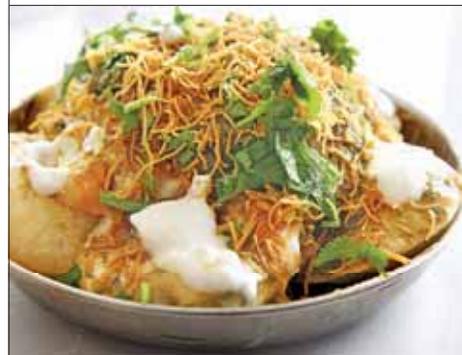


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Fire guts Dana Garden apartments

ABOUT 50 PEOPLE DISPLACED
BY FOUR-ALARM BLAZE

By Nick Veronin

In only a couple of hours, about 50 people found themselves homeless following a four-alarm fire that engulfed the second floor of a Mountain View apartment complex on Monday, a fire department spokeswoman said.

While no residents were injured in the blaze, which broke out shortly before 3:30 p.m. and spread into the attic, the fire caused a portion of the roof to collapse and plenty of people's possessions were damaged or destroyed, according to Jaime Garrett, a public information officer for the Mountain View Fire Department. Fire, smoke or water damaged 26 apartment units in building, seven of which were red-tagged as uninhabitable, she said.

The fire was reported at 3:26

p.m. at the Dana Garden apartment complex on Dana Street, located near the intersection of highways 85 and 237, Garrett said. It quickly escalated to four alarms, drawing firefighters from Mountain View, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Moffett Field and the county fire squad.

"This is definitely the biggest (fire) with the most people impacted that we've had" in recent memory," Garrett told the *Voice*.

Two firefighters suffered minor injuries while battling the flames.

While some units were only affected by water and smoke damage, others were completely consumed, Garrett said. The roof of a number of the units caved in, she said.

A Red Cross shelter was estab-

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MICHELLE LE

A firefighter lets a resident of the fire-damaged apartment building through caution tape as he leaves with boxes of his salvaged belongings on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Council balks at \$100,000 shuttle study

By Daniel DeBolt

Would Mountain View residents really use a city-run shuttle service?

On Tuesday evening, Mountain View City Council members said they hoped to answer that question with the help of academia, social media, local news outlets and online surveys instead of paying a consultant \$100,000 to figure it out in a "ridership demand study."

"I think we have consultant fatigue here," said council member Laura Macias at the Feb. 28 meeting. "We have spent an extraordinary amount on consultants," sometimes for "less than stellar results." The unpopular Rengstorff Park master plan was a "perfect example,"

she said.

For nearly a decade City Council members have tossed around the idea of a community shuttle to fill gaps in service from the Valley Transportation Authority's buses and private shuttles provided by Google and others companies to and from their campuses and the downtown train station. Some point to Palo Alto's Marguerite system as an example, though it is partially paid for by Stanford.

"I know the need is there," said council member Jac Siegel. "Seniors and youth talk about not being able to get across town, or to the movies."

A major proponent of the shuttle was absent from the meeting, council member and VTA representative Margaret Abe-Koga. But in a 4-2 vote,

only members John Inks and Tom Means opposed the motion to move forward without spending the city's scant funds. Both said they did not know that there was a demand, and mentioned the low ridership on the city's existing shuttle line 34, run by the VTA between downtown, a senior housing complex on Montecito Avenue and the San Antonio shopping center.

"I'm not sure what the unmet need is," said council member Means. "If VTA gave us the money they use in this town, maybe we could use it more efficiently."

Describing his own preference, Means added, "I'd say we want a party shuttle so we can go up and down Castro Street

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Sunnyvale man ID'd as victim of fiery crash

By Nick Veronin

The Mountain View Police Department has identified Brian Drocco, a Sunnyvale resident, as the man who died in a fiery car crash in the early hours of Friday, Feb. 24.

The coroner's report, which will identify the cause of death and include a toxicology report, won't be available for a few weeks, according to Liz Wylie, a spokeswoman for the department. Investigators are still working to determine the cause of the crash.

A Facebook page, created in his memory, describes the

25-year-old as an "amazing individual many of us were lucky to know." Drocco was born in Cupertino. He would have turned 26 on March 18.

He died in the accident, which occurred shortly before 12:52 a.m. last Friday, just off of Central Expressway near Bernardo Avenue.

Mountain View and Sunnyvale police found Drocco's body in the wreckage of what appeared to be a 2007 BMW. The car was discovered in flames off to the side of Central Expressway, and police said it had hit a tree.

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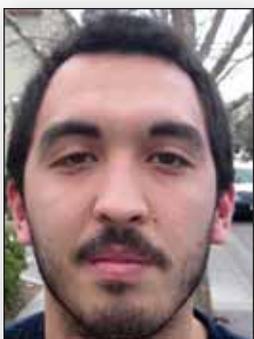
"I don't watch the Oscars because I don't have time."

Kristen McGuire-Husky, Mountain View



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CRIME BRIEFS

TAQUERIA BURGLARY

Around \$3,500 to \$4,000 was stolen from Taqueria La Bamba in a burglary in the early hours of Feb. 28, police said.

Police believe the burglary took place between 12:30 a.m. and 2:13 a.m., Wylie said. Cash was stolen from inside a small safe and some cash register drawers, which the burglar (or burglars) left behind; two other safes were taken from the scene — one of them contained cash, while the other had only paperwork inside.

Wylie said the burglary may have begun at about 12:30 a.m., when the owner of the restaurant received a call from his alarm company reporting that an alarm had gone off. The owner drove to the restaurant to check it out — shining his headlights in through the front windows and then driving around back. However, he did not notice anything suspicious, so he left without calling the police.

When the alarm company notified the owner of a second alarm, triggered at 2:13 a.m., the man decided to call the Mountain View police, Wylie said. When officers arrived at the restaurant they found the back door wide open and a rear window pried open.

“Although we don’t know for sure, it is possible the first alarm activation was from breaking in through the window,” Wylie said in an email. “The suspects may have been inside when the owner drove past the front and back. It is possible the second activation was from when the suspects left through the back door, which we found open when we got there.”

Wylie said that restaurant owners often instruct their alarm company not to immediately call the police when an alarm is trig-

gered for fear of being charged a fee for filing a false report.

“This is never a good idea, and this is an excellent case in point,” Wylie wrote. “We advise all companies to make certain their alarm companies notify us when there is an alarm activation.”

ARMED ROBBERY

Two men robbed a Mountain View jewelry store at gunpoint in the morning, Feb. 28, police said.

The robbers walked into Carmen’s Joyeria, located at 593 Esquela Ave. at about 10:40 a.m., according to Liz Wylie, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

One of the men had a gun and pointed it at the owner of the store, while his accomplice took jewelry from a glass display, Wylie said.

The value of the jewelry is unknown at this point, Wylie said.

The robbers were described as Hispanic men. One was in his early 20s; the other (with the gun) was about 30. They were wearing all dark clothing.

Police are actively investigating the case, Wylie said.

TEENS THWART BURGLARS

A teenage girl and her younger brother may have inadvertently thwarted a burglary simply by being home when their apartment was broken into, police said.

The 17-year-old and her brother were in a back room of the apartment in a complex located in the 800 block of North Rengstorff Avenue when they heard a loud crash at about 2:15 p.m.

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Flynn Av., and Tyrella Av., 2/27

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800 block E. El Camino Real, 2/27
Charleston Rd. and Huff Av., 2/27

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Peter Wasowski checks on his clients, Jerald and Paula Bittner, as they exercise using his Vasper system.

New exercise idea ‘hacks the brain’

MACHINE COOLS MUSCLES IN EFFORT TO MIMIC YOUNG FITNESS

By Nick Veronin

Peter Wasowski wishes he was a kid again, but not for the reasons you might think. He doesn't yearn for the freedom of summer vacations or the wonder and innocence of childhood. He is more interested in the rate at which children are able to recover from vigorous exercise.

So, Wasowski founded Vasper, an exercise technology venture in coordination with NASA that's based at Moffett Field. It seeks to trick the brains and bodies of adults (and ultimately astronauts) — fooling them into mimicking the biological processes that occur in the muscles of children running around a playground.

The Vasper system “hacks the brain,” as Wasowski puts it, via a number of mechanisms.

Vasper's clients are put through a 20-minute workout on a seated elliptical machine while wearing a cooling vest and helmet, along with arm bands and leg bands that both cool the extremities and restrict blood flow.

When humans exert themselves for an extended period of time, a compound called “lactic acid” builds up in the muscles. This liquid is what causes the “burn” felt after lifting weights or running up a hill.

The minimal constriction of the Vasper arm and leg bands prevents some of the lactic acid from being carried away from the muscles — meaning people using the Vasper system will “feel the burn” much more quickly than they would otherwise.

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Audit discovers how energy is lost

CITY PROGRAM SURVEYS
 HOMES TO DETECT
 ELECTRICITY, GAS LOSS

By Daniel DeBolt

A pair of detectives went to work in a Mountain View home this week, probing for the secrets behind its energy bill.

The energy audit was paid for by the city's Energy Upgrade program. In effect until the end of the year, it allows households with PG&E Smart Meters to have free energy audits of their homes, whether they rent or own them. It is the “the only program of its kind in the entire country,” according to Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Steve Attinger.

He said that many participants find it to be “a very enlightening process.”

While Doug Folden, his wife and their two sons use less energy than most comparable households, there were still a lot of things in their St. Francis Acres home that waste energy. To begin the search, Blaine Tehaney, energy specialist for city contractor Acterra, went through the home and plugged various devices into a hand-held “watt meter” to see what was causing the home to use over 100 watts of electricity when “idle” — periods when everything is turned off.

The Foldens' stereo equipment, a VCR, a kitchen clock radio and an electric garage door opener were among the items collectively drawing enough electricity — while turned off — to power more than a few light bulbs. The biggest offender was an old stereo receiver and CD

player which together drank 18 watts — costing as much as \$45 a year — while switched off. The older TV was the least wasteful, using only 1.5 watts while off. Worse are plasma flat screen TVs, which can draw 25 watts, while modern LED and LCDs use around one watt while switched off, Tehaney says.

The solution was to either unplug those “vampire” devices or plug them into special power strips which would interrupt power to them until a “master device” is turned on, such as the TV, or a radio signal is received from a remote wall switch. Tehaney gave the Foldens such a power strip for free. It was part of a package of energy-saving items worth about \$50 offered free to each household, including CFL light bulbs, gaskets to plug drafts in doors and power outlets, electrical outlet timers, clotheslines and low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators.

Tehaney suggested using outlet timers for many common tasks, such as charging laptop batteries or keeping electric blankets warm only until you've fallen asleep. An iPhone battery, for example, will continue to draw 2.5 watts even once fully charged, Tehaney said.

More investigation found that the refrigerator was a few degrees colder than necessary (Tehaney also found that the thermometer inside was also a few degrees off), and the hot water heater was 6 degrees hotter than recommended, both adding to their energy bill. Because the water heater is in a cabinet facing the home's side-yard, Tehaney said it was especially important to insu-

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Voters could roll back top salaries

HOSPITAL'S UNION SAYS IT HAS ENOUGH SIGNATURES
 TO FORCE VOTE ON EXECUTIVE PAY

By Nick Veronin

El Camino Hospital's service-workers union says it has exceeded the number of signatures needed to get an initiative on the November ballot that seeks to put a limit on the salaries of its top administrators.

The union has collected 15,305 signatures from people living within the boundaries of the El Camino Hospital District —

far more than the 9,100 names required to get on the ballot this fall — since it began its effort in January, said a representative from the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers. According to the union's research, about 97,284 voters living within the boundaries of the El Camino cast ballots in the last general election.

“It's a good sign,” said Carlyn Foster, a spokeswoman with

the union. She said it is a sign residents of the district agree that a limit should be placed on how much El Camino, which accepts taxpayer money, can pay its executives.

The district includes the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, a majority of Sunnyvale and a small portion of Cupertino, as well as some nearby unincorporated areas.

The initiative proposes that

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MICHELLE LE

Deepti Nanwati checks the water flow of fixtures in the Foldens bathroom.

District dumps plan to move preschool

AFTER OUTCRY FROM PARENTS AND NEIGHBORS,
OFFICIALS WITHDRAW THREAT OF CLOSURE

By Nick Veronin

The local high school district has decided not to relocate students from the Terra Bella Community School to a building which currently houses a popular preschool program next door to Mountain View High School.

After substantial community backlash at a Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District board meeting last month, Superintendent Barry Groves announced that district staff is no longer recommending the closure of the Parent Observation Parent Education Preschool to make room for students from the Terra Bella County School.

Parents of children who attend the preschool and residents of

the neighborhoods surrounding Mountain View High School packed the MVLA board of trustees meeting on Feb. 13 to oppose the district's initial plan to terminate the preschool's lease and bring the 20 or so students from the MVLA district who attend Terra Bella to the site. Those who spoke at the meeting expressed opposition to closing the preschool and to bringing more "at-risk" students into the area.

Groves noted that the board of directors had reservations about the plan before the meeting was even held, and afterward board members instructed him to search for more options.

Terra Bella, which educates about 20 MVLA students (most of them high school freshmen and sophomores) — along with a handful

of other students from two other Bay Area school districts — had recently requested that MVLA contribute an additional \$250,000 to \$300,000 to the program or else find a new place to educate the students attending Terra Bella.

Initially, the district administration decided that it would be more cost effective to educate its Terra Bella students on its own, and proposed terminating the preschool's lease to make room for the students.

However, Groves said, the district will now look at a variety of other options, including calculating an acceptable cost-sharing arrangement with the county, finding another site within the district — away from the Mountain View High School campus — or busing the students to another site. ■

MV man dies on train tracks

A man who was fatally struck by a train in Palo Alto on Feb. 23 has been identified as Wentao He, 23, of Mountain View, the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office confirmed today.

The collision was reported last Thursday at 10:10 p.m. on the southbound tracks south of Charleston Road, Caltrain spokeswoman Christine Dunn said.

He was a software engineer at Facebook and co-founder of Flok, a digital and social-media marketing company, according to his LinkedIn page.

Train service was stopped in both directions as emergency

crews responded. Dunn said 220 passengers were aboard the train, No. 192, when the collision occurred.

The fatal collision occurred about half hour after a separate incident on East Meadow Drive in which a car got stuck on the Caltrain tracks. Palo Alto police responded to the scene and a tow truck was called in to remove the car, Dunn said.

The stranded vehicle was not related to He's death, Dunn said. Transit Police Det. Victor Lopez said on Tuesday that the vehicle became stuck accidentally.

—Sue Dremann

SHUTTLE

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on Friday night and have fun."

A city-run shuttle service could cost anywhere from \$175,000 to \$1.6 million, according to a city staff report. On the low-cost end, a potential shuttle service could entail a single vehicle running every thirty minutes, taking passengers from the El Camino Hospital area on Grant Road

to San Antonio shopping center at a cost of \$175,000 a year. The \$1.6 million option could pay for up to nine shuttles, possibly running on two routes every 10 minutes, including the San Antonio/hospital route and another between downtown and Charleston Plaza, the shopping center on Charleston Road near Hwy. 101.

Several council members mentioned the possibility of seeking help from the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University to see if such a service

would actually be used. Public works director Mike Fuller said that was possible.

"We can reach out to local academic institutions and find out if there's been any interesting case studies or research, preferably of a community of similar size that has done a community shuttle," Fuller said.

Council member Ronit Bryant suggested that local news outlets, including the Voice,

ask readers "Is this really important to people?"

City Manager Dan Rich agreed with council member Laura Macias and others that using an online service such as Survey Monkey could be helpful in determining "how to proceed," but said he hoped the council would understand that such a survey is not "statistically valid." ■

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CRASH

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Pictures of Drocco, postings from friends, family and coworkers, and information on his funeral can be found on the "Remembering Brian Drocco" page at Facebook.com. Funeral services are planned for March 3.

Investigators believe the car was heading eastbound on Central Expressway when it ran off the road, hit the tree and caught fire, according to Liz Wylie, the public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

The body was so badly burned that investigators could not immediately identify the sex of

the driver, said Wylie. "They said it was pretty horrific."

An autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 29. Results were not available as of the Voice's press deadline.

Police received multiple reports from people who passed by the flaming car, Wylie said. Sunnyvale officers were the first to respond, but determined the accident was within the MVRPD's jurisdiction.

No witnesses to the accident have come forward, Wylie said, but "it doesn't appear that there was another car involved." Police believe that the driver was alone in the car.

Wylie said police will release more information about the crash when it becomes available. ■

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Chad, played by Tony DiCorti, riles up the townsfolk in Foothill Music Theatre's production of "All Shook Up."

A little less plot, a little more harmless fun

'ALL SHOOK UP' IS A COLORFUL, CHEEKY TAKE ON ELVIS CLASSICS

By Karla Kane

■ REVIEW

I'm always skeptical of so-called "jukebox" theater: productions such as "Mamma Mia!" that are based on a selection of pop songs from the past, with plots shoehorned in between musical numbers. Sure, it's always fun to hear classic songs performed in a new context, but give me original content any day.

"All Shook Up," the latest production by Foothill Music Theatre, takes its music from the catalog of the King of Rock and Roll himself, Elvis Presley, with some gender-bending elements inspired by the King of English Literature, William Shakespeare. What the show lacks in originality it makes up for — to some extent — in good-natured spirit.

The flimsy plot (book by Joe DiPietro) takes its cues from common depictions of America in the 1950s. As was apparently always the case, a small conservative town is full of repressed sexuality and a bad case of the blahs. The square inhabitants are clearly in need of a leather-clad rebel to teach them about rock and roll, following their dreams, letting loose, etc.

In "All Shook Up," said rebel is Chad (Tony DiCorti), a suave, "guitar-playing roustabout," as he is frequently referred to by the tongue-in-cheek script. When Chad rolls into town on his motorcycle and fixes the town's busted jukebox, the ladies swoon (fainting, a la "Bye Bye Birdie") for his hip-swiveling moves.

Especially entranced is Natalie (Katherine Goldman), the tom-

boyish town mechanic. But Chad has eyes only for the sophisticated Miss Sandra (Amanda Andrews), who runs the local art museum. Meanwhile, nerdy Dennis (Anthony Chan) pines for Natalie, while sassy, wisecracking Sylvia (Juanita Harris) nurses a crush on Natalie's widowed dad (Todd Wright), who also has a thing for Miss Sandra. And don't forget Sylvia's daughter Lorraine (the vivacious Leslie Ivy), who conducts a sweet, forbidden, interracial affair with Dean (Warren Wernick), the shy son of the uptight, autocratic mayor (Molly Thornton).

With a storyline (very) loosely inspired by The Bard's "Twelfth Night," Natalie disguises herself as a male — with the addition of a cap and jacket she magically becomes unrecognizable — called "Ed." Her implausible idea is that if Ed can become best buddies with Chad, he'll somehow realize she/he is the guy/girl of his dreams.

Chad and Ed do indeed hit it off but, complicating things further, Miss Sandra too develops feelings for Natalie-in-Ed-drag. I'll refrain from being a spoiler so you'll have to guess for yourselves if and how the romantic entanglements work themselves out in the end.

Act I of "All Shook Up" is fairly ho-hum stuff, with Elvis songs awkwardly wedged in all over the place, but I'll admit that in the second act, as the Shakespearean/screwball silliness and interesting

homoerotic twists ramp up, the show drew me in further with its slight, goofy charms. And though it's full of '50s clichés, it's also full of cheeky self-awareness, playing off its more predictable elements to work in some surprises (such as who ultimately gets shook up and who turns out to do the shaking).

DiCorti makes for an affable Elvis-esque lothario, although the older folks — gorgeous-voiced Harris and the ever-loveable Wright — gained the most hoots and hollers (and rightfully so).

The five-piece band (hidden off to the side in Foothill's Lohman Theatre) does a good job with the Presley material, though the choreography is a bit too corny even by this show's standards. The set is amateurish but cute, with some technical difficulties the night I attended the show, and the costumes are pleasingly colorful.

The show's target demographic has been much better served by others — "Grease," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Back to the Future," "Hairspray!" or heck, a real Elvis movie, for that matter — to name but a few. But for those who crave live, local entertainment, the production delivers a dose of harmless fun and toe-tapping mid-century nostalgia. ■

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It would be much better, a best practice, to have a "7-11 Committee" from the community to examine possible tax bond spending with public reuse of leased K-5 schools. Maybe Citizens and Taxpayers know more than Architects and Administrators about community priorities. **We could wait for a November election!** We noticed that there is no Budget Task Force, or a promised Facilities "timeline" or "priorities", but that school administrators still want a "District Office replacement" (is it still at the bottom of the ballot fine print?) Whose priority is *that*?

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FIRE

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lished at Landels Elementary School for the displaced residents, many of whom returned home to discover firefighters battling the blaze, said Garret.

Most fire victims were able to take shelter with friends and family, she said, but some were provided vouchers for hotels by the Red Cross.

“At the end of the day, we’re really lucky that there were no residents injured,” Garrett said. “It was a really large fire.”

The day after the fire, some of the displaced residents were briefly allowed to enter their apartments with an escort to salvage what items they could.

It was an emotional scene, as people grappled with the loss. Several people who had come to collect their possessions and survey the damage said they didn’t want to speak to reporters

“I heard some people say they didn’t have renters insurance,” Garrett said. “Some said they did. For many of them, it was a really dark day.”

Despite the sorrow, Garrett said, most of the people she talked with were not completely despondent. “They were all managing to find something positive throughout the morning.”

As of Wednesday, investigators were still working to figure out the cause of the fire, while building inspectors checked the damaged building to determine if it is still structurally sound. No estimate of the value of

the damage was available, but building inspectors had red-tagged seven apartments and yellow-tagged 19 more, marking them as uninhabitable, Garrett said. Yellow-tagged units can be entered briefly, but red-tagged apartments are too dangerous to allow entry, she said.

Leaping flames

Smoke and mist hung in the air around the Dana Garden complex Monday afternoon as firefighters fought the flames from atop high ladders and from the ground; a local news helicopter hovered above, and cameramen and reporters clamored to get a good shot of the scene.

In all, Garret said, 60 firefighters nine engines, three trucks, two rescue units, four battalion chiefs and four chief officers came to the large complex.

A group of three Dana Garden apartment residents stood behind the police line, watching the firefighters work; all of them declined to be interviewed.

“Not to be rude,” one man said, clearly perturbed. “But what’s the point? I have no idea what’s going on.”

“We’re scared,” the woman next to him said.

Garrett said she had heard many theories circulating about how the fire started.

Nishant Trivedi, a resident of the complex, had one of those theories. He said that he talked to the tenant living in the apartment where the fire started. “As far as I know, there was an electrical problem” that started the



JAMES TENSUAN

About 60 firefighters attacked the fast-spreading fire at the Dana Gardents apartments Monday afternoon. The fire spread through the two-story building’s attic, and was still being fought as residents returned home from work Monday afternoon.

fire, Trivedi said.

Garrett could not confirm or deny Trivedi’s claim and would not speculate as to the cause of the fire. “I can’t confirm anything until the investigator gives me the report,” she said. ■

SALARIES

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no executive at the hospital or within the hospital district could be paid more than twice the salary of California’s governor. Gov. Jerry Brown’s current salary is \$173,987 — a reduction in the allowed governor’s salary from 2007, which was \$212,179.

Tomi Ryba, the El Camino Hospital’s recently hired CEO is being paid \$695,000 annually — nearly double what she would be allowed to make if the proposed legislation were to go into effect today. ■

CRIME BRIEFS

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on Feb. 23, Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie said in an email to the *Voice*.

Thinking it was a neighbor making noise, they ignored the sound and continued listening to music, Wylie wrote. The mother of the children returned to the apartment about five minutes later and discovered that the back patio door had been “kicked or forced open.”

The frame to the door was damaged and the lock was broke, Wylie wrote. “Nothing appeared to be touched or moved inside the home and nothing was stolen. We believe the suspect(s) may have quickly realized people were home and fled without taking anything.”

MV SHOOTING VICTIM

A 35-year-old man was shot Feb.

15 in East Palo Alto is a Mountain View resident, police said.

Around 6:50 p.m. the man was shot in the 2300 block of Cooley Avenue. The shooter appeared to have fled in a silver Toyota RAV4 after the attack, according to police.

Officers arrived at the scene after a Shotspotter activation system alerted authorities about the shooting, police said. Officers found evidence of a shooting, but no victim. Officers then learned that the victim had arrived at Stanford Hospital with a gunshot wound not considered life-threatening, according to police.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call East Palo Alto police dispatch at 650-321-1112. An anonymous text can be sent to 650-409-6792. Tipsters can also anonymously call 650-409-6792 or send an anonymous e-mail to epa@tipnow.org.



MICHELLE LE

Blaine Tehaney, an energy specialist with Acterra, measures electricity use at the home of Doug Folden as part of the city's free Energy Upgrade program.

ENERGY UPGRADE

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late the water pipes going to and from the heater, which only costs a few dollars for the do-it-yourselfer. Water heaters made after 2000 don't need insulating blankets as they are already insulated, he said.

Meanwhile, Acterra volunteer

Deepti Nanawati went to work on replacing the home's light bulbs with six free CFLs. She tested faucets and showerheads for high flow rates, and found doors and power outlet covers that were allowing cold air into the house, which has significantly higher heating costs because of a lack of insulation in the walls. Nanawati installed foam

gaskets under several power outlet covers and added some weatherstripping to the kitchen door, fixing a draft. She also recommended a curtain over the door's windows, which she said could increase temperatures in the vicinity by 5 to 10 degrees during winter.

"If you need to heat or cool anything, it's cheaper to do it with gas,"

Tehaney said. Electric heaters are a good example of this problem, as many use 800 to 1500 watts, easily doubling a home's monthly energy bill if left on unchecked. Tehaney recommended that the Foldens use a gas stove when they remodel their kitchen, while the home's electric clothes dryer is another area where they could save some money.

Tehaney said he aims to save most households several hundred dollars a year. Occasionally he is able to save much more. He once found a garden fountain drawing 1000 watts all day, every day, which was put on a timer. But usually he finds lots of smaller sources of energy waste that add up.

Folden, a business executive, appeared a bit nervous about having his home scrutinized, and admitted that the family had been "too lazy" to turn certain things off, such as their seldom-used printer and fax machine.

"A lot of people do that, don't feel bad," Tehaney told him.

In the end, Folden was relieved to hear that his energy use was below average. "Put that in your article," he said.

Once he finished scouring the home, Tehaney showed the couple PG&E's new website, which allows them to track their energy usage hour by hour, compare their home's use to the average for similar

homes, and see if they may be saving enough electricity to cross into one of PG&E's less expensive rate tiers. The Foldens were curious to know if they should try not to use energy during certain hours of the day, and Tehaney's answer was that PG&E's default pricing structure doesn't account for when energy is used, though using energy during peak daytime hours increases the chance that "dirty" power plants will have to be fired up to meet demand.

Tehaney also showed the Foldens how to read the home's Smart meter for real-time electricity use, which read 0.102 kilowatts, or 100 watts, as the home "idled" during the audit.

For those interested in a free energy audit, there are still plenty of spots before the city reaches its limit of 1,500 residents. Only 250 residents have signed up since the program began last April. Visit energyupgradeMV.org or call Mountain View's environmental sustainability coordinator, Steve Attinger, at (650) 903-6602. Those looking to conduct their own audit will find PG&E's new "my energy" website feature helpful, and a watt meter like the one mentioned in this story can be borrowed from the Mountain View Library. ▣

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VASPER

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"If we can concentrate huge amounts of lactic acid (in the muscles) with compression, you basically mimic the feedback physiology between your muscles and your brain when you were 5 to 9 years old — before puberty," Wasowski says.

Pre-pubescent "children have a very high concentration of this lactic acid, because they are small — their muscle size is small and their body size is small," Wasowski says. These high lactic-acid levels result in high levels of human growth hormone, which is one reason children are able to recover from serious injuries in a way adults cannot.

Unfortunately, Wasowski says, once we hit puberty, "it's not possible to attain the same amount of concentration (of lactic acid) in the muscles anymore." With that dip in concentration comes a continual drop in the natural release of human growth hormone.

Wearing the vasoconstrictive cooling suit while engaging in vigorous exercise for 20 minutes tricks the body into

thinking that the muscles have accumulated 2.5 hours worth of lactic acid, he says. This, in turn, causes the brain to tell the pituitary gland to release appropriate levels of the muscle-building human growth hormone.

"What we're doing here is, we're hacking the brain to think that you have broken down the muscle tissue when in fact you have not," he says. "The brain responds with a very high increase of your own (growth) hormone to repair this muscle, which, in fact, has not been damaged."

The cooling vest and helmet help bring down the body's core temperature, which reduces sweating, Wasowski says. That is important, he explains, because when the body sweats, more blood is distributed to the vasculature just beneath the skin in order to cool the body down. When the body is cool, more blood can be sent to the muscles, increasing the efficiency of a given workout.

Wasowski says that the Vasper system can push the body to produce between 300 and 1,200 percent more growth hormone than it typically would over a similar exercise session without vasoconstriction.

Shirley Reekie, professor and chair of the kinesiology department at San Jose State, is an avid rower. Earlier this month, she

and fellow kinesiology associate professor Peggy Plato were invited to try out the Vasper system for themselves.

Neither Reekie nor Plato were prepared to endorse or reject the Vasper system's claims. Both approached Wasowski's claims scientifically, saying they would keep an open mind and that they would be interested in seeing the data of further studies as it becomes available.

Reekie did say that she "felt the burn" Wasowski promised and that it was a more intense burn than she believes she would have experienced had she not been exercising in the Vasper system.

"I don't have an opinion on it yet," says Plato, an exercise physiologist. She did say that Wasowski's theories seemed completely logical. "With the constrictions on the limbs, it would certainly appear to me that it would increase lactic acid levels."

There is at least one other method by which some exercise enthusiasts believe you can naturally boost human growth hormone production — simply by taking a capsule or two of L-Arginine, an amino acid. The supplement

is sold at health stores such as GNC. Craig Cisar, an exercise physiology professor at San Jose State, has heard people say the supplement increases the muscle-building hormone in the body, but he would not say whether it was actually effective, as he was not aware of any conclusive studies saying L-Arginine works.

Wasowski seconded Cisar's assessment of the supplement, noting that while the literature is also thin on Vasper, NASA has agreed to a collaborative research project, which aims to explore whether Wasowski's invention might provide better, more efficient exercise for astronauts, whose muscles suffer great degeneration while in the zero-gravity environment of space.

"NASA will benefit by having the opportunity to test various aspects of the unique Vasper system that are not available elsewhere," the contract says. ■

'We're hacking the brain to think that you have broken down the muscle tissue.'

PETER WASOWSKI

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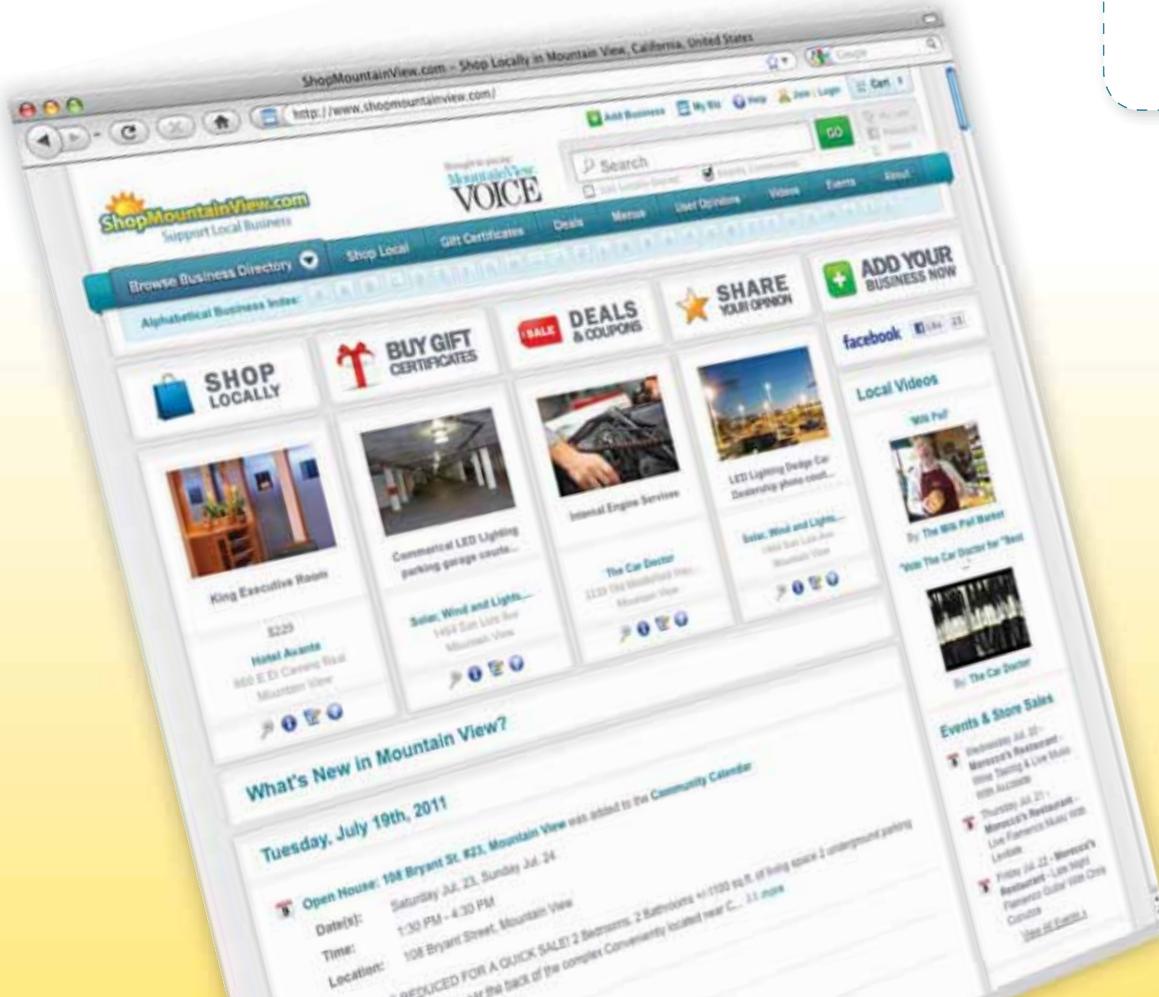
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What will happen to N. Bayshore?

With the stroke of a pen, the City Council can create the opportunity to build a new downtown just north of Hwy. 101 to serve the tech companies located there, including Google. It is an exciting concept that brought out representatives from nearly 100 companies at a recent workshop.

The key ingredient the city could provide is simply using its zoning power to make it possible for developers to build up to 1,500 units of new housing, which so far has been strictly off limits in the Bayshore area, which is mostly occupied by Google, some small tech startups and 165 other small businesses.

But as the plans unfold, many small businesses in the area raised a caution flag to point out their need for affordable rental space, which they hope will not be overlooked in planning to accommodate the growing demand for more high-tech office space.

During a recent City Council meeting, some small businesses said they don't want to be wiped out by the voracious appetite of firms like Google to expand their presence in the Bayshore area. They said they want to hold on to their rental units if and when a new downtown-type district materializes along North Shoreline Boulevard in the years ahead. It is a valid request that the city and Google, which owns a building now occupied by the Pear Avenue Theatre and Center of Balance, a yoga and pilates studio, should not ignore.

If a new North Bayshore zoning map is drawn up and adopted as part of the city's new 2030 General Plan, "We want affordable space to be designated for businesses like ours to help us survive this" redevelopment, said Karen deMoor, co-owner of the yoga/pilates studio, which serves 350 people a week.

Numerous small businesses, including many tech start-ups, dot the landscape around North Bayshore. Most are eager to be in the Google neighborhood and also close to downtown

and Castro Street, a mecca for tech employees who like the wide variety of restaurants and vibrant atmosphere within a mile of their workplaces.

If the current thinking holds, Mountain View would develop a second downtown in the Bayshore area, complete with office buildings. But the question is, in such a high-powered environment, can small companies expect to enjoy the low rent and large spaces that they do now? The need for such space is obvious, but how much can the city dictate to landlords who may want to cash in on a big bubble driven by Google, one of the world's largest technology companies?

If such space is developed, transportation will be a key factor in bringing customers and workers to the area, which now is choked with traffic due to its single access route on North Shoreline Boulevard and Amphitheatre Parkway. One scenario offered by the city's Planning Director Randy Tsuda could restrict auto access at some point and require drivers to walk, bike or take local transit once inside the district. Mayor Mike Kasperzak and several other City Council members have shown an interest in a unique personal rapid transit system that would have a network of guided pod cars running on an elevated rail connecting the Bayshore area with the downtown train station. A less flashy but less expensive alternative would be a system of public shuttle buses that could make the short trip from the downtown rail depot in about 15 minutes.

Whatever happens, it is exciting to see work beginning on how to finally develop stronger links between the downtown and Bayshore, even though it might involve creating a separate neighborhood to house employees who work there. But as the process unfolds, the city should make sure that the same mix of large and small businesses that are there now will have a place in the next Bayshore plan.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

THUMBS UP FOR ARTICLE ON STUTTERING GROUP

I found inspiration in your article "Local teen starts stuttering support group" about Barrett Greaves and all he is doing to help other teens who stutter. He is a true hero.

During my teenage years I wish that I had been able to be a part of a support group with other teens who stutter. I hope that the Voice keeps an eye on the group's progress and does a follow-up article at some point in the future.

I just would like to mention

that a great source of help is the website of The Stuttering Foundation (www.stutteringhelp.org) because it provides free resources for people who stutter of all ages. There is a Spanish-language version of the site at www.tartamudez.org that is a valuable resource for the Hispanic community in the U.S. as well as people in Latin American countries where speech resources lag far behind.

Salvador Montoya Ortega
Bakersfield



- RESTAURANT REVIEW
- MOVIE TIMES
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The dahi bateta seve poori at Chaat Paradise includes spiced potatoes and Indian-style noodles with chutney and yogurt.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Snack food with staying power

CHAAT PARADISE OFFERS CRISPY, TASTY VEGETARIAN TREATS FROM NORTH INDIA

By Sheila Himmel

Most restaurants are lucky to last a year. Even in a vibrant area like Silicon Valley, restaurants must adapt to population shifts and changing tastes. Last month's Mr. Chau is this month's Tony's Grill.

And yet, Chaat Paradise is still Chaat Paradise, celebrating 10 years tucked into the corner of the Mountain View Shopping Center, where Grant Road intersects El Camino Real (and West El Camino meets East El Camino).

The vegetarian cornucopia of North Indian snacks is not uni-

versally beloved, but it never was. When I reviewed Chaat Paradise back in 2006, it was popular for the cost-effectiveness of its "mini-lunches" and maligned for gruff service. Into its second decade, Chaat Paradise's pluses and minuses demonstrate a refreshing continuity.

We found the 2012 version to be pretty good. Lots of menu items, mostly tasty, no redundant sauces, reasonable prices.

And there have been improvements. First of all: a much better ventilation system. In previous eras, a meal at Chaat Paradise meant living with the smell of

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Andy Charan serves lunchtime diners a plate of spinach poori.

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Small plates include saag paneer (creamed spinach with cheese), also partha (fried bread stuffed with mashed potatoes) and dahi bateta seve poori, which includes noodles and spiced potatoes.

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cooking oil in your clothes for the rest of the day.

The menu categories reek of positive attitude: “Mouth Watering Snacks,” “Vegetable Delights,” “Exotic Refreshments.”

Also, the menu has expanded to include Gujarati dishes, such as a curry cooked with tomatoes and chickpea flour noodles (\$6.50), and dosas (\$6.99), the gigantic South Indian rice and lentil pancakes that are crispy outside, slightly spongy inside and also gluten-free. Chaat Paradise fillings range from nothing (plain dosa) to vegetables and potatoes, to, for some reason, American cheese.

“Mouth Watering Snacks” embrace the usual crispy samosas (\$2.50) and fried pakoras (\$5.25), but also the more unusual dahi dishes (\$4.25). The dahi bateta seve poori is a perfect little appetizer, with two potato-stuffed puffballs resting in yogurt and chutney. It’s a festival of crunchy, smooth, spicy and sweet. The Chaat Paradise chaat basket (\$4.99) overflows with mini tostada-type shells stuffed with potatoes and garbanzo beans laced with sweet onions and cilantro.

Baigan bharta (\$6.50) is a rich, deep-flavored eggplant entree, baked to a smoky mash with garlic, onions and tomatoes.

■ DINING NOTES

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Instead of a steam-table buffet, Chaat Paradise offers a wealth of ironically titled “mini-lunches.” They range in price from \$5.25 to \$7.25, and leave you fully nourished by a wide variety of vegetable dishes accompanied by bread or rice. With maki di roti and saag (\$7.25), you get two hefty cornmeal pancakes to dip in creamed spinach and refreshing raita, yogurt flecked with carrots and cucumbers.

Oddly, a side order of roti (\$1), the signature bread, was limp and cool.

Should you have the capacity

or desire to end on a sweet note, the four choices (\$2.50) span rice pudding, ice cream and fried cheese balls.

Service tends to be a mixed bag. At lunch, one server was happy to answer questions. The other made himself scarce and seemed to resent being asked for takeout containers.

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MOVIE TIMES

2 For 1 - My Week with Marilyn/The Iron Lady (R) Century 16: Noon, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

A Separation (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 2, 4:50, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** 2:30, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Act of Valor (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:35, 4:30, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 12:45, 2:10, 3:25, 4:50, 6:30, 7:35, 9:10 & 10:20 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 10:20 a.m.

The Artist (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 2:10, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** 2, 4:20 & 7:25 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

Chronicle (PG-13) Century 16: 1, 3:40 & 6:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:35 & 2:50 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 5:10 & 7:30 p.m.

The Descendants (R) ★★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: 3:15, 6 & 8:45 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri.-Tue. at 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Century 16: 11:40 a.m. & 5:10 p.m.; In 3D at 11 a.m.; 1:50, 2:30, 4:20, 7, 7:50 & 9:30 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Wed. also at 10:20 p.m.; In 3D Thu. also at 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m. & 3:50 p.m.; In 3D at 12:25, 1:30, 2:45, 5, 6:10, 7:20, 8:30 & 9:40 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Wed. also at 10:45 p.m.; In 3D Sat. & Sun. also at 10:20 a.m.

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Century 20: 12:35 & 5:25 p.m.; In 3D at 3, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.

Gone (PG-13) Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:25, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:05, 2:40, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:10 p.m.

Hamlet (1948) Stanford Theatre: Tue.-Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

John Carter (PG-13) Century 16: Thu. at 12:01 a.m.; In 3D Thu. also at 12:01 a.m. **Century 20:** Thu. at 12:02 a.m.; In 3D Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Century 16: 11 a.m. & 9 p.m.; In 3D at 1:25, 3:50 & 6:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m. & 4:20 p.m.; In 3D at 1:40, 6:55 & 9:30 p.m.; In 3D Sat. & Sun. also at 10:25 a.m.

The Marriage Circle (1924) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

One Hour with You (1932) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 4:25 p.m.

Oscar-Nominated Animated Shorts Aquarius Theatre: 2:45 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 7:15 p.m.

Oscar-Nominated Live-Action Shorts Aquarius Theatre: 4:45 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 9:15 p.m.

Pina 3D (PG) Palo Alto Square: 1:50, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:50 p.m.

Project X (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; noon, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9:50 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 12:45, 1:45, 3, 4, 5:25, 6:15, 7:50, 8:30, 10:10 & 10:45 p.m.

Rampart (R) Century 16: 9:20 p.m.

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

Safe House (R) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m.

The Secret World of Arrietty (G) ★★★1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:20, 3:50, 6:20 & 8:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:45 a.m.; 2:15, 4:35, 7 & 9:25 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 10:15 a.m.

Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) Century 20: 1 p.m. (standard 2D); In 3D at 4:05, 7:10 & 10:15 p.m.

This Means War (PG-13) Century 16: 12:50, 3:40, 7 & 9:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m.

Trouble in Paradise (1932) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 5:55 & 9 p.m.

Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) Century 16: 12:30, 3:35, 7:10 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:25 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:25 & 10:05 p.m.

The Vow (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 16: 12:40, 3:30, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.

Wanderlust (R) Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:45, 4:25, 7:25 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8:05 & 10:35 p.m.

We Need to Talk About Kevin (R) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:30 p.m.

The Woman in Black (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20: Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. at 9:50 p.m.; Tue. at 10:30 p.m.

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★★ Some redeeming qualities
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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY

★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Great things come in small packages. That's one of the lessons of "The Secret World of Arrietty," the charming animated adventure based on Mary Norton's kid-lit classic "The Borrowers." This is a tale of tiny people warily living underfoot of us human "beans," and stealthily "borrowing" what they need to survive. But it's also a reminder that the seemingly small package of a hand-drawn animated film remains a warmly welcome alternative to the often cold equivalent of computer-generated imagery. Director Hiromasa Yonebayashi takes the story at a leisurely pace, which allows it to breathe. Along with the gorgeously detailed art, lush color and swoony music, the film is all but guaranteed to entrance children. The animation style, emphasizing meticulous design, perfectly lends itself to the source material. Everything about "Arrietty" is as vivid as it is (deceptively) simple, which places it in the top ranks of animated movies. With tenderness, the story brushes against big fears — Shawn grapples with mortality, Arrietty with losing her home — while retaining the view that friendship can mean mutually solving, or at least alleviating, problems. *Rated G. One hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

A SEPARATION

★★★1/2

(Guild) Even as she defends her divorce filing, an Iranian woman says of her spouse, "He is a good, decent person." But "A Separation" — Iran's entry for Oscar's Best Foreign Language Film — tests its every proposition, from the wisdom of the couple's separation to the ethical rectitude of the spurned husband. The opening scene of writer-director Asghar Farhadi's drama lets wife Simin (Leila Hatami) and husband Nader (Peyman Moadi) vent their sides of the dispute that threatens to end their marriage. The two separate, forcing 11-year-old Termeh (Sarina Farhadi) to quietly play one parent against the other in the hope they'll see the errors of their ways. The climate of cultural repression in Iran has only made its cinema more vital. The film's separations can be familial, but also those of class and culture and between citizen and state; above all, Farhadi's parable teaches that a rush to judgment inevitably turns back on the judge. Though the characters may not live in glass houses, it's a shattered windshield that attends the film's moment of truth. *Rated PG-13 for thematic material. Two hours, three minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

S.T.- Susan Tavernetti, P.C. Peter Canavese, T.H.-Tyler Hanley

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

POST LECTURE SERIES

Joel Salatin describes himself as an "environmentalist capitalist lunatic farmer." As part of the Wallace Stegner Lecture Series, the organic farmer will speak about Bay Area agriculture. March 5, 8-10 p.m. \$22. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mtn. View. Call 650-854-7696. openspacetrust.org

ART GALLERIES

'Marsh' Photography by Aki Mori Gallery 9 presents digital color photography by Bay Area artist Aki Mori. Mori seeks to capture the cycle of life through her photos. The reception is Thursday, March 8, 6-8 p.m. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 12-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

'Tote-ally-Art' Mixed-media artist Jane Ferguson is exhibiting new wall artwork and tote bags that feature figures from her favorite paintings. The gallery is open Mon.-Sat. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays until 3. Through March 31. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

Tony Grant Exhibition featuring 25 of Tony Grant's documentary photographic images printed on metallic paper. Through April 1, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 3. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800, ext. 306. www.arts4all.org

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Parent Observation Open House Parent Observation Parent Education/Preschool Program is holding an open house March 3, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Parent Observation offers 18 Month, 2 and 3 year old classes. Parent Observation Open House, 1325 Bryant Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-968-9950. www.facebook.com/parentobservation

State Senate Hearing on High-Speed Rail State Senators Joe Simitian, Alan Lowenthal and Mark Desaulnier will hold a joint hearing on high-speed rail. The hearing will include testimony from state officials and others, along with public comment. March 13, 7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-688-6384. www.senatorsimitian.com/events

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Belly Dancing and World Music Night Performance at Morocco's Restaurant will start at 8:30 p.m. The Carole Acuna will belly dance will be here for your entertainment. Reservations recommended, March 3, 5 p.m.-12 a.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

ENVIRONMENT

Graywater Workshop Forrest Lineberger, principal of the sustainable-design firm Vox Design Group, will lead this GreenTown Los Altos workshop on the fundamentals of home gray-water-system design and installation. March 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Private home, 161 Mountain View Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-383-7540. greentownlosaltos.org/news-events/upcoming-events/

EXHIBITS

'Shaped by Water: Past, Present & Future' This family-friendly exhibit focuses on the history and future of water in the Santa Clara Valley. Topics include the indigenous tribal people; the Spanish, Mexican, and Gold Rush immigrants; and the present-day population, as well as the uncertain future of local water resources. Through April 22, Thurs.-Sun., Noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

Holocaust Exhibit at Foothill College The Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College will host "The Courage to Remember," a traveling exhibit produced by the Museum of Tolerance from the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The exhibit features 200 photographs that offer insight into the Holocaust. Mon.-Sat., through March 2, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Free (parking \$3). Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.couragetoremember.com

LIVE MUSIC

Live Acoustic Guitar Night An acoustic guitar performance with Booby Love and Sugar Sweet, who will perform covers and original work. RSVP Recommended. Check in on Facebook for a complimentary treat. March 8, 5-9:30 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Live Jazz Music with Johnny Williams Johnny Williams will appear for a night of jazz and blues. March 6, 7-9:30 p.m. Free Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Moroccan Music Night Morocco's Restaurant will play Moroccan music from the 4 corners

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ON STAGE

'All Shook Up' Foothill Music Theatre presents the musical "All Shook Up," featuring songs made famous by Elvis Presley and a book by Tony Award winner Joe DiPietro. Feb. 23-March 11. \$10-\$28. Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothillmusicals.com

'Familiar Strangers' A World Premiere by Menlo Park playwright Margy Kahn and directed by Jeanie Smith and Diane Tasca, this new play is about the struggle between an Iranian woman and her Americanized teen daughter. March 1-18, \$15-\$30. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Mountain View. www.thepear.org

Los Altos Youth Theatre "Alice," by T.M. Camp has been adapted from the classic by Lewis Carroll. Recommended for ages 4 and up. March 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 at 7:30 p.m.; March 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 at 2 p.m. \$10-\$15. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. bus-barn.tix.com/Schedule.asp?ActCode=74324

Rodgers & Hammerstein's 'Cinderella'; Peninsula Youth Theatre celebrates its 20th-anniversary season with Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale. March 3-11, \$16-20. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pytnet.org

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SPECIAL EVENTS

'Science Night' Science Night at the Museum of American Heritage features demonstrations and hands-on activities with static electricity, electromagnetic toys, a Theremin and a Tesla coil. Price includes pizza and beverages. March 3, 5-7 p.m. \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

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SUPPORT GROUPS

'Teens Who Stutter' The new TWST (Teens Who Stutter) group is for teens ages 14 to 19 to hang out; play foosball, ping pong and other games; snack and talk. Part of the National Stutterers Association. For fun, not therapy. Teen-run, adult-supervised. Meeting every fourth Tuesday starting Feb. 28, 6-8 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-938-6356.

TALKS/AUTHORS

Black and White Henry and Rochelle Ford will be featured speakers on "Life in Black and White" at the Palo Alto Historical Association free public meeting. March 4, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

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Atherton, 4 BR/3.5 BA
Avail April/May. Furnished. Incl water and gardener. \$5000/mo
Menlo Park, 2 BR/1.5 BA
Study, eat-in kitchen, appls., 1 car att. gar. w/storage, W/D. 1 BR w/outside entr., 1 BR w/ small deck/French doors. H/W floors, LR/DR w/built-in china cabinet. House bolted down, dual pane windows. Bike to Willow Rd., Facebook or Stanford. \$3,000. Avail. 3/23. 650/326-1221
Palo Alto, 3 BR/2 BA - \$4500/m Fu
Redwood City, 3 BR/2 BA - \$4,200.00

820 Home Exchanges

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825 Homes/Condos for Sale

Palo Alto - List for 1
Redwood City, 2 BR/1 BA - \$369,000
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

KUMON MATH AND READING CENTER OF CENTRAL LOS ALTOS
KUMON CENTRAL LOS ALTOS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560929
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Kumon Math and Reading Center of Central Los Altos, 2.) Kumon Central Los Altos, located at 1780 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
FLH LEARNING, LLC
1780 Miramonte Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 12/07/2011.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 3, 2012. (MVV Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 2, 2012)

MMH COMMUNICATIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560794
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MMH Communications, located at 1426 Wildrose Way, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MARY MICHELE HYNDMAN
1426 Wildrose Way
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1/24/12.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 1, 2012. (MVV Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 2, 2012)

WONDERBOY WEBSITES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 561487
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Wonderboy Websites, located at 725 Mariposa Ave. #308, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
ALAN E. BAYER ENTERPRISES LLC
725 Mariposa Ave. #308
Mountain View, CA 94041
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1/1/2012.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on 2/17/2012. (MVV March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012)

SAT CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 561761
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
sat Consulting, located at 617 Charming Circle, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SUSAN TWIETMEYER
617 Charming Circle
Mountain View, CA 94041
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 24, 2012. (MVV Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012)

KINDERMUSIK WITH DOMINIQUE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 561782
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Kindermusik with Dominique, located at 100 N. Whisman Rd. Apt. 3216, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MUSIC AND ME LLC
100 N. Whisman Rd., Apt. 3216
Mountain View, CA 94043
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	Jan & Feb 2011	Jan & Feb 2012	<i>Change</i>
Number of Sales	32	50	▲ 56%
Average Price	\$934,494	\$1,011,440	▲ 8%
Average Days on Market	60	29	▼ 52%

Don't miss out on this great market. What can I do for you?

Data based on sales date; some homes are pending sale and have not closed escrow.

Sale Pending



11662 Putter Way, LOS ALTOS

- 4 bedrooms, office or 5th bedroom, 4 full baths, and 2 half-baths
- Approximately 3,253 sq. ft. of living space
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Sun 1:30-4:30

SUNNYVALE

912 LEIGHTON WAY \$825,000
3 BR 2 BA Beautifully remodeled & landscaped 2006-2008. Hardwood floors, crown molding, recessed lights
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Sun 1:00-4:00

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1520 MELBA COURT \$1,049,500
3 BR 2 BA Gr n'hood, cul-de-sac loc & Los Altos schls! Spac LR/DR, dbl pn wndws, hwflrs, deck & yard
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

185 THOMPSON SQ \$859,000
3 BR 2 BA Spacious Monta Loma home with family-style kitchen & hardwood floors on non-through street
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Sun 1:00-4:00

LOS ALTOS HILLS

11035 EASTBROOK AV \$3,195,000
5 BR 4.5 BA 6000+ square ft beautiful custom home. 1.3 acre oaktree studded lot with expansive lawns.
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169 E. PORTOLA AVE \$1,998,000
5 BR 3 BA Beautiful remodeled and expanded home is like new w/5 bedrooms, 3 baths.
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390 HACIENDA CT \$1,698,000
3 BR 2 BA Lot size over 13,000 sf. Updated ranch-style home on cul-de-sac. Hardwood flrs. Must see!
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546 HILBAR LN SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,249,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Custom built in 2006. Fab flr plan, att 2-car garage on rare 60ft wide lot. Duvneck schl.
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SAN JOSE

987 CAMELLIA WY SUN 1:30-4:30 \$619,000
3 BR 2 BA Charming & spacious hm in a desirable neighborhood in West SJ. Extended master bedroom.
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1129 TUOLUMNE LN #51 SAT/SUN 1 - 4:30 \$925,000

2 BR 2.5 BA Gorgeous South Palo Alto condo. Built in 2009! Model unit with over \$40,000 in upgrades!
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436 HIGH ST #105 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$725,000
2 BR 2 BA Beautiful condo only a few steps to University Ave. Secure building. Underground parking.
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4580 SAMSON WY SUN 1 - 4 \$549,000

3 BR 2 BA Updtd Cambrian home. 8,276sf lot. Good for RV/Boat parking. Great schls. Close to freeway.
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231 HAWTHORNE AVE SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,290,000
5 BR 5 BA Beautiful Architecture + Floor Plan Amenities Abound. Gleaming HW Floors, Lovely Granite.
Jim Galli 650.941.7040

16755 LITTLEFIELD LN SUN 1 - 4 \$1,879,000

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13278 MCCULLOCH AVE SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$897,000
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