoning administrator’s approval of the tower to the City Council and raising the \$500 fee. Waxman wasn’t ready to take any credit for the change, but said it was a relief.

Boyer wouldn’t attribute the decision to neighborhood con-

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HSR data flawed, panel finds

By Gennady Sheyner

The California agency charged with building America’s first high-speed-rail system has been using a flawed forecasting model to predict ridership for the proposed system, a peer-review panel concluded in a report that largely confirms previous criticism from transportation experts and rail watchdogs.

The five-member panel, which consists of professors and transportation experts, found that the ridership model, while “generally well founded and implemented,” suffers from a series of major flaws. These include insufficient consideration of socioeconomic factors; a bias in the survey data used as a basis for the model; and a failure to

distinguish between short and long trips when calculating the impact of schedule delays.

The highly technical report, which was released in late July and covers the panel’s findings and recommendations during its January to March review period, confirms earlier findings from the UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies and from the Palo Alto-based watchdog group Californians Advocating Responsible Rail Design (CARRD). Both groups had criticized the methodology used by the consulting firm Cambridge Systematics and argued that the California High-Speed Rail Authority’s estimates of the number of people who would ride the rail system are too flawed to be used for setting policy.

The panel, which reports to rail authority CEO Roelof Van Ark, is chaired by Frank Koppelman, professor emeritus of civil engineering at Northwestern University. It includes Kay W. Axhausen, a professor at the Institute for Transport Planning and Systems in Zurich, Switzerland; Billy Charlton from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority; Eric Miller, a professor of civil engineering at the University of Toronto; and Kenneth A. Small, a professor emeritus in economics at University of California, Irvine.

The panel calls Cambridge’s ridership model “ambitious” and representing a “significant improvement in practice in several respects.” But the report also notes that “there are important technical deficiencies in

the model and the documentation of thereof.” It encourages the rail authority to lower its projections.

“The Panel has significant concerns about the model formulation, primarily with respect to specification that should have been addressed during previous work,” the report states. “Pending improvements to the model, we recommend that any use of the model include some steps to make the demand forecasts more conservative, especially in forecasts for financial (investment and risk) analysis.”

A rail official, meanwhile, said that the report highlighted the complex nature of forecasting.

“Essentially, the report says that this is the most ambitious and most transparent modeling exercise to have occurred in this realm and,

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This hummingbird found an unusual place to build its nest — atop a set of wind chimes hanging on the front porch of Jean Pawek's home at the Sahara Mobile Village on East El Camino Real. Pawek said a lot of the community's residents put out hummingbird feeders, which may be why the tiny bird felt so at home, despite being only 3 feet from the front door.

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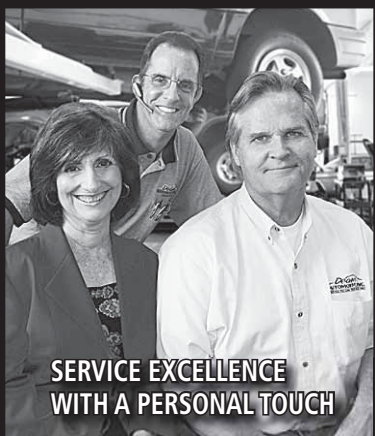
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MV tops in anti-tobacco efforts

For the second year in a row, a local coalition has awarded Mountain View its highest marks in tobacco-control efforts among cities in Santa Clara County.

The "2010-2011 Community's Health on Tobacco Report Card" was released by the Tobacco Free Coalition of Santa Clara County and Community Advocate Teens of Today, in partnership with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, to monitor Santa Clara County cities' tobacco-control policies and encourage enforcement efforts.

Grading was based on tobacco advertising and displays and preventing youth access to tobacco. Points were awarded for a high compliance rate with window advertising regulations, enforcement of underage tobacco sales laws, and creation of policies requiring a tobacco retailer license.

The cities of Mountain View, Saratoga, and Milpitas received 'A' grades for the second year in a row.

Liz Wylie, spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department, said the city's program is run by volunteers, with Explorer Scouts attempting to buy tobacco products while underage, and adult volunteers visiting each business that sells tobacco to check for compliance. "It's an educational program rather than an enforcement program," she said.

This year the county has also joined the 'A' list, which officials are crediting to the enforcement of new laws passed last year by the Board of Supervisors restricting tobacco sales in unincorporated areas of the county.

Supervisor Ken Yeager, one of the board members who was instrumental in the introduction and enactment of the laws, said combating youth smoking and protecting residents from secondhand smoke exposure only in incorporated areas of the county is not enough.

Research has shown these laws are working," Yeager said at a news conference in San Jose to announce the results of the report. "I'm hoping that we can bring [other cities] along."

Dr. Martin Fenstersheib, the county's health officer, said the county spends about \$830 million annually on treatment of tobacco-related health effects.

The new laws require retailers that sell tobacco in unincorporated areas to obtain and maintain an annual permit. New retail outlets would be prohibited from selling tobacco if they operate a pharmacy or are located within 1,000 feet of a school or within 500 feet of another tobacco retailer.

The new laws prohibit smoking at the Santa Clara County

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Two dozen trees saved on El Camino

By Daniel DeBolt

Late last year the city marked for removal 28 red oak trees planted in the 1970s on El Camino Real. The oaks were lifting and cracking sidewalks between Grant Road and Castro streets. The city was able to save all but three.

"We did everything we could to preserve those trees," said Bruce Hurlburt, the Mountain View's parks and open space manager. The trees had to be cut during a sidewalk replacement project that finished in May.

The three trees that couldn't be saved had too much of their roots above sidewalk level. Only 15 percent of the root mass of each tree can be safely removed, Hurlburt said.

The trees that were saved usually had to have portions of their roots cut back before sidewalk cement could be poured, sometimes with iron bars reinforcing the concrete or a layer of steel plate sandwiched between the roots and the cement to prevent lifting and cracking.

The trees that were removed were replaced with a new, 24-inch box tree, which is required for every large tree removed on public or private property in Mountain View.

This winter a similar sidewalk replacement project is set for Shoreline Boulevard, between El Camino Real and Villa Street. Some of the magnolia trees there are lifting and cracking the sidewalk and may be tagged for removal. ▀

ANTI-TOBACCO

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all county parks, in hotels and motels, and at retail stores that exclusively sell tobacco and smoking products, as well as smoking within 30 feet of any outdoor service area, such as a ticket line. Smoking is also now banned in duplexes, condominium and townhouse complexes, and apartment buildings.

The cities of Campbell, Gilroy, Cupertino, Milpitas, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale are also studying the possibility of bringing tobacco retail license ordinances to their respective city councils.

Last year the Santa Clara County Public Health Department was awarded a \$6.9 million federal grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for tobacco prevention efforts. The department will use the grant to decrease the prevalence of smoking in the community and conduct efforts to prevent teens from taking up smoking. ▀

—Bay City News Service

NEW HEAD FOR CSMA'S MUSIC4SCHOOLS

The Community School of Music and Arts recently appointed Hector Armienta as its Music4Schools director, who will help develop CSMA's off-site music education programs.

Armienta's responsibilities include program and curriculum development, hiring, supervising and training of faculty and developing collaborations with schools.

"Hector's diverse professional experience will be pivotal to CSMA continuing to build partnerships to ensure that music is part of every child's education," said CSMA Executive Director Moy Eng in a press release.

Armienta's diverse background includes more than 10 years of nonprofit experience as an arts educator, program director, cur-

riculum specialist and teaching artist. Organizations he has worked with include San Francisco's Music in Schools Today, Young Audiences of the Bay Area and more. His professional experience also includes working as the artistic and managing director with Opera Cultura, San Jose.

From the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Armienta has a master's degree in music and music composition, and a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the California Institute of the Arts, Los Angeles.

Armienta now joins the faculty of the nonprofit arts education center, CSMA, to help make the arts accessible to all. At its Finn Center campus in Mountain View, CSMA offers art classes, free concerts and community outreach events. In the community, it provides programs at more than 30 schools in Santa

Clara and San Mateo counties.

NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NAMED

The Community School of Music and Arts recently appointed Lisa R. James as its new development director to oversee a departmental staff of three.

She will also be responsible for fundraising, donor cultivation, recognition activities and select special events.

"Lisa James comes to CSMA with more than 20 years of senior-level development experience and an exceptional record of accomplishment in fundraising and donor cultivation, strategic planning, and organizational management," said CSMA executive director Moy Eng in a press release.

James' experience includes five years as director of development at

the San Francisco Opera, the second largest opera company in the Americas, where she led a fundraising campaign that resulted in \$34 million of operating support during a period of financial restructuring.

Additionally, James held positions such as vice president for advancement at the San Francisco Art Institute and director of development at Opera Colorado. James also has development experience in various non-profit sectors and has been an active presenter, panelist and site evaluator for arts organizations.

James holds a master's degree in business and arts administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Denver.

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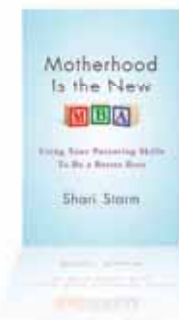
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GRADING

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processes of individual teachers.

While some students flourish in any situation, Sarraf said, others can end up earning poor marks because of a particular teacher's grading style.

Some instructors choose to assign more weight to tests; others emphasize class participation; and some believe that homework should factor heavily into the final grade. For a child who is a poor test-taker, shy, or living in a chaotic home, each of these respec-

tive grading styles poses a distinct challenge, she said. And then there is the matter of whether a teacher grades on a curve or not.

Ideally, Sarraf said she would like to see students in the Mountain View-Los Altos district graded based upon what they know, not on participation or homework.

"A student's success shouldn't be contingent on being in a particular teacher's classroom," she said. "It shouldn't be easier to get an A in one teacher's class than it is in another class."

The commission, which has

been studying the issue for six months, will report its conclusions to the board at end of the 2011-12 school year and make a recommendation.

While many teachers in the district agree that students would benefit overall from more uniformity in the way grades are determined, Sarraf said, some instructors have expressed skepticism over the idea.

"Grading has always been viewed as a very personal thing for teachers," Sarraf said. "To change that now, and to ask people to be more aligned in their

assessments and their grading practices, is not coming easy."

Nonetheless, Sarraf said, "I think (the study) is long, long overdue."

Just because the district is conducting the study, "that doesn't mean that we are taking teachers' rights away," she said.

Sarraf said she is hopeful that her district's instructors will ultimately be pleased with what the committee finds. "I think we're very fortunate in this district that we have so many teachers that are committed to their students' success," she said. ▀

CELL TOWER

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cerns, saying it was "a combination of different things" and "just not the right timing."

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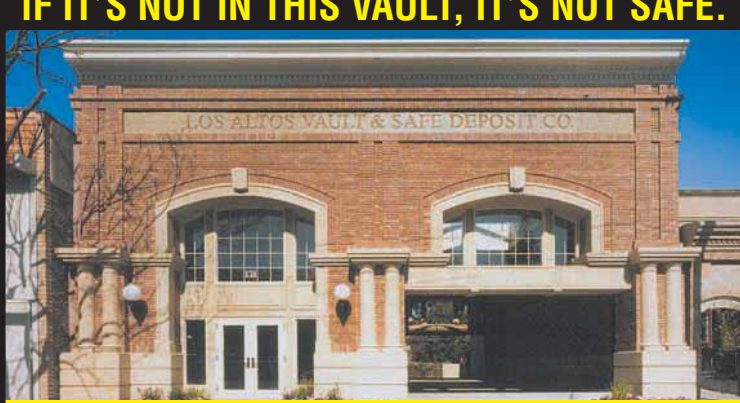
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BUDGET

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With the loss of the lion's share of downtown property tax dollars, the city will lose major funding for economic development, job creation and affordable housing. In particular, the city could lose funding that council members say could help subsidize putting a grocery store downtown. The money is also used for events such as Thursday Night Live, recruiting businesses and acquiring and assembling properties for development, said

Ellis Berns, the city's economic development director.

But downtown property taxes will be redirected to other services the state sees as more important: local schools, county services and even city services. Last year a dismantling of the downtown revitalization authority would have brought \$832,000 in new property tax revenue to the city's elementary and middle schools and \$700,000 in new revenue to core city services such as police and library.

While some local school parents hoped the state could redistribute the property taxes in the Shoreline Community, which acts as a redevelopment agency for the portion of the city north of Highway 101, Assistant City Manager Melissa Stevenson Dile said that the Shoreline Community was created by special state legislation that excludes it from the redevelopment agencies affected by the state budget.

The city budget will also be affected by the loss of \$25,000 in library funding and \$220,000 in vehicle license fees budgeted this year for core city services such as police, fire and library services. The cuts may not have much impact, however, as the city budgeted \$500,000 in reserves to pay for state takeaways this year.

Sunset already planned

The downtown revitalization district was created in 1969 to help revitalize what was then a nearly vacant downtown. One of the oldest such districts in the state, it had been set to expire in April of this year, but City Council members approved a two-year extension in January in order to spend the authority's \$5.5 million balance and "wind down in an orderly fash-

ion," said then-City Manager Kevin Duggan.

The state's raiding of the downtown tax district this year is similar to previous years — both last year and the year before the city paid \$2 million a year to the state. But with the passage of Proposition 22 last year, cities thought they had made such takeaways illegal. The cities of San Jose and Union City are spearheading a lawsuit against the state under Proposition 22, which would allow the Authority to wind down as planned.

State-created agency takes over in 2013

When the Downtown Revitalization Authority sunsets in 2013, the city will no longer be in control of how the Authority "winds down" under the new state budget. Before it passed, the council planned to pay off the authority's bond debt over a number of years, while continuing to use a portion of the revenue for affordable housing and to provide local schools their share of downtown property taxes in 2016.

But under the new state budget, a new seven-member "successor agency" would decide how the authority winds down, and how its tax revenue is spent. Berns said the new agency would include only two city representatives: Mountain View's mayor and a former employee of the authority (such as Berns or his assistant). The rest of the agency board would include two county supervisors, a representative of the state department of finance, a representative of the largest taxing entity in the district (possibly the local elementary school district) and the chancellor of Foothill-DeAnza Community College District. ■

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when refined, will represent best practices for this kind of forecasting in North America. The panel asserts no bias or improper practices," spokesperson Rachel Wall said in an email.

"What the panel expresses desire for is more documentation and more testing, both of which have been provided to the panel in the time between March and today, and which will be reflected in the forthcoming reports from the panel," she said.

One flaw that the panel identified involved the ridership model's treatment of out-of-vehicle travel time, particularly the time passengers have to wait when trains are delayed. The report states that the assumptions used in the Cambridge model to calculate the "constraint on out-of-vehicle travel time" are valid only for urban trips with small headways (that is, the distance and time between trains). The report cites a study showing the passengers' behavior is much different in the "intercity market." In other words, passengers are much more likely to stomach scheduling delays if they're preparing for long trips out of town as opposed to jaunts from one neighborhood to another.

The report calls the ridership model's use of this constraint "unjustified."

The panel also found "several instances of incomplete or outdated information in the documentation," according to the report. This includes insufficient discussion of such factors as fare levels, highway and airport congestion, train frequency and analysis of how the proposed train system would impact other modes of transportation, including airlines and intercity bus services.

The report is particularly critical of the survey used by Cambridge to get data for the ridership model. The company used a technique called "choice based sampling" which targets and, as a result, over-represents a specific subset of the population (in this case airline and train travelers). The firm conducted surveys in 2005 at airports, rail stations and over the phone. This included on-board surveys on Altamont Commuter Express trains, telephone interviews of Amtrak passengers and surveys of passengers at six California airports.

The report notes that while choice-based sampling is useful for making sure "enough respondents were found to choose each of the major modes," the technique is also "known to bias estimation results unless the estimation procedure is modified to take account of this sampling."

"The method used by CSI, which was believed to be correct at the time of model estimation, has since been shown to be incorrect and a new procedure has been developed which is correct," the report states. "Future estimation work should take advantage of this new knowledge."

The panel released its findings at a time when the rail system continues to weather criticism and financial uncertainty. State Sens. Joe Simitian and Alan Lowenthal have consistently criticized the rail authority's ridership forecasts and business plans over the past two years. Other critics, including CARRD and a group of Silicon Valley economics and business executives, issued reports criticizing the rail authority's business plan and its assumptions about federal grants and private investments.

Rail authority officials could not be reached for comment Monday afternoon. ▀

SHOT SPOTTER

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The Mountain View Police Department at one point dis-

cussed using ShotSpotter's services, but ultimately decided against it, according to Liz Wylie, public information officer for the department.

Wylie was not sure why the department decided against using ShotSpotter, but she did acknowledge that gun violence is not a big problem in Mountain View.

"We don't have a lot of reports of shots fired, and there are even fewer shootings in town," she said.

ShotSpotter builds a city monitoring system in blocks, three square miles at a time, Barrett said. A typical block will have about 45 acoustic sensors. Each three-square-mile block costs about \$150,000 to install and run for the first year. In subsequent years, it costs a city about \$120,000 per block, Barrett said. ▀

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Beginning with “Flora the Red Menace” in 1965 and ending with Ebb’s death in 2004, composer John Kander and lyricist Fred Ebb enjoyed one of the longest Broadway collaborations, producing such landmark musicals as “Cabaret” and “Chicago.” Their simple song forms, innuendo-laced lyrics and penchant for gritty characters marked them more as descendants of Weil and Brecht than of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

It’s interesting, then, that their final show, “Curtains” — playing at Foothill Music Theatre through Aug. 14 — is a fairly tender-hearted “Valentine to Broadway.” Sure, the show is peppered with unsavory characters, salty lyrics and a dash of misanthropic wit. It is, after all, a whodunit in which more than one character meets a brutal end. But beneath all that lies a sweet tribute to the magic of Broadway.

Set in 1959, the story concerns a new musical, “Robbin’ Hood,” which has just opened for out-of-town tryouts in Boston, on its way to New York. This musical-within-the-musical is a corny Old West version of the Robin Hood legend; its anthem “Wide Open Spaces” is a thinly disguised riff on the title song from “Oklahoma!”

The musical’s future seems uncertain after the Boston critics savage the show on opening night. To complicate matters, the show’s leading lady, a talentless Hollywood diva named Jessica Cranshaw (played broadly if briefly by Reggie Reynolds), collapses during the curtain call and dies several hours later, victim of an inexplicable poisoning.



DAVID ALLEN

Lyricist Georgia Hendricks (Alicia Teeter) stars in the show-within-a-show in ‘Curtains’ at Foothill Music Theatre.

Enter Lt. Frank Cioffi of the Greater Boston Police Department. An amateur thespian, Cioffi is nearly giddy to find himself rubbing elbows with the “Robbin’ Hood” cast and creative staff. As his murder investigation progresses, Cioffi seems more interested in fixing the musical’s problem numbers than in catching the killer.

Actor Ryan Drummond makes his FMT debut as Cioffi, and it’s

hard to imagine a better actor for the role. Drummond’s characterization is a marvel of understatement: Cioffi’s childlike enthusiasm is utterly believable, and his humility is a welcome break from the grandiose self-involvement of the theater folk.

To keep Cioffi (and the audience) guessing, “Curtains” features a plethora of suspects, every one of them harboring some hostility toward Jessica Cranshaw. They include:

- Carmen Bernstein, the show’s flinty producer, a sort of cross between Mama Morton and Mama Rose. Veteran Foothill choreographer Tyler Risk plays Carmen with a wink and a growl, soft-pedaling her harshest moments but still maintaining the requisite aura of menace.

- Carmen’s husband Sidney (a too-quiet Jaime Martinez) and daughter Elaine, aka Bambi (Jordan Michele Kersten), a loud-mouthed aspiring dancer who can do no right in her mother’s eyes.

- Beleaguered, effete British director Chris Belling, portrayed in pitch-perfect style by Walter M. Mays.

- The divorced songwriting team of Aaron Fox and Georgia Hendricks, reunited — professionally, at least — to create the “Robbin’ Hood” score. The pair’s ballads, “Thinking of Him” and “I Miss the Music,” may not be Kander and Ebb’s best work, but actors Mike Rhone and Alicia Teeter deliver them beautifully.

- Niki Harris (a wide-eyed Katie

Blodgett), the murdered woman’s understudy, who captures Cioffi’s heart despite the fact that her fingerprints seem to wind up on every scrap of evidence in the case.

- Bobby Pepper (Gary Stanford), the star of “Robbin’ Hood” and Georgia’s latest beau.

- Oscar Shapiro (Todd Wright), a financial backer who has begun to fear for his investment.

- Johnny Harmon (a no-nonsense Joe Colletti), the show’s stage manager.

This truly is an ensemble piece — a tribute to the collaborative nature of musical theater — and the cast works together admirably. If a few of the performers seem a bit green, it doesn’t matter. The group’s enthusiasm is evident, and under the sure hand of director Jay Manley, it produces a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.

Certain numbers stand out, of course. “What Kind of Man,” in which Carmen, Aaron, Georgia and Oscar lambaste the Boston critics who have lambasted their premiere, provides the show’s first delicious pinch of Kander and Ebb strychnine, drawing the audience immediately into the backstage fold. Risk (Carmen) has a second hit on her hands with “It’s a Business,” in which Carmen expounds on the pragmatic side of their artistic endeavor, backed by a delightful chorus of stage hands and seamstresses.

The Act 2 opener, “He Did It,” is a tightly written exercise in creeping paranoia, and the staging — amazing what you can do with blankets

and flashlights — is as effective as it is minimal. And “In the Same Boat,” a ditty vaudeville pastiche from “Robbin’ Hood” that Cioffi encourages Aaron to rewrite time and again, pays off beautifully when it finally comes together late in the second act. Everyone, Cioffi included, joins in for the creation of a song-and-dance extravaganza that exceeds one’s expectations for the space-constrained Foothill production.

Over the years, Manley has proven himself adept at staging large-scale Broadway musicals in small venues, without losing the expansive feel of the original. It’s a skill that serves him well here, as the large Smithwick Theatre (the usual home of FMT’s summer productions) is undergoing seismic retrofitting, forcing “Curtains” into the lovely but much smaller Lohman Theatre.

Together with choreographer Dottie Lester-White, Manley has created a show that feels much bigger than the space it inhabits. The cast of 30-plus never seem crowded on the stage, assembling and scattering with no hint of traffic congestion. The dance numbers never feel “scaled back” and deliver plenty of punch.

The Lohman venue does, however, pose a couple of challenges that are only partially met. Hidden somewhere behind the set, Mark Hanson’s five-piece combo does a decent job of covering the old-style Broadway accompaniments (originally scored for two dozen instruments), but the synthesized horns can be distractingly cheesy at times.

Scenic designer Joe Ragey gives the stage a sense of faded glory with a faux proscenium and a red main curtain that rises and falls for “Robbin’ Hood” rehearsals and performances. However, with limited upstage space, he relies on projections to suggest the “Robbin’ Hood” sets. This approach, sadly, fails to create the feel of a Broadway-bound 1959 production.

But the strengths of FMT’s “Curtains” far outweigh its few shortcomings, just as Kander and Ebb’s songs — a few of which might seem tired or derivative if taken out of context — are the perfect complement to the nonstop laughs of the script. “Curtains” is a must, not just for Kander and Ebb fans, but for anyone with a soft spot for the Broadway musical.

The musical “Curtains,” presented by Foothill Music Theatre, shows at Lohman Theatre at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, though Aug. 14, with shows at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$26 general, \$24 seniors, \$20 students, \$13 Foothill students and staff, and \$10 for kids under 12. Go to foothillmusicals.com or call 650-949-7360. ■

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ELECTRONICS STOLEN IN BURGLARY

A watch and various electronics were reported stolen from a house in the 400 block of Church Street on July 26, police said.

The burglary occurred sometime between 9:15 a.m. and 8:15 p.m., according to Liz Wylie, spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department.

According to the police report, the 42-year-old female victim came

home and discovered her bedroom window had been pried open, Wylie said. A laptop, iPod Nano, Bulova watch, a pair of Beats Audio ear buds and a gym bag were reported stolen, worth an estimated \$1,030, she said. The victim had locked all her windows, Wylie said.

JEWELRY STOLEN IN BURGLARY

Assorted diamond jewelry was reported stolen when a house in the 1800 block of Golden Way was burglarized on July 28, police said.

The 58-year-old victim reported

the burglary shortly after she discovered the items had been taken at 11:40 a.m., according to Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie.

Wylie said that the burglary had occurred sometime between 1 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

LAPTOP, CAMERA STOLEN IN BURGLARY

A house on the 2500 block of Alvin Street was burglarized sometime between 8:30 a.m. on July 27 and 12:30 p.m. on July 28, police said.

A Macbook Pro laptop and a Canon camera were reported stolen, according to Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie. The 37-year-old female estimated that the total worth of both items was about \$2,300.

The woman had left her window open, Wylie said.

WOMAN ROBBED OF NECKLACE

With the help of an accomplice in a pickup truck, a man reportedly stole a necklace from a 25-year-old woman while she walked on Villa

Street, police said.

The victim, who reported the crime at 2:14 p.m., told police that a small, dark gray truck drove past her on Villa Street, near its intersection with Escuela Avenue and pulled over, according to Liz Wylie, a spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department.

A man stepped out of the truck, approached the woman and ripped the necklace from her neck and then tried to grab her backpack, Wylie said. The woman turned away from the man, who then ran

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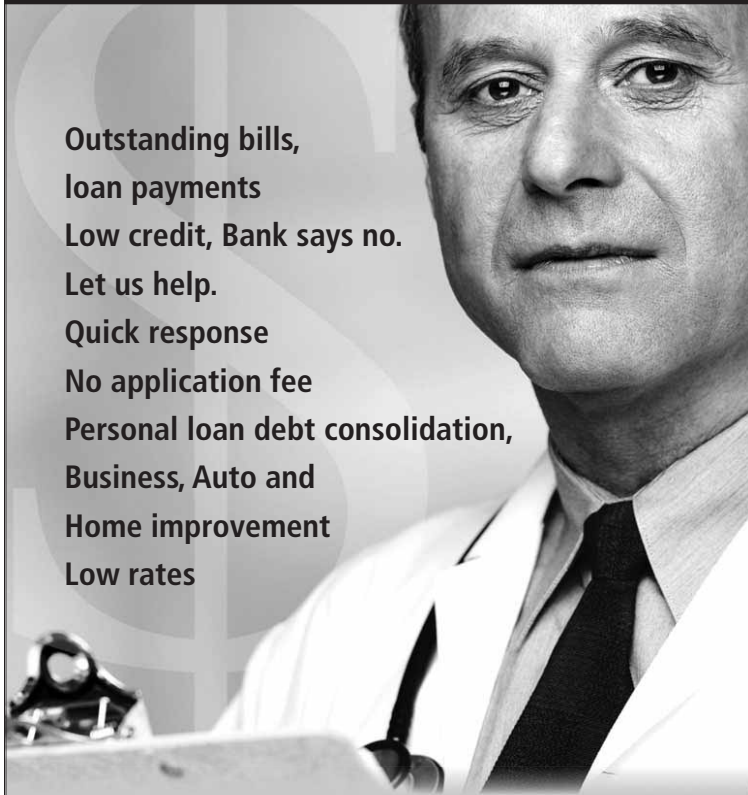
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CRIME BRIEFS

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back to the waiting truck, hopped in and drove off.

The woman told police that her necklace was worth around \$200.

COUPLE HIT WITH BOTTLES

A man and a woman reported being hit with bottles during a barroom brawl in downtown Mountain View early Saturday morning, police said.

Neither of the victims were directly involved in the fight, which broke out shortly after midnight on July 30 at the Monte Carlo Club at 228 Castro St., according to Liz Wylie, a spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department.

The 22-year-old man and 21-year-old woman — both from Salinas — were hit with bottles, and each suffered cuts as a result.

The man, who did not recall being struck or see his attacker, was hit in the back of the head with a bottle, which shattered, Wylie said. He had a laceration on his head but declined a trip to the hospital.

The woman was hit in the face with a bottle, which caused a 2-inch cut that required stitches. Police have no witnesses or suspects, Wylie said.

ROAD RAGE INCIDENT

After he reportedly threatened to kill another driver with an ax, a Santa Clara man was arrested July 29 for possessing illegal weapons, police said.

While investigating a reported incident of road rage, police found an ax and a double-edged, fixed-blade knife in his car, according to Liz Wylie, spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department.

The man was initially pulled over after a driver told a passing police officer that a man driving a blue Honda Accord had just threatened to kill him while brandishing a small ax, Wylie said. The victim, who wished to remain anonymous, said he drove around the Honda, which had stopped for an inordinate amount of time at the intersection of Bush and Church streets.

After the victim drove around the car, the man in the blue Accord began following him, eventually pulling up beside him, holding up the ax and yelling out his window that he would kill the victim, Wylie said.

With a police car approaching, the suspect took off and the victim flagged down the officer. He relayed his story to the officer, who quickly located and pulled over a blue Honda Accord.

The officer found the weapons

while searching the vehicle, and arrested Seth Latorre, 31, for possession of a dangerous weapon, Wylie said.

OPEN WINDOW BURGLARY

A laptop and miscellaneous jewelry were reported stolen from a house in the 1400 block of Gretel Lane sometime between July 25 and July 30, police said.

Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie said entry was made through an unlocked window.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A laptop and cell phone were reported stolen from an apartment on July 31 while the residents were asleep.

The burglar entered the apartment through a sliding glass door on the ground floor, which is actually about 4 to 5 feet off ground level, located at 900 block of Clark Avenue, police said. The door is believed to have been unlocked.

The 69 and 70-year-old husband and wife were sleeping inside while the \$500 Dell laptop and \$200 LG cell phone disappeared, said Liz Wylie, Mountain View police's spokeswoman.

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EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Redistricting makes a difference for city

When Mountain View voters go to the polls next year they won't find the familiar names of Joe Simitian or Elaine Alquist on the state Senate ballot, or Paul Fong for the state Assembly.

Instead, due to redistricting and term limits, the likely candidates for the state Senate will be longtime Mountain View Democrat Sally Lieber facing current Assemblyman Jerry Hill from San Mateo. Both are Democrats and are not likely to see much serious opposition in the open primary, when the two top vote-getters of any party will square off in the general election on Nov. 6.

If the new maps released last week are adopted Aug. 15, the number of Simitian's district will change from 11 to 12, and it will cover a wide swath of the Peninsula, starting at Brisbane in the north and running south to Sunnyvale, which, like Mountain View, will be added to the district. The new map will mean Simitian or his successor will lose his Santa Cruz constituents and the remains of Alquist's district will shift south into Santa Clara County.

A major impact of the changes is that Mountain View will join other Peninsula cities in the same district, rather than being the far northern reaches of Alquist's Senate territory.

In comments to the Voice for a story in June about the expected districting changes, Lieber said, "Mountain View is going to be more politically linked to the Peninsula. I think that is a positive thing," adding, "when we are more grouped with South Bay cities, we are really overshadowed by the city of San Jose."

The new Senate district also means that the city will be represented in 2012 by Rich Gordon's new more compact 21st Assembly District, as will Half Moon Bay and other coastal communities. Paul Fong's new district will move south, taking in more of San Jose.

But despite the changes, Mountain View's districts will remain heavily Democratic, with Rep. Anna Eshoo continuing to represent the city in the 14th Congressional district.

The 14-member Redistricting Commission, created by California voters in 2010, held 23 public hearings around the state and is scheduled to approve a final map Aug. 15. This very public process is a welcome change from the gerrymandered districts created by legislators, whose main goal was often to protect their own seats.

Simitian, who is termed out in 2012 and who has yet to reveal if he will seek another public office, said the commission did a good job.

"If you look at the first set of draft maps, they followed the rules, exercised common sense and kept it as apolitical as it was possible to do." In a story published in the Voice's sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly, he said, "I give them high marks."

LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

ABANDONED DOG SAVED BY GOOD SAMARITANS

Today I saw both the best and worst of the people of Mountain View.

As we started out on our daily dog walk, a neighbor hailed us, concern evident in his voice. A dog had been abandoned near Sylvan Park, he said.

Forewarned, we saw a beautiful tan dog abandoned, tied to a tree. The abandonment was a symptom of the distress we all are experiencing, but even in these troubled times, people rallied to do the right thing.

A man was already kneeling by the dog, and had placed a water dish nearby. Others called animal control, and within 30 minutes, as we returned to the area, many were sitting vigil with the young dog, comforting him as the animal control officer took him into the truck.

I pray that some other good souls will now find it in their hearts to rescue this lovely canine and help him avoid becoming the next victim of these hard times.

Ed Taub
Devoto Street

RAMPANT DESTRUCTION OF HERITAGE TREES

What are the guidelines for destroying heritage trees? Why are so many healthy trees being cut down?

Here are some recent examples:

■ Five tall healthy trees were "topped" at the strip mall intersection of Middlefield and Whisman.

■ Four beautiful trees were chopped down completely at a research and development building just west of Highway 101 on

the north side of Shoreline.

■ Nine tall trees were cut down for "redevelopment" of the former SpectraPhysics location at intersection of Middlefield and Terra Nova. What gives? That one especially hurt. The notices were not posted on Middlefield Road until after the (short) objection period expired. Even when I do see the notice in the allotted few days interval, it is too hard for me to take off of work to go to the city offices.

I want to know how to go about protesting that the process for removing heritage trees process is not being followed. In general, the process is way too difficult. You have to go to City Hall, pay a fee, and all within a week.

I want an online way to do this. As an individual I can't fight these developers that cut down trees simply because they are in the way. I am not the only one. Everyone I talk to hates the loss of trees. But there does not seem to be any enforcement, or now even anyone who cares to stop it.

When I came to Mountain View in 1999 it was quite impressive how many tall, healthy trees were in the streets, in the small strip malls, and along the trails. During this time, what with various construction projects, PG&E, individual property owners and developers, hundreds and into the thousands of these trees are either gone or have been topped or de-limbed. I continually get upset because Mountain View has lost so much of its tree canopy in the 12 years I have been here. It really sucks!

Stephen Boesch
Middlefield Road





The chile relleno at Ay Caramba it's La Bamba is huge and comes with beans and rice cooked with carrots and bell peppers.

NICK GONZALES

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Take it easy at new taquería

MEXICAN FARE TO SIT DOWN AND SAVOR AT AY CARAMBA IT'S LA BAMBA

By Sheila Himmel

The problem with Taquería La Bamba, the burrito superpower on Middlefield Way, is that it's standing room only. There is no place to sit. Stand in line, and if you want to eat there, stand at the narrow counters. There used to be a few tables, but no longer. Ay Caramba it's La Bamba, a semi-self-serve restaurant, to the rescue. La Bamba's empire expanded in January, with the opening of Ay Caramba in the shopping center at Middlefield and Rengstorff, less than half a mile

away from the original taquería. Another advantage over the original and the downtown La Bamba is the easy parking. There is plenty of easy parking.

And the menu offers a wider selection of food and drink, such as fresh-squeezed orange juice. There are appetizers other than pupusas, the delicious but very filling Salvadoran stuffed, thick tortilla, and tamales.

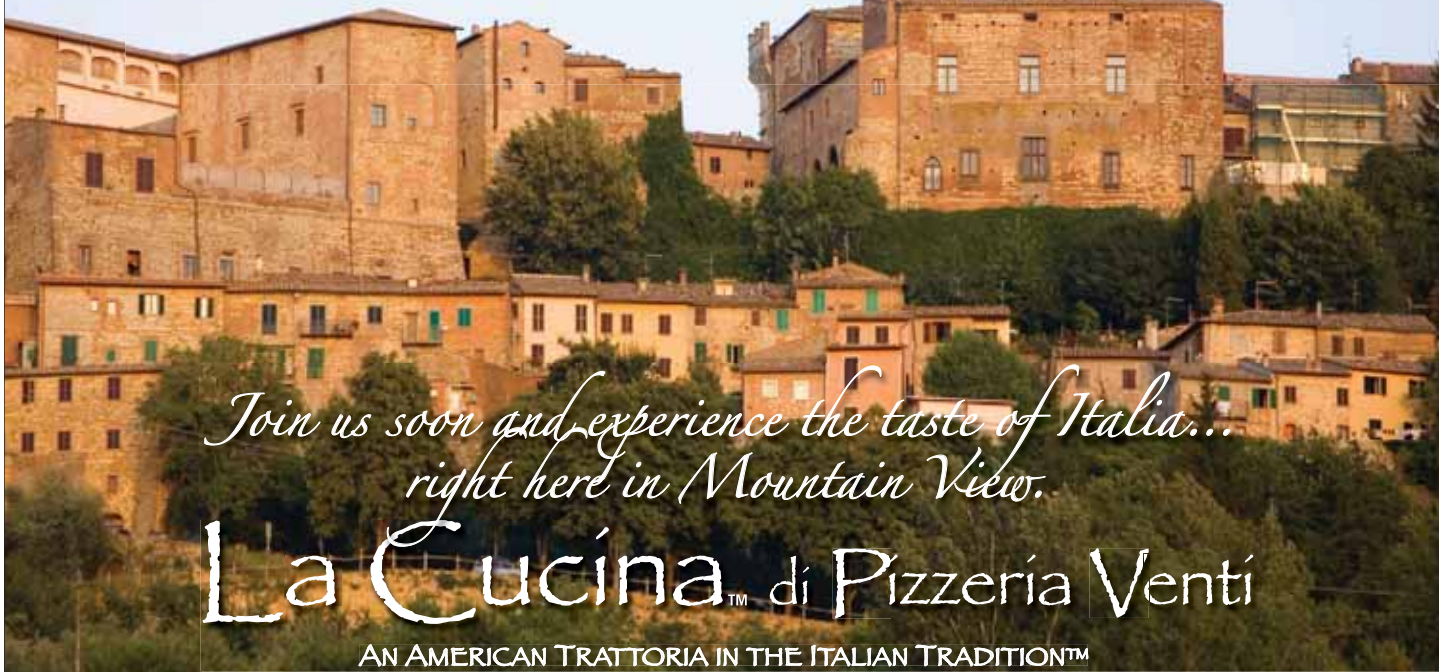
One appetizer is a shrimp cocktail the size of your head. Everything at La Bamba is big. A goblet worthy of a hot fudge sundae was loaded with

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- 1/2 CUP FINELY GROUND BREADCRUMBS
- 1 JAR GOOD QUALITY TOMATO SAUCE, HEATED
- SALT
- FRESHLY GROUND PEPPER
- A LITTLE BUTTER FOR THE BAKING DISH

PREPARATION:

PREHEAT YOUR OVEN TO 350 F POUND THE CUTLETS FLAT, TRIM AWAY ANY FAT, AND REMOVE ANY MEMBRANE. SALT AND PEPPER THE MEAT TO TASTE, DIP IT IN THE BEATEN EGG, AND DREDGE IT IN THE BREAD CRUMBS, PRESSING DOWN TO MAKE SURE THE CRUMBS ADHERE.

MELT BUTTER IN A LARGE SKILLET, AND WHEN IT BEGINS TO BUBBLE. FRY THE CUTLETS UNTIL GOLDEN, TURNING THEM ONCE. TRANSFER THEM TO A BUTTERED BAKING DISH, LAY A SLICE OF PROSCIUTTO AND ONE OF CHEESE SLICES ON EACH PIECE, AND BAKE FOR 10 MINUTES OR UNTIL THE CHEESE MELTS. SPOON A WARM TOMATO SAUCE OVER EACH AND SERVE WITH CRUSTY BREAD.

buon appetito!

medium-size shrimp, cucumber, avocado, onions and cocktail sauce. A handful of shrimp hung decoratively off the rim. It was only a little disconcerting that the accompanying saltines, which came from Costa Rica, had passed their sell-by date. Who needs saltines, anyway?

A tamale (\$2.29) was unfortunately served on the same plate as the pupusa (\$2.29), both a little soggy from contact with juice from the curtido, spicy coleslaw you stuff into the pupusa.

Other appetizer possibilities include ceviche, nachos, quesadillas and tacos.

The sit-down La Bamba offers at least 32 entrees, with prices starting at \$6.41 for a regular burrito to \$15.10 for Cielo, Mar y Tierra, a combo plate of grilled chicken, steak and shrimp.

At first, \$10.76 for a chile relleno entree sounds expensive, but it's one huge, fresh and delicious chile relleno, accompanied by lettuce, tomato, avocado, beans and white rice cooked with chopped carrots and bell peppers.

The burrito bar is not the nimble production line as at Taquería La Bamba. You order up front and sit down, in our

case for quite a while, and then everything came at once. Pacing, people. However, the carnitas, fried pork shoulder bits, were still crispy and moist.

Vegetarian options include quesadillas, tacos and burritos. (Vegetarian burritos often fall flat, but in a survey by this newspaper, we found La Bamba's to be superior.)

At the taquería, you get little containers of salsa to go. Here, you get full access to an excellent salsa bar featuring luscious tomatillo, salsa fresca with chopped tomatoes and onions, and smoky

roasted red pepper salsa.

Also better, the chips on Rengstorff are thin and crisp. Last time I was at the taquería, the chips were round, clunky and dull.

But mostly, the advantage is that you can sit down. You eat with metal utensils on plastic plates — almost like home! There's a large patio, a couple of booths, colorful prints of festive scenes on walls painted avocado green, ketchup red and orange orange. ■



The shrimp cocktail at Ay Caramba it's La Bamba.

NICK GONZALES

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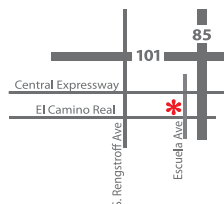
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MOVIE TIMES

Angels & Airwaves Presents Love Live Century 16: Wed. at 9 p.m.
Century 20: Wed. at 9 p.m.

Another Earth (PG-13) CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2:15, 4:50 & 7:20 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:40 p.m.

Buck (Not Rated) ★★★ Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 1:55, 4:20, 7:05 & 9:25 p.m.

Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 12:30, 3:40, 7:10 & 10 p.m.; In 3D at 11:30 a.m.; 2:30, 5:30 & 8:40 p.m.
Century 20: 10:50 a.m.; 1:45, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:30 p.m.; In 3D at 11:30 a.m.; 2:30, 5:25 & 8:20 p.m.

Cars 2 (G) ★★1/2 Century 16: 6:50 p.m.; In 3D at 9:30 p.m.
Century 20: 10:35 a.m. & 4:15 p.m.; In 3D at 1:10 p.m.

The Change-Up (R) Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Thu. at 10:55 a.m.; 1:50, 4:35, 7:25 & 10:15 p.m.

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m.; noon, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri.-Thu. at 11:35 a.m.; 2:20, 5:05, 7:55 & 10:45 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. also at 10:40 a.m.; 1:25, 4:10, 7 & 9:45 p.m.

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 12:40, 3:30, 7:15 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri.-Thu. at 11:10 a.m.; 1:55, 4:45, 7:40 & 10:35 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. also at 12:30, 3:20, 6:15 & 9:10 p.m.

DCI 2011: Big, Loud & Live 8 Century 16: Thu. at 3:30 p.m.
Century 20: Thu. at 3:30 p.m.

Friends with Benefits (R) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 2:10, 5, 8 & 10:40 p.m.
Century 20: 11:05 a.m.; 1:45, 4:25, 7:05 & 9:45 p.m.

Glee: The 3D Concert Movie Century 20: Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

The Guard (R) CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:40 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (PG-13) ★★★★★
Century 16: 11:50 a.m. & 7 p.m.; In 3D at 3:10 & 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: 7:25 & 10:25 p.m.; In 3D at 11:55 a.m.; 3, 6 & 9 p.m.

The Help (PG-13) Century 16: Tue. at 12:01 a.m.; Wed. & Thu. at noon, 3:15, 7 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Wed. & Thu. at 12:20, 3:40, 7 & 10:20 p.m.

Horrible Bosses (R) ★★★ Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 1:50, 4:50, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15 & 10:40 p.m.

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 20: 2:15 & 7:55 p.m.
Guild Theatre: Fri. & Sat. at 2, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.; Sun.-Thu. at 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.

The Names of Love (R) Aquarius Theatre: 2:30, 5, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.

North by Northwest (1959) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Century 16: 11 & 11:40 a.m.; 12:20, 1:30, 2:20, 3, 4:10, 5, 6:10, 7, 8, 9, 9:50 & 10:40 p.m.
Century 20: Fri.-Thu. at 11 & 11:40 a.m.; 12:20, 1, 1:40, 2:20, 3, 3:40, 4:20, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7, 7:40, 8:20, 9, 9:40 & 10:20 p.m.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Guild Theatre: Sat. at midnight.

Roman Holiday (1953) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Thu. at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 3:15 p.m.

Sabrina (1954) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Thu. at 5:25 & 9:40 p.m.

Sarah's Key (PG-13) Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

The Smurfs (PG) Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 4:15 & 9:35 p.m.; In 3D at 1:35 & 7 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:35 a.m.; 1:15, 4, 6:50 & 9:25 p.m.; In 3D at 11:50 a.m.; 2:35, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.

Strangers on a Train (1951) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 5:35 & 10 p.m.

Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) Century 20: 4:30 p.m.; In 3D at 10:50 a.m. & 10:10 p.m.

The Tree of Life (PG-13) ★★★★★ Century 16: 12:10, 3:45, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri.-Thu. at 12:55, 4:05, 7:15 & 10:25 p.m.

Winnie the Pooh (G) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:55, 2:50 & 4:45 p.m.
Century 20: 10:45 a.m.; 12:45, 2:45 & 4:45 p.m.

Zookeeper (PG) Century 20: 6:45 & 9:20 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

BUCK

★★★

(Century 16) In a manner of speaking, "horsing around" is Buck Brannaman's business, since he crisscrosses the country teaching four-day horse-training clinics nine months out of the year. But as the schedule implies, no one takes training horses more seriously than Brannaman, the primary inspiration for Nicholas Evans' "The Horse Whisperer." Brannaman is the subject of Cindy Meehl's documentary "Buck." In extensive footage shot during his clinics, Brannaman walks around wearing his "Madonna mic" and demonstrates how a properly trained horse can and will follow a human's almost imperceptible physical prompting; as such he offers a panacea for equine abuse. Brannaman's intolerance of animal abuse turns out to be empathic. Meehl lays out for us the origins of this unusual character in the American Western cultural landscape, beginning with his career as a child performer under a stage dad who was a raging alcoholic. Overall, both Buck and "Buck" endorse sensitive care for the voiceless, whether they be horses or cowed children.

Rated PG for thematic elements, mild language and an injury. One hour, 29 minutes. — P.C.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE FIRST AVENGER

★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) In 1943, Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) is the archetypal 98-pound weakling, but he wants nothing more than to join the Army. Health issues including asthma repeatedly get him branded 4F, but as a bully tells him during a beatdown, he doesn't know when to give up. Steve's All-American sticktoitiveness pays off when he's chosen for a super-soldier program. Treated with super-serum and "vitamins," scrawny Steve Rogers becomes brawny Captain America. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action. Two hours, four minutes. — P.C.

CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) No one is particularly crazy or stupid in Glenn Ficarra and John Requa's sad-funny movie about love. With his hangdog expressions and deadpan lines, suburban husband Steve Carell sets the tone — and exhibits more bromance chemistry with womanizer Ryan Gosling than with Julianne Moore, who plays his wife of almost 25 years. The plot centers on a heartbroken Cal Weaver (Carell), who is happily married to his high-school sweetheart Emily (Moore) until she blurts out that she's had a fling with a co-worker (Kevin Bacon) and wants a divorce. The most hilarious scenes involve Gosling's character trying to transform Carell's loser into a Lothario. Rated: PG-13 for coarse humor, sexual content and language. 1 hour, 47 minutes. — S.T.

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WOMAN'S WILL

Woman's Will, a Bay Area Shakespeare troupe, returns to the gardens of the Rengstorff House with "Midsummer Nights Dream." Aug. 7, 1-3 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House at Shoreline, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.r-house.org

ART GALLERIES

'Rhythm 'n Blue' An all-gallery exhibit running through Aug. 27. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, photography, collage, metal work and jewelry are on display. Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. open until 4 m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Rengstorff Arts Festival Fine Art showcasing local artists in mixed media and selected student work from the "Art4Schools" program at the Community School of Music and Arts. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays, through Aug. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House at Shoreline, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.r-house.org

BENEFITS

Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale Friends of Mountain View Public Library book sale. Sat., Aug. 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., Aug. 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Bookmobile Garage, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7031. www.mvlibrary-friends.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Salsa Class Victoria Ruskovoloshina teaches Monday-evening dance classes. 8:30-10:30 p.m. \$12 per class. Firebird Dance Studio, 1415B El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 510-387-1895. www.facebook.com/mamboromero

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ice Cream Social Ice-cream social and information meeting for older adults and their families at Avenidas in Mountain View. Aug. 18, 4-6 p.m. Free. Avenidas Senior Day Health Center, 270 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-289-5499. avenidas.org

Rengstorff Park/Castro School Ice Cream Social The Community in Action Team is having its third annual neighborhood ice-cream social. There will be community services info, face painting, balloon sculptures, performances. Aug. 5, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View.

Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series The City of Mountain View's Recreation Division and Youth Advisory Committee present an outdoor screening of the movie "Toy Story 3." Popcorn and light refreshments will be served. Aug. 12, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Sylvan Park, 600 Sylvan Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/community_events/summer_outdoor_movie_night_series.asp

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Summer Sings - Faure and Schubert Schola Cantorum invites singers from all over the Bay Area to sing the Faure Requiem and Schubert Mass in G with guest conductor Dr Bryan Baker. Music available on loan for the evening; audiences sing the choruses and solos. Aug. 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors/\$7 full-time students. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-254-1700. www.scholacantorum.org

EXHIBITS

'Shaped by Water: Past, Present and Future' Call for art: Original 2D art featuring the history and future of water in the Santa Clara Valley wanted to be displayed in the Los Altos Library, in conjunction with Los Altos History Museum exhibit, "Shaped by Water: Past, Present, and Future. Submit by Aug 31. Prospectus at www.LosAltosHistory.org/exhibits.htm. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-949-4263. www.LosAltosHistory.org/exhibits.htm

FAMILY AND KIDS

'Mother-Friendly Childbirth' Ask the Experts is a panel discussion for expectant parents, those planning to be parents, and anyone interested in birth in the Bay Area. Meet a midwife or OB, Lactation Specialist and other birth professionals and ask questions. Registration requested. Aug. 11, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Whole Foods (Culinary Center), 4800 El Camino Real, Los Altos. Call 650-961-9728. bayareabirthinfo.org/calendar?eventId=294904&EventViewMode=EventDetails

'Once Upon A Mattress' Based on a Hans Christian Andersen fairytale, this musical spins the tale of a medieval kingdom's search for a proper princess to marry the hapless Prince Dauntless the Drab. Aug. 3-13, 6:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 610-291-1435. www.cityofpaloalto.org/recreation/news/details.asp?NewsID=481&TargetID=7

LIVE MUSIC

Avenue Winds Avenue Winds, Peninsula based woodwind quintet, plays chamber music featuring new works by local composers as well as the classics. Aug. 14, 2-3 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House at Shoreline, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.r-house.org

Lounge Music with Hot Kugel "Hot Kugel is based in traditional Klezmer with pinches of old-time jazz, ethnic folk, theater and American popular music, simmered with the blues, rock and reggae, a dash of psychedelia and Grassabilly, African, Celtic and Hawaiian influences." Aug. 11, 7 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

ON STAGE

'H.M.S. Pinafore' Gilbert and Sullivan's classic "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be performed Aug. 13-14, 2 p.m. \$17-50. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. lamplighters.org/season.html#pinafore

OUTDOORS

Tree Selection Workshop Mountain View Trees is holding a workshop regarding the proper tree for the proper place including a tour of the nursery. Aug. 13, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. A to Z Tree Nursery, 2190 Crittenden Lane, Mountain View. Call 650-450-6881. mountainviewtrees.org

SENIORS

Travel Meeting Mountain View Seasoned Travelers discuss upcoming trips, international and domestic, from Kanen Tours and Collette Vacations. Free refreshments plus a raffle. Aug. 10, 2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wine Tasting Event @ Artisan Wine Depot Escarpment Vineyards tasting. This is a walk-around tasting event. Aug. 5, 4-7 p.m. \$9.24-\$14.78. Artisan Wine Depot, 400A Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-3511. www.artisanwinedepot.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=EVENT-ESCARPMENT

TALKS/AUTHORS

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Andrew Lloyd, co-founder and Managing Dir. of Litigation Media Group, a San Jose based legal visual presentation and trial technology consultancy firm, gives an overview of the technologies that are now being used in the courtroom, (e.g., during the San Francisco Zoo tiger mauling case). Aug. 9, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. eens.org/TASC.shtml

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- * Heightening awareness of the Shop Local program through distribution of marketing materials to local businesses

- * Directly selling Shop Local packages by phone and in-person to businesses within the local community, with an emphasis on locally-owned establishments

- * Increasing the use of the site by assisting businesses in setting up profiles, posting offers and understanding the features of the site

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File No.: 553474
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File No.: 553220
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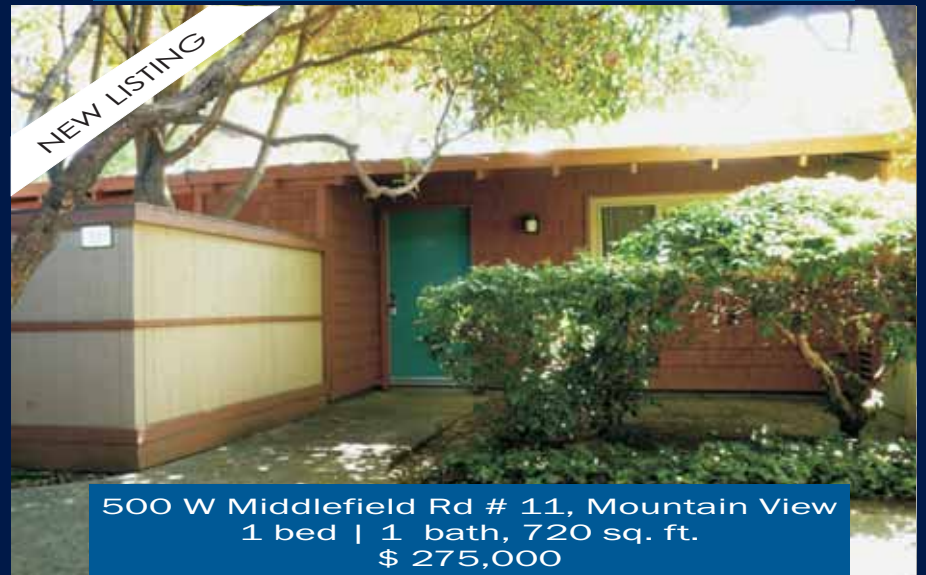
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 3 BR 1 BA Wonderful home with large, park like yard. Light & Bright with great open floorplan.
Cindy Mattison 650.941.7040

EAST PALO ALTO
 ONLY FIVE YEARS YOUNG! \$599,000
 4 BR 2 BA Private court location. Spacious floorplan. Eat-in kit w/granite counters. Beautiful yard.
Fabiola Prieto 650.325.6161

LOS ALTOS
 877 LOS ALTOS AV
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,495,000
 4 BR 3.5 BA Custom made 6 years old single family home in North Los Altos/walking to village.
Homa Modarresi 650.941.7040

1060 SEENA AV
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,449,000
 4 BR 3 BA Excellent opportunity for remodel or expansion. Mature landscaping w/sparkling pool & spa.
Alan Loveless 650.325.6161

LOS ALTOS HILLS
 VALLEY VWS/W/PA SCHOOLS \$2,495,000
 3 BR 2 BA Private hills living awaits your touch & imagination! Enjoy a generous lot of 1.170 acres.
Vicki Geers 650.941.7040

RURAL AURA, SO NEAR TOWN \$2,495,000
 4 BR 3.5 BA MEDIA BUFF'S HEAVEN. 1 acre custom home, PAUSD, every room remodeled to the highest quality
Margaret Williams 650.941.7040

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
 1045 COLLEGE AV
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,688,000
 5 BR 4.5 BA Spectacular custom-built home with over-the-top amenities and amazing high tech features.
Judy Decker 650.325.6161

MENLO PARK
 825 SHARON PARK DR
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,699,000
 3 BR 2.5 BA +Office. Beautifully updt'd gorgeous landscaping Lg, LR, DR & lot. Great location
Fereshteh Khodadad 650.325.6161

1312 AMERICAN WY
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,595,000
 3 BR 3 BA Private cul-de-sac home. Only 21 years new! Eat-in kitchen with family room.
Cristina Bliss 650.325.6161

105 LAUREL AV
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,150,000
 2 BR 2 BA Charming home & gardens perfectly located on a quiet tree-lined street in prime Willows.
Lan L. Bowling 650.328.5211

2162 MENALTO AV
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$665,000
 3 BR 1 BA Located in the Willows. Painted in & out. Updt'd kit. New Carpet&Roof. Dual paned windows.
Alan Loveless 650.325.6161

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 861 RUNNINGWOOD CIRCLE
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$879,000
 2 BR 2 BA Bike to work via Steven's Creek Trail(connecting footbridge currently underway).
Terri Couture 650.941.7040

LARGE LOT IN DOWNTOWN MV! \$799,000
 Build your dream home on large lot in downtown Mountain View! Over 8,000 square feet!
DiPali Shah 650.325.6161

ONE LOOK WILL DO! \$775,000
 3 BR 2 BA Professionally Decorated-Designer touches and colors throughout! Gorgeous, remodeled kitchen
Joanne Fraser 650.941.7040

DUPLEX IN MOUNTAIN VIEW! \$765,000
 Spacious duplex in Mtn. View! Each unit has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, & garage! BY APPT. ONLY!
DiPali Shah 650.325.6161

83 DEVONSHIRE AV #7
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$495,000
 3 BR 1.5 BA Beautifully updated end unit, townhome style condo w/lrg yard. Spacious eat in kitchen.
Alan Huwe 650.941.7040

MOUNTAIN VIEW
 278 MONROE DR #29
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$399,888
 2 BR 1 BA Warm & inviting Mountain View townhouse with Los Altos schools.
Terrie Masuda 650.941.7040

PALO ALTO
 CRESCENT PARK \$4,228,000
 4 BR 4 BA Huge price reduction. Close to all amenities, immaculate home offers well thought floor plan
Nadine Matityahu 650.941.7040

959 WAVERLEY ST
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,795,000
 4 BR 3.5 BA Beautiful Arts & Crafts home. Full restoration & addition completed in 2007.
Zach Trailer 650.325.6161

714 CHIMALUS DR
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,148,000
 4 BR 4.5 BA Traditional charm + modern designer touches. Open kit/FR. Quiet. Close to Calif Ave shops.
Judy Decker 650.325.6161

2468 CHABOT TERRACE
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,928,000
 4 BR 3.5 BA 2 stes, 1 on ea level; 3 outdoor covered terraces for extended living w/lights+ skylights.
Julie Lau 650.325.6161

587 KELLY WAY
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,799,000
 4 BR 3 BA Enjoy comfortable living at this beautiful 12 yr new home!
Ellen Barton 650.941.7040

2120 MIDDLEFIELD RD
 SUN 1 - 4 \$1,350,000
 4 BR 3 BA Old Palo Alto treasure! HWV flrs, crown molding, eat-in kit, formal dining rm, studio apt.
Ginna Lazar 650.325.6161

3380 MIDDLEFIELD RD
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,098,000
 4 BR 3 BA Beautiful spacious Midtown Eichler. Lots of glass. High ceilings. Large lot.
Ken Morgan & Arlene Gault 650.328.5211

3712 HERON WY
 SUN 2 - 5 \$799,000
 3 BR 3 BA Elegant 2-year new townhome w/ many green built-in energy efficient features.
Judy Shen 650.328.5211

PALO ALTO
 ELEGANT PALO ALTO CONDO! \$795,000
 3 BR 2 BA Elegant Palo Alto condo, large master bedroom, updated kitchen. Pool. Great schools!
Alan & Nicki Loveless 650.325.6161

427 ALMA ST #107
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$659,000
 2 BR 1 BA Just steps away from vibrant Dwntrwn Palo Alto, ideal for those who want an urban lifestyle
Terrie Masuda 650.941.7040

777 SAN ANTONIO RD #74
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$499,000
 2 BR 2 BA Top floor condo. Top floor of 2 story building in back of complex w/balcony view.
Ric Parker 650.941.7040

VALUE IN PALO ALTO! \$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

REDWOOD CITY
 YOUR OWN HOME & RENTAL \$839,000
 3/2 like a private home & 2/1 rental in the front. No common walls. New roof in 2006.
Geraldine Asmus 650.325.6161

300 BERESFORD AV
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$489,000
 2 BR 2 BA Lovely corner lot in desirable neighborhood makes this 2br/2ba home a great opportunity.
Rod Creason 650.325.6161

PRIME MOUNT CARMEL LOT! \$335,000
 Beautiful 6880 sf lot on a wonderful street. Ready to draw plans for your dream house!
Alexandra Von Der Groeben 650.325.6161

REDWOOD SHORES
 SUNLIT TOP LEVEL UNIT \$420,000
 2 BR 1 BA Well maintained end unit on top level. Lots of sunlight & views of open space.
Ann Griffiths 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE
 1664 MULBERRY LN
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,775,000
 5 BR 3 BA Remodeled hm in Willow Glen w/family rm, French doors, updt'd baths, lrg backyard & patio.
Tim Trailer 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE
 2305 ELKHORN CT
 SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$859,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious home tucked into a discreet cul-de-sac features a double-door entry.
Helen Tish 650.941.7040

1689 SANDYROCK CT
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$699,000
 3 BR 2 BA Come see this desirable Dry Creek Village condo conveniently located just blocks from DTWG.
Lindsay Spanek 650.325.6161

5179 HARWOOD RD
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$639,000
 3 BR 2 BA Beautifully updated home on LG border. Granite counters-updated baths. Huge family kit area.
Jamie & Phyllis Carmichael 650.941.7040

SINGLE LEVEL TOWNHOUSE! \$575,000
 3 BR 2 BA Very private. Tastefully updated end-unit ready for move-in. Excellent Almaden Schools!
Jeff Beltramo 650.325.6161

SANTA CLARA
 4469 LAFAYETTE ST
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$715,000
 4 BR 3 BA Room to Grow in this Gated Community. Corner Unit w/Ground 4th Bdrm, Large Loft & Sep Fam Rm
Tina Kyriakis 650.941.7040

SARATOGA
 14170 TEERLINK WY
 SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,488,000
 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
 1589 BLACKHAWK DR
 SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$899,000
 3 BR 2 BA Beautiful 1-Story Home in a Great Neighborhood w/Exceptional Cupertino Schools!
Barbara Chang 650.941.7040

CHARMING TH ON CUL-DE-SAC \$647,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA Rare opportunity. Charming 4BR townhome on cul-de-sac w/upgrades. End unit w/2 yards. A/C.
Niloo James 650.325.6161

END UNIT \$494,000
 3 BR 2 BA Living room has slider to private patio, recessed lighting, dining room w/ ceiling fan.
Royce Cablayan 650.941.7040

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