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## INSIDE HANGAR ONE

It was a rare chance to see Hangar One up close, as members of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory board toured the hangar on March 14 as workers continue to strip its asbestos- and PCB-laden siding. Preservationists on the board had mixed emotions as rain fell on the massive, half-stripped steel frame. There is still no government funding to re-skin the 200-foot-tall landmark, and NASA Ames official Deb Feng said Friday that the proposal from Google's top executives to pay as much as \$45 million for its restoration in exchange for use of Hangar One for their private planes was still being considered at "the top levels of government." See more photos on Page 8.

MICHELLE LE

## Food trucks need rules, council says

By Daniel DeBolt

A new crop of food trucks is apparently causing problems for Mountain View businesses, city officials say, and City Council members want to do something about it.

Council members voted 5-2, with Tom Means and John Inks opposed, to begin working on an ordinance that could tell food truck owners how, where and when they can operate within Mountain View. Several have apparently stepped on the toes of "brick-and-mortar" restaurants by coming to town on Friday and Saturday nights and parking downtown, among other places.

Code enforcement officers have cracked down.

"There's been a significant increase in complaints, questions and concerns from residents, neighboring businesses, business associations and food truck operators themselves,"

said code enforcement officer Chris Costanzo. "They have questions as to how, when and where they can operate in Mountain View."

City Attorney Jannie Quinn said food truck operators had to get temporary permits to be at Thursday Night Live events downtown last year.

"Mountain View hates us. They don't want us to be here," said Darrel Oribello, a marketer for food trucks.

City staff will soon propose an update to the city's 56-year old food truck ordinance, which only regulates food trucks that visit job sites. Public hearings could be scheduled in May and a final City Council vote could come in the fall.

The ordinance is aimed at the new trend of "specialty food trucks" that alert customers via Twitter or Facebook, and may be parked for long periods or come

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## Don't text and drive, teens urge

By Nick Veronin

A group of students at Mountain View High School have launched a campaign aimed at getting their peers to put away their cell phones while behind the wheel.

The campaign and its slogan, "Don't Drive InTEXTicated," intends to draw parallels between drunken driving and driving while sending or reading text messages. After all, the campaign's organizers reason, both behaviors can result in traffic accidents and even death.

They have designed wristbands emblazoned with the campaign slogan. In order to get one, teens must sign a pledge promising not to send or read text messages while driving.

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## Five candidates lining up for council race

By Daniel DeBolt

A newcomer, two commissioners and two incumbents have said they will run for the City Council when four seats become open this fall.

Leadership Mountain View graduate Margaret Capriles was the only candidate to file a statement of intent by the *Voice's* press time. Planning commissioners Chris Clark and John McAllister both confirmed that they will be running for City Council again this year, as they did in 2008.

Mayor Mike Kasperzak and council member John Inks say they will both be running for re-election, while the city will see the departure of Laura Macias and Tom Means due to term limits after both serve eight years on the council.

Capriles is relatively unknown to city insiders and said she was not able to



Margaret Capriles



Chris Clark



John Inks



John McAllister



Mike Kasperzak

comment by the *Voice's* press deadline, except to confirm that she is running. According to her profiles on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, she is a Democrat, a member of the YMCA's local senior advisory board and a data architect at Hewlett Packard, where she says she has worked for over 20 years. On Facebook, she counts as friends state Senate candidate Sally Lieber, Mayor Mike Kasperzak and Day Worker Center director

Maria Marroquin.

Clark, a senior operations manager for Loopt, was noted as the youngest gay city council candidate in the Bay Area when he placed 6th in the 2008 election in which the environment and smart growth appeared to be his top priorities. He's addressed criticisms that he needed more experience

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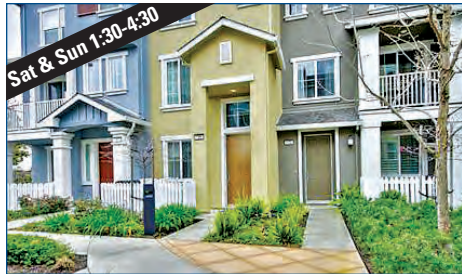
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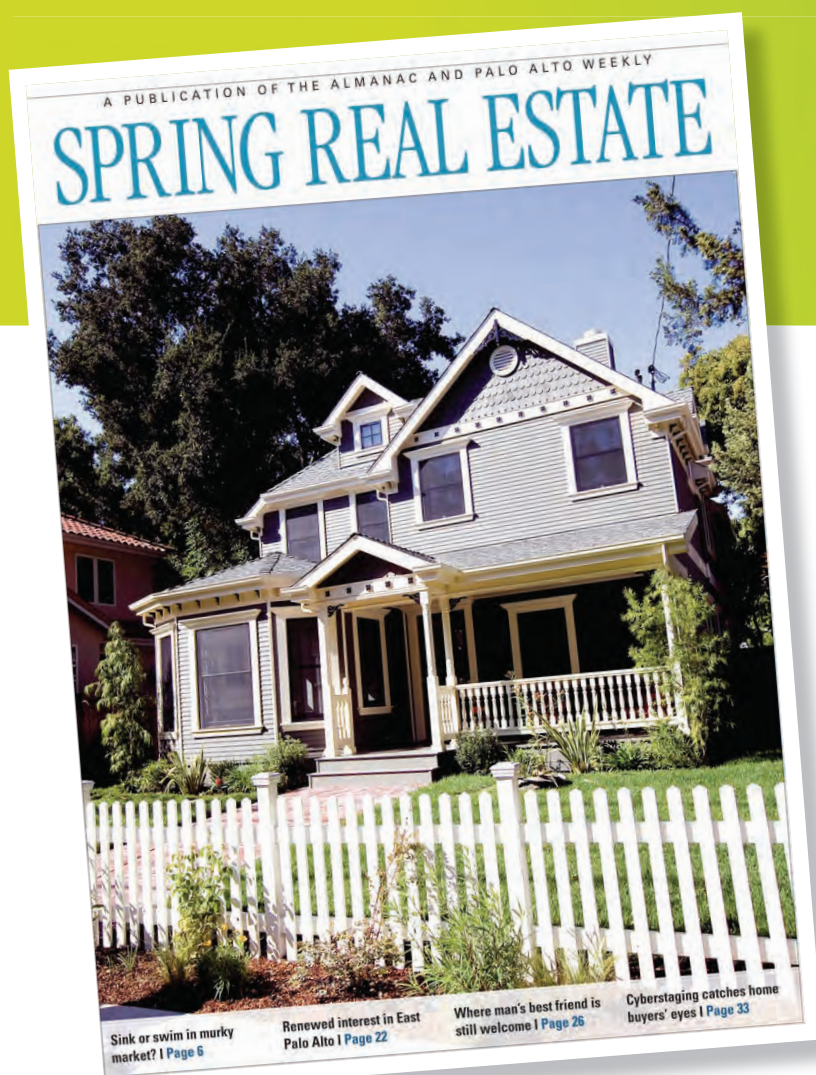
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997 All Other Legals  
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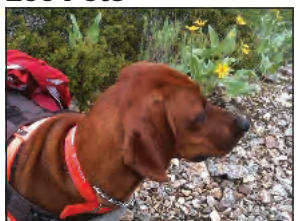

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**REDWOOD BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**

Chris Stuart & Janet Beazley plus Brittany Haas (currently based in Nashville) & Lauren Rioux. March 24, 8-10 p.m. \$18 adv/\$20 door Half-price for teens, free for under 13 and music students. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. www.rba.org

**BENEFITS**

**Fashion Show** Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos holds a fashion show to benefit deaf and hard-of-hearing infants and children, and disadvantaged women and children. Reservations required. March 24, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$40. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-967-5404.

**CLASSES/WORKSHOPS**

**'Planting Your Summer Vegetables'** Master Gardener Laura Monczynski will teach a class on how to choose vegetables and herbs for the summer garden. March 24, 3-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardeners.org/scc.html

**Cultivating Life with Acupuncture** Attendees will learn how this medicine can benefit them and your loved ones. Chinese medicine uses natural means to reduce chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, decrease pain, support immune function and enhance quality of life. Facilitated by Kari Knapstad a licensed acupuncturist and herbalist. March 24, 1-3 p.m. No Charge. Cancer Support Community, 455 N. Whisman Road, Suite 300, Mountain View. Call 650-968-5000. www.cancersupportcommunity.net

**Survivorship 101** This is an introduction to post-treatment and beyond. Attendees will learn how to create a summary of their treatment and map out a care plan for their survivorship. March 27, 6-8 p.m. Cancer Support Community, 455 N. Whisman Road, Suite 300, Mountain View. Call 650-968-5000. www.cancersupportcommunity.net

**Video Production Workshop** Attendees

produce a short video, learn camera operations, audio and lighting in the field, editing with Final Cut Pro and burning a DVD and uploading to Youtube. Class is all day on Saturday March 24, half day Sunday March 25, field shoot on Saturday March 30 and then all day the following Sunday March 31. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$145.00. Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-8686. midpenmedia.org

**CLUBS/MEETINGS**

**Toastmasters International** Training and practice for public speaking and leadership. First and third Thursdays of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-623-3543. orbiters.freetoasthost.us/

**CONCERTS**

**'How Studying Theory Makes You Musical'** CSMA faculty members Carrie Campbell, Sara Moravej, Richard Roper, Lisa Sueyres and Daniel Wood perform works from Baroque to modern, and student compositions. March 23, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

**CSMA Merit Scholar Ensembles** Concert suitable for the entire family featuring CSMA's Merit Scholars. A CSMA Student Concert sponsored by Applied Materials. March 24, 5-6 p.m. Free Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

**Jamie Davis with Los Altos High School Jazz** This jazz performance, open to the public, features young musicians of the Los Altos High

School Jazz Ensemble performing with vocalist Jamie Davis in a small theater setting. March 24, 7-10 p.m. \$5 students, \$10 adults. Los Altos High School Eagle Theater, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-823-3500. www.jamiedavis.com

**DANCE**

**Twirlybirds Square Dance Class** A adult beginners' modern square-dancing class (no experience necessary) will be taught by John Caywood with Linda Caywood. Sundays from Jan. 8 through Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m. \$4 per class. Recreation Hall, 425 Lotus Lane, Mountain View. Call 408-274-3833.

**Wedding Dances** Wedding/Special Occasion ballroom & Latin dances for bride and groom, anniversary/commitment ceremony celebrants, bar/bat mitzvahs and milestone birthdays. March 26, 7:30-9 p.m. \$84/person. Mountain View Community Center, Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-938-3720. ellenamber@comcast.net

**ENVIRONMENT**

**Watershed Tour of Adobe Creek** Attendees will explore the Adobe Creek watershed by bus, with several stops in Palo Alto and Los Altos, with speakers and lunch. Moderate walking required. March 24, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$35. greenfoothills.givezooks.com/events/adobe-creek-watershed-tour

**FAMILY AND KIDS**

**"Willy Wonka" - The Children's Musical** Crittenden Middle School Presents "Willy Wonka," the Kids Collection musical version of the Roald Dahl Classic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." This 50-minute production for the family

is a story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir. March 23 and 24, 7-8 p.m. \$2 Children & Students/\$6 Adults. Crittenden Middle School Multipurpose Room, 1701 Rock St., Mountain View.

**Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo** Ongoing exhibits at the museum and zoo include "Bobcat Ridge," "Africa's Bats," exhibits on physics and math, and a "Buzz" display on insects and spiders. Museum hours: Tue-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.friendsjnz.org

**FILM**

**Miss Representation** LAMV PTA Council and Partners for New Generations present the documentary film Miss Representation (TV-14), a film about whether the mainstream media contributes to the under representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. March 28, 7-9 p.m. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. mvmisrepresentation.eventbrite.com/

**HEALTH**

**'Rest, Replenish, Renew'** This weekly group teaches students to express themselves through movement, drawing, creative writing and mindfulness activities designed to help tap into innate creativity. Wednesdays from Jan. 18 on, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Cancer Support Community, 455 Whisman Road, Suite 300, Mountain View. Call 650-968-5000. www.cancersupportcommunity.net

**John's Zumba Class** Zumba classes every Thursday night, 8-9 p.m. \$10. John's Zumba Class,

2584 Leghorn St., Mountain View. Call 415-990-9965. www.thatzumbaguy.com

**LIVE MUSIC**

**Soul Manifesto** Soul Manifesto performs R&B, funk, blues and soul music. March 23, 10-noon. Free. Francesca's, 2135 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 650-799-1080.

**ON STAGE**


**'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 24 at 2 p.m. \$10-\$15. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. busbarn.tix.com/Schedule.asp?ActCode=74324

**RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY**

**Insight Meditation South Bay** Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings. 7:30-9 p.m. donations accepted. St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

**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.



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**Grant Road/Sylvan Park Area Neighborhood Meeting**

**Alta Vista High School**  
1325 Bryant Avenue  
March 28, 2012  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee will be hosting a neighborhood meeting for residents in the Grant Road/Sylvan Park area on March 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (see area map below). The Neighborhood Meeting will be an open forum to listen to and respond to your concerns.

This is an opportunity to make a difference in the future of your neighborhood and express your thoughts about ways to improve our community.

For further information, please contact the City's Neighborhood Preservation Division at (650) 903-6379.



Grant Road/Sylvan Park



■ movie reViews

**JOHN CARTER** ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) In dire need of a cinematic sugar rush? Look no farther than Disney's blockbuster offering "John Carter," a fantasy extravaganza brimming with eye candy. The visual effects are, literally, out of this world. Based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' groundbreaking novel "A Princess of Mars," the film follows a Civil War-era cavalryman from Virginia who is whisked away to Mars courtesy of a mystical amulet. Meanwhile, a war is brewing between Mars' more human-looking denizens. A soldier is taking the fight to the land of Helium in hopes of conquering it and marrying its battle-ready princess. The picture drags at times and at least 20 minutes could have been left on the cutting-room floor. The film relies heavily on its visual elements, so it's a boon that that portion is so stunning. It might not be the healthiest dose of eye candy, but it certainly satisfies. *Rated PG-13 for violence and action. Two hours, 17 minutes.* — T.H.

**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 living underfoot of human "beans," and "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 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.

**THE ARTIST** ★★★

(Palo Alto Square) Any filmgoer undaunted by something different will walk out of this new silent film with a grin. Michel Hazanavicius' feature has an emotional generosity that speaks louder than words. Opening in 1927, "The Artist" begins with a premiere of a silent film starring George Valentin (Jean Dujardin). When Valentin stumbles into a photo op with Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), the ground for a relationship is paved. Peppy sees her star begins to rise with George's fall, precipitated by the arrival of talkies and the crash of 1929. Writer-director Hazanavicius mostly steers clear of comparisons to the era's epics and screen comics, instead inhabiting melodrama. The film joyously celebrates the movies. *Rated PG-13 for a disturbing image and a crude gesture. One hour, 41 minutes.* — P.C.

■ movie critics

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

■ movie times

**21 Jump Street (R)** Century 16: 11 a.m.; noon, 1:40, 2:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:40, 8:50 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 1:15, 2:20, 3:55, 5, 6:35, 7:55, 9:30 & 10:40 p.m.

**A Double Life (1947)** Stanford Theatre: Tue.-Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

**A Separation (PG-13) ★★★1/2** Guild Theatre: 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2:30 p.m.

**A Thousand Words (PG-13)** Century 16: 11:10 a.m. & 4:20 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. & Tue.-Thu. also at 10:05 p.m.; Mon. also at 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:35, 5:10, 7:40 & 10 p.m.

**Act of Valor (R)** Century 16: 1:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. & Tue.-Thu. also at 7:10 p.m. Century 20: 1:50 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 7:35 p.m.

**The Artist (PG-13) ★★★1/2** Palo Alto Square: 2 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 4:20 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 7:25 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

**The Bodyguard (R)** Century 16: Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Century 20: Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

**Casa de Mi Padre (R)** Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 8 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8 & 10:10 p.m.

**Delicacy (PG-13)** Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2:20, 5 & 7:50 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 10:35 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 10:30 p.m.

**Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG)** Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:10, 4:50 & 7:20 p.m.; In 3D at 11 a.m.; 1:20, 3:50, 6:30 & 8:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:05 a.m.; 1:25, 3:50, 6:10, 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.; In 3D at 12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m.

**Footnote (PG)** Aquarius Theatre: 4:15, 7 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1:30 p.m.

**Friends with Kids (R)** Aquarius Theatre: 4:45, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 1:55, 4:35, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.

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

**Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R)** Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2 & 4:40 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 7:20 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1:35 & 3:45 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. & Tue.-Thu. also at 5:55 & 8:05 p.m.; Sun. & Tue.-Thu. also at 10:15 p.m.; Mon. also at 5:50 p.m.

**John Carter (PG-13) ★★★** Century 16: 3:30 & 10:10 p.m.; In 3D at 11:50 a.m. & 7 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 5:35 p.m.; In 3D at 1, 4:05, 7:05 & 10:15 p.m.

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** Century 16: Mon. at 8 p.m. Century 20: Mon. at 8 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Mon. at 8 p.m.

**Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG)** Century 20: 11 a.m.; In 3D at 4:10 p.m.; In 3D Sun.-Tue. & Thu. also at 9:20 p.m.

**The Kid with a Bike (PG-13)** Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 1:50, 4:10, 6:50 & 9:30 p.m.

**Kismet (1944)** Stanford Theatre: Tue.-Thu. at 5:40 & 9:25 p.m.

**Mirror Mirror (PG)** Century 20: Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

**Monumental: In Search of America's National Treasure** Century 16: Tue. at 8 p.m. Century 20: Tue. at 8 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Tue. at 8 p.m.

**National Theatre Live: She Stoops to Conquer** Century 20: Thu. at 7 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Thu. at 7 p.m.

**Othello (1952)** Stanford Theatre: Fri.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 4 p.m.

**Project X (R)** Century 20: 11:35 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 10:20 p.m.

**Safe House (R)** Century 16: 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 2:30 & 8:35 p.m.

**Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13)** Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:25 & 10:05 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:50, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:50 p.m.

**The Secret World of Arrietty (G) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:20 & 3:40 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 6:20 & 8:40 p.m. Century 20: Fri.-Tue. & Thu. at 1:40 & 6:55 p.m.

**This Means War (PG-13)** Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 2:15, 4:50 & 7:15 p.m.; Sun.-Wed. also at 9:45 p.m.

**Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)** Century 16: In 3D Thu. at 12:01 a.m. Century 20: Thu. at 12:02 a.m.; In 3D Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

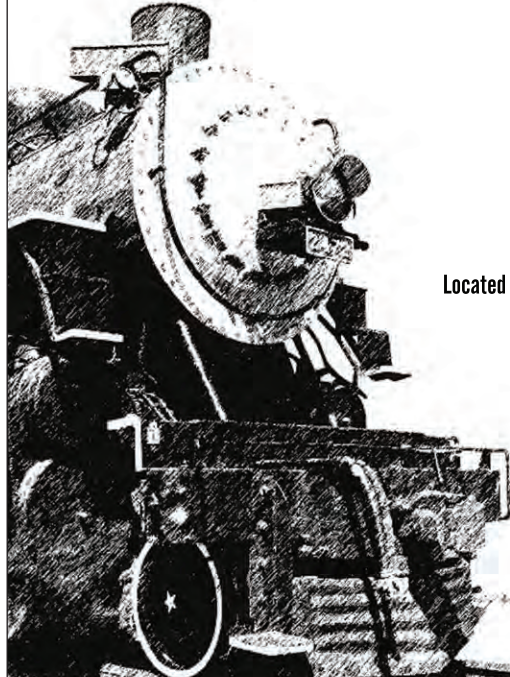
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The Trustees have again voted to accept the recommendations of a Superintendent and Architects without amendment (same as the last 3 years). There is **at least \$50 million of wasted money** in the priority one SFIP plan. ONE QUARTER of the PLAN is for demolition of over 40 permanent classrooms and for replacement (at \$500,000 per classroom). About 40 additional classrooms would be built for "expansion". The SFIP does not have money for reopening Whisman/Slater, and the Trustees **DID NOT VOTE** to add that into the ballot language.

WHY DID THE TRUSTEES LEAVE "NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION" building as part of the June bond language? The bond has less than half the money needed for "student facilities". **HOW ON EARTH DO THEY JUSTIFY ALLOWING A TWO STORY NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** to be planned? (estimate **\$9,194,000** - the SFIP budget - item 45)

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hasn't been properly trained. During my visits, servers were fairly clueless about ingredients and had to make multiple runs to the kitchen for answers. Plates were snatched up before all the diners were finished: a fundamental blunder in any fine-dining establishment.

The waitstaff couldn't sell the food and the menu offered little in the way of narrative. The charcuterie plate, for example, gave no description at all other than \$18. Ditto the wine list. I was told the servers hadn't tasted most of the wines.

Where's the attention to detail that justifies the prices? What is polished in the kitchen is dulled by the rest of the dining experience. It's too bad, because beautiful plates are being executed with impeccable timing.

The menu is ever-evolving. On consecutive nights, the kitchen might vary the ingredients of the same dish. For instance, the foie gras appetizer was served with fried brioche, peaches, frisee and black truffle one night. Another night it was with sauteed apples, frisee, truffle oil and trimmed toast points. Prices can vary evening to evening as well. Not a problem; it was all memorably delicious.

Lavender celeriac soup with leek straws (\$8) was creamy, sweet, fragrant and delicate. The lavender was no more than a hint, a quick kiss that lingered without memory. The celeriac, also known as celery root, was lush with a slight woody taste.

The first-course scallops (\$18) had been sauteed with lardons and were served atop snappy frisee and sauced with an acidic citrus glaze, giving great balance to the plate.

The charcuterie plate (\$18) consisted of Russian czar salami (smoked beef and pork), a French cured smoked duck sausage, smoked duck breast, a dry pork salami, toast points, cornichons and coarse-grain mustard. It was an artful presentation of tasty meats. Had I not been reviewing, though, the lack of menu description would not

have piqued my interest.

Entrees were all delicious. The filet of striped sea bass (\$24) sat atop a pool of celeriac puree while flecks of anchovies, bits of olives, whole capers, chunks of potato and strips of sauteed pimiento complemented.

The duck breast portion (\$26) was generous and accompanied with confit of carrot, creamy polenta, fried Brussels-sprouts petals, pomegranate seeds and thin strips of sauteed plum. We ordered the duck on consecutive visits and had a slightly different but totally satisfying version each time.

The vegetarian special (\$20) was a mouthwatering combination of creamy polenta, fried leeks, sauteed mushrooms and Brussels sprouts tossed with a few leaves of frisee. It was a rewarding, nourishing dish.

Desserts were special. The pumpkin pot de creme (\$8) with whipped cream, candied pumpkin seeds and gingersnap cookies was mousse-like and simply glorious.

The crepes Suzettes (\$10) were thin, sweet and buttery, with fresh grated orange, Grand Marnier and candied orange peel. This longtime French-restaurant standby has been refined and updated to dazzling heights.

The delicious chocolate duo (\$8) was a tulip bowl-shaped chocolate truffle torte filled with a rich ganache swirl and a cup of Guittard dark hot chocolate.

The most spectacular dessert was the boite de baies (box of berries, \$10). It was literally a box made of pure chocolate filled with blueberries, blackberries and raspberries, in a vanilla custard, over a layer of sponge cake, with white chocolate straws, all held together with a red ribbon. That was the wow dish.

My heart beats faster when I think of French cooking. At Bon Vivant Cafe, the diner is rewarded with first-class cuisine but the waitstaff needs educating and a more intelligible menu would help.

Does the food justify the prices? Depends on how much you love French cooking. ▣

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BON VIVANT'S CUISINE HITS THE HEIGHTS, EVEN IF THE SERVICE AND MENU FALL SHORT

By Dale F. Bentson

The French restaurant has become an endangered species in these parts over the past decade. What survives is a handful of bistros and ubiquitous Med-fusion cafes, with menus including selections from Provence, Italy, Greece, Turkey, the Iberian Peninsula and sometimes Morocco. Nothing wrong with the notion, but French cooking is one of the great cuisines of the world that has been pushed to our local back burner.

So I was thrilled when Bon Vivant Cafe opened in downtown Palo Alto last summer. The space is restaurant nouveau: part art gallery, part bistro, part fine-

dining establishment. As of this writing, the walls are adorned with the colorful, geometric works of Russian painter Andrey Anisimov for viewing and for purchase.

The high-quality fare is a mosaic of colors, flavors and textures as well. The food has swagger. Prices are high, though. Salads run \$11 to \$13; appetizers are \$15 to \$19 except for an \$8 soup du jour; and the four or five entrees are \$20 to \$29. On the other hand, desserts are a sensational \$6 to \$10, and the wine list is well composed and comfortably priced.

Unfortunately, the waitstaff

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*The boîte de baies* dessert, a chocolate box filled with berries in vanilla custard over sponge cake, is served with white chocolate straws.

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Road in Mountain View. Some of them are high enough to look into backyards and windows, it would seem.

I feel like I'm in a creepy big-brother futuristic film. Who is monitoring these cameras, for what purpose, and how much of our tax money is being allocated to keeping an eye on us as we drive around town?

**Peggy Aoki**  
St. Giles Lane

## ORDINANCE WILL FORCE SMOKERS INTO THE STREET

I am very glad that Steve Cutcomb and Ernestine Lane wrote to voice their appreciation for the new smoking ban, because it illustrates very well the point that I have made for the last two months: "The people in favor of the new ban have no idea what the ban is really about."

They very clearly think that the ban was to stop smoking on Castro Street. I am sure that in May,

they will be in for a very rude awakening when they find that the patio smoking ban is having the opposite effect. The ban will result in more people smoking on the street because they can no longer smoke on the patios. It really scares me that people as intelligent and educated as these two obviously are (because their letter was very well-written) clearly have no understanding of the new ordinance.

I am sorry that their mother died of cigarette smoking, but the fact is that people will continue

to smoke. Only now, we will be out with all the non-smokers instead of having our own happy place where we weren't bothering anyone. There were no complaints in three years for smoking in any of the patio areas that the new ordinance affects.

As far as insurance premiums, that is a lame and tired argument. I pay my own insurance premiums. I am a smoker, and I have never been to the hospital for anything smoking-related. I go to Molly Magee's every week, and after 9:30 p.m. you can find

me on the dance floor in my cowboy hat out-dancing people half my age. I have run the Bay to Breakers in 1 hour and 8 minutes and I challenge most non-smokers to beat that time.

The bottom line is, when the ban goes into effect, I won't be smoking in the parking lot or in the patios, I'll be smoking out on Castro Street where the City Council forced me to go. Steve and Ernestine, I hope you'll say hello when you walk by.

**Jim Neal**  
West Dana Street

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## Helped by more donors, Holiday Fund jumps

**B**ouyed by more generous readers and local companies like Google and the Milk Pail Market, total income from the Voice Holiday Fund this year was up by nearly 30 percent to \$91,338. That's compared to just \$64,399 last year, which is good news for the seven nonprofit organizations that will receive the funds.

Donations from readers alone jumped 40 percent, helped along by a stronger Silicon Valley economy and some extra effort by volunteers who encouraged friends and acquaintances to contribute this year. Also this year, Google's Tides Foundation donated \$10,000, adding to the \$12,000 from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, \$12,000 from the Wakerly Family Foundation, \$8,333 from the Hewlett Foundation and \$200 from the Milk Pail Market.

The Holiday Fund is a partnership of the Voice, the foundation donors and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which processes all contributions. No fees or other charges are assessed to any Holiday Fund donation; 100 percent of all funds raised go directly to the participating nonprofit organizations, which received just over \$13,000 each, compared to slightly more than \$9,000 last year. Here are the agencies that will benefit from the Holiday Fund this year:

### Community Services Agency

CSA assists homeless families and seniors with short-term housing, medical care, and more. The nonprofit is a cooperative effort of 17 faith-based communities in Mountain View and Los Altos.

### Community Health Awareness Council

CHAC serves Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and seven school districts. Among other things, it offers school-based programs to protect students from high-risk behaviors, such as drug and alcohol abuse.

### Mountain View RotaCare Clinic

The RotaCare Clinic provides uninsured local residents with medical care and medications and is frequently the last resort for this underserved demographic.

### Day Worker Center of Mountain View

The Day Worker Center provides a secure place for workers and employers to negotiate wages. It serves 50 or more workers a day with jobs, English lessons and guidance.

### Support Network for Battered Women

Now operated by the YWCA, this group operates a 24-hour bilingual hotline and a safe shelter for women and their children. It also offers counseling and other services for families dealing with domestic violence.

### Community School of Music and Arts

CSMA provides hands-on arts and music projects in the classrooms of the Mountain View Whisman School District. Nearly 40 percent of the students are low-income, and 28 percent have limited English proficiency.

### Partners for New Generations

Partners for New Generations matches adult volunteer mentors with at-risk youth in Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills area.

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## A reply to smoking editorial

By Emily Lam

**W**hile it can often be seen as extreme regulation, the expansion of ordinances restricting public smoking have been well thought out and tested across the country.

The ones passed by the Mountain View City Council will last month protect restaurant workers and patrons who do not want to be inhaling second-hand smoke that drifts into their breathing air. I want to address some of the options outlined in the Feb. 24 editorial, "Better solution needed for public smoking."

■ Control second hand smoke on patios with barriers (or even a hermetically sealed room) and powerful smoke-eating devices that can clear the air rapidly.

--Still not safe. "The most advanced ventilation techniques can reduce environmental tobacco smoke by up to 90 percent, but even with this drastic reduction, the remaining 10 percent is still 2,000 times greater than what would

be considered acceptable," says Roberta Ferrence, director of the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit.

--Creates an un-level playing field for vendors. Only those with the means to purchase such a system could offer a smoking section.

■ Make smoking patios self-serve and off-limits to employees.

■ Use only disposable cups and utensils on patios, which will help defray the need for employees to visit the areas. Develop an incentive for patrons to clear their own tables. Make sure that all entrances are kept clear of smoke so anyone walking outside will be spared from second-hand smoke.

--It would be very hard to maintain an establishment where customers eat and drink without ever having staff tend to the area. Also, second hand smoke by nature drifts, it would be hard to prevent it from leaving from smoking areas or entering common entrances.

Emily S. Lam  
Senior Director, Health Care  
and Federal Issues, Silicon  
Valley Leadership Group

■ letters

Voices from the community

## ROUNDTABLE ON UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

This issue is a two-sided problem.

First, Congress needs to fix our out-of-date immigration laws. They need to create a guest worker program. Jobs are here and workers need and want them in order to feed their family.

On the other hand, undocumented workers are breaking the law. It makes me sick to see the way they thumb their noses at our laws. They think that

they are better than U.S. citizens and don't need to have drivers' licenses, car insurance, or pay taxes.

Konrad Sosnow  
Trophy Drive

## WHAT'S UP WITH GRANT ROAD CAMERAS?

In the last week or two, traffic cameras have been installed at every intersection down Grant

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## Traffic, not spy cameras

By Daniel DeBolt

A new set of cameras installed at intersections along Grant Road aren't there to monitor people or catch them breaking the law, says City Manager Dan Rich.

"They are detection cameras that are part of the city's new adaptive signal timing system," said Rich in an email. "The cameras detect cars, which allows the electronic traffic control system to adjust the signal timing based on real-time traffic conditions to ease traffic on Grant Road."

In a letter to the editor this week resident Peggy Aoki said she noticed that the cameras were installed on every intersection on

Grant Road within the last two weeks.

Rich said the cameras are in a fixed position so they can't be pointed away from the road.

"While traffic engineering staff can view the roadway through the cameras, they will not be monitored regularly by anyone or anything except the electronic traffic control system (which is only monitoring the speed and volume of cars)," Rich said.

"There is no video recording equipment with the system."

Public Works Director Mike Fuller said the Grant Road system was the first such installation for the city and cost \$420,000. Three-quarters of the funding came from a grant. ▀

## EL CAMINO

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been held on the same night, are in fact separate affairs. Alles said the meetings will now be held on separate nights, in an effort to increase transparency.

Members of the district board are publicly elected officials. However, Alles explained, the additional four members that will be added to the hospital board are not elected officials. That is why they may be appointed — they will not have a seat, or a vote, on the district board, and they do not need to reside within the health-care district.

### A complex business

The decision to expand the hospital board was informed by

examining the best practices of other hospitals in the area and throughout the state, Alles said. According to him, a five-member board is fairly small — especially considering the size of El Camino and the complexity of the health care business.

"I think we are a good hospital right now," Alles said. "But I do believe that with more hospital board members we will have a better hospital."

Though members of the current board have experience leading businesses and practicing medicine, Alles said the board could be far more complete and well-rounded by adding just a few new members with expertise current board members don't have.

With only five board members, there are bound to be some gaps in knowledge, Alles said. "We

are looking for additional board members with specific skill sets."

In addition to the new board members, the hospital is also looking to create a number of advisory committees, which will be charged with examining various areas of hospital operations and making recommendations to the board.

To fill those positions — none of which will be paid — the hospital is looking at candidates "mainly from Northern California," according to Chris Ernst, spokeswoman for El Camino.

In all, the hospital plans to bring on a total of 21 new people. Ernst said that the board expects to begin the interview process in April and anticipates that it will continue through the end of May with the first appointments being made in early June. ▀

## FOOD TRUCKS

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to events.

Resident Alison Hicks said she was also concerned about "over-regulating" the food trucks, which she and her friends seek out.

"I think they add to the food culture in Mountain View," Hicks said. She added that she wanted

to "make sure Mountain View remains a vibrant place, food-wise."

Means noted that people used to call food trucks "roach coaches" but "now we see things that are pretty fancy and franchised," Means said. "They show up do their thing and they move on. It's kind of neat and kind of spontaneous."

Inks and Means said they didn't

see evidence of a big problem, and did not want to regulate food trucks on private property. But Quinn said there was some question about how long it takes for a food truck to become a land use that the city should regulate. The city has run into at least one instance of a food truck parking for more than one day at Clyde's Liquors on El Camino Real.

"Until we understand exactly

what the problem is, these complaints should be worked out on a case by case basis," Inks said.

Macias disagreed, echoing what appeared to be the majority opinion: "No one has any assurance they will be treated the same," without clear regulations, Macias said.

"Our hope is to make it as simple as possible so our code enforcement officers can answer ques-

tions they can't answer right now," Quinn said.

She added that the city would be looking at "best practices" in other cities where food trucks have also seen increased use, spurring new regulations.

Council member Jac Siegel said it made sense to look at the 56-year old regulations because "the best way to solve a problem is not to let it materialize to begin with." ▀



### Clases Gratuitas de Educación Para Andar en Bicicleta Ofrecidas en Mountain View



La Ciudad de Mountain View y la Coalición de Ciclistas de Silicon Valley (Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition) estarán ofreciendo clases para adultos y jóvenes mayores de 14 años que proveerán información sobre como montar la bicicleta en tránsito con seguridad y confianza. Las clases serán dirigidas por instructor de ciclismo certificado.



**Habilidades para montar tu bicicleta en tránsito** (primera parte: en salón de clase)

- Aprenda sus derechos y responsabilidad como ciclista
- Descubra técnicas que le ayudaran a montar su bicicleta con seguridad
- Infórmese sobre equipo que le ayudara a mantenerse mas seguro

*Una bicicleta no es requerida para la primera parte.*

**Practica de habilidades** (segunda parte: estacionamiento de Mercy St. y Bryant St.) Practique las técnicas que aprendió en la primera parte en un estacionamiento cerrado.

- Cambie de carril
- Cruce intersecciones
- Evite obstáculos

*Casco y bicicleta son requeridos para la segunda parte.*

**Cuando: Sábado, 14 de abril de 2012**

**Primera Parte:** 9:30am - 11:00am

**Segunda Parte:** 11:00am - 1:00pm

**Donde:** Ayuntamiento de Mountain View  
500 Castro Street, Mountain View

**Registración:** Mandé un correo electrónico a [ernesto@bikesiliconvalley.org](mailto:ernesto@bikesiliconvalley.org), llame al 408-287-7259 ex.221 o visite <http://bikesiliconvalley.org/>



### Free Spanish Bicycling Education Classes Offered in Mountain View



The City of Mountain View and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition are offering free Spanish traffic skills education courses for youth and adults (14 years and up) that will teach cyclists how to safely and confidently ride their bikes for transportation. All courses are taught by certified cycling instructors.



**Traffic Skills** (part 1: in-class)

- Know the rules of the road and your responsibilities as a cyclists
- Acquire proper techniques that will allow you to ride your bike safely
- Learn about equipment that is essential for everyday riding

*Bicycle not required for part 1.*

**Practice what you learned** (part 2: Parking lot drills located at Mercy St. & Bryant St.)

- Changing lanes
- Crossing intersections
- Avoiding road hazards

*Helmet and working bicycle are required.*

**When: Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**Part 1:** 9:30am - 11:00am

**Part 2:** 11:00am - 1:00pm

**Where:** Mountain View City Hall  
500 Castro Street, Mountain View

**Registration:** Email [ernesto@bikesiliconvalley.org](mailto:ernesto@bikesiliconvalley.org), call 408-287-7259 ex.221, or visit <http://bikesiliconvalley.org/>

dojo

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refining the site before it was launched a year ago.

The race, which was not billed as a competition, started at 1 p.m. and went for a mile down Dana, Pioneer and Evelyn streets while boom boxes played such songs as “I’m sexy and I know it.” Runners included the color-coordinated “sparkling spandex brigade,” which in true hacker fashion used a spreadsheet to ensure that each person wore different color underwear.

The last person to complete the loop had walked the whole way and was given a high-five by the rest of the group as he came in.

“I was really impressed and proud of the community,” Levinson said. “We live in a community with really high standards of physical appearance but there were people of all shapes and sizes and everybody was cool with it.”

Afterwards the runners enjoyed “an afternoon of drinking and merrymaking” at the Dojo. Members even came up with their own drink for the occasion, dubbed the “Fire Escape shot,” Levinson said.

The Dojo is trying to raise \$250,000 for building improvements, including fire sprinklers, fire exits and American Disabilities Act-compliant bathrooms after the city threatened to close the center down in February for not meeting city and state building codes. The city backed off when the Dojo began installing a fire alarm, the bare mini-

CASH MOB TO HIT AVA’S

You may have heard about the strange antics of flash mobs, but a new phenom is spreading through American cities on Saturday, including Mountain View, and it involves do-gooders ready to spend money.

As part of “International cash-mob day,” on Saturday, March 25, at 12:30 p.m. a mob plans to descend on Ava’s Downtown Market and Deli at 340 Castro St. and buy goods in support of the business, says organizer and resident Marn-Yee Lee.

According to cashmob.wordpress.com, the idea is to pick a deserving locally owned business in your town and organize a rush of customers akin to the welcome spike in business some stores see just before Christmas. There are

only three rules for participants: spend at least \$20, socialize and have fun.

Lee said she was inspired by a news article in the *Voice* to help the market, which is a struggling mom-and-pop operation owned by Sunnyvale residents Juan and Ann Origel. The new owners are trying to turn the once popular Asian food market into a downtown market with wider appeal.

The market’s “success means added convenience for Mountain View residents and character to our community,” Lee said “The owner works hard to carry quality, sustainable, and locally appropriate products.”

The event will be followed by a potluck at 1:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park instead of drinks at a nearby bar, as is typical of other cash mobs.

For more on the event, go to [cashmobmv.weebly.com](http://cashmobmv.weebly.com).

—Daniel DeBolt

EL CAMINO HIRES NEW CFO

Michael R. King will be taking the reins as El Camino Hospital’s new chief financial officer this spring, hospital officials announced. King, the former senior vice president and CFO of Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisburg, Va., replaces interim CFO Ned Borgstrom in May.

“Michael brings with him a proven track record of thoughtful fiscal management that has resulted in more favorable cash flow for both proprietary and non-profit healthcare facilities, and we feel he’ll be a real asset

to our organization,” said Tomi Ryba, president and CEO of El Camino Hospital, in a press release Thursday, March 15.

In Rockingham, King led a number of bond refinancings for a \$300 million construction project, El Camino officials said. He’s also credited with increasing Medicare reimbursements and designing and implementing a charity program that encouraged the purchase of health insurance.

King worked as a paramedic during college, and received his business degree from the University of Louisville. He is the former CFO of Jupiter Medical Center in Jupiter, Fla., and worked at both Baptist Health Care in Pensacola, Fla., and Humana, Inc., in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

—Andrea Gemmet

mum to continue operating as a shared office space and “social living room,” but the Dojo has had to cancel its regular job fairs and classes that bring in more than 49 people.

The Dojo’s fundraising so far includes a \$10,000 donation from Microsoft, \$1,000 from tech startup Factual, \$10,000 from Palantir Technologies and \$20,000 from Andreessen Horowitz, the venture capital firm behind Pinterest.

For more on the Dojo’s fundraising efforts, go to [hackerdojo.com/Assemble](http://hackerdojo.com/Assemble). ■

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## texting

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“Driving while texting is no different than driving while intoxicated,” said Dorothea Grimes-Farrow, chair of the Parent-Student-Teacher Association’s School Safety Committee, which sponsored the campaign. She said that the teens who came up with the slogan wanted “people to have the same feeling of danger that you get when you hear the words ‘driving while intoxicated.’”

Grimes-Farrow said she would hate to see any Mountain View High School students suffer the same fate as 18-year-old Taylor Sauer, who died after smashing into the back of a semi truck on an Idaho freeway earlier this year. She cited a Today show segment where Sauer’s family members explain they have good reason to believe the teen may have been distracted by a mobile Facebook conversation at the time of the fatal accident.

Although current law prohibits sending text messages while driving, people still do it. A casual observer driving from one side of Mountain View to the other will likely notice someone sending or reading a text message in an adjacent vehicle. Couple that with statistics from a 2010 Pew Research Center poll showing that teens “send and receive text messages in numbers that are orders of magnitude greater than what is sent and received by adults,” and one may safely assume that teens are texting a great deal more behind the wheel than adults.

According to a 2009 poll conducted by the Pew Research Center, one in four American teens of driving age reported they have sent a

text while behind the wheel.

“Whether it’s teens or adults, it’s illegal and it’s definitely a bad idea,” said Liz Wylie, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department. Mountain View police officers handed out 2,344 tickets for “hands-free” violations in 2011 — a category of citation which includes both talking on a cell phone without a headset and sending text messages or emails.

“Texting is particularly bad, because you’re looking down, you lose track of how long you’re looking down for — it’s really dangerous,” she said.

While Grimes-Farrow agrees that texting and driving is distracted driving, no matter who is doing it, she is particularly worried about teens who have less experience on the road than adults.

She pointed to an Australian academic study, “The Effects of Text Messaging on Young Novice Driver Performance.” Conducted in 2005 by the Monash University Accident Research Centre, the study tested 20 drivers between the ages of 18 and 21 years old.

The study showed that test subjects who were concentrating on their phones were less likely to stay in their lanes, were less able to detect and respond to traffic signs, and that “drivers spent up to 400 percent more time with their eyes off the road when text messaging, than when not text messaging.”

The Associated Student Body at Mountain View High School is planning a number of initiatives around the campaign.

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and in past years, Mountain View police have conducted crackdown campaigns. ▀



## HANGER ONE DECONSTRUCTED

**Above,** workers in protective gear clean the frame of Hangar One. Navy officials said the silver paint being applied to protect the frame is guaranteed to last 12 years and will likely last decades.

**At left,** broken windows frame an entrance to the landmark hangar.

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# PTAs oppose Bullis quest to take over LASD campus

By Nick Veronin

The heads of the PTAs and education foundation are asking parents to take a stand against closing any Los Altos District school to give the Bullis Charter School its own campus. A joint statement signed by every PTA president within the district, as well as by leaders from the Los Altos Educational Foundation, was sent out March 17.

"We feel compelled to write our membership and school communities to assure you that we stand in solidarity as a district," the PTA-LAEF letter said. "We do not believe that a charter school should cause any of our high-performing schools to be relocated or closed."

The letter comes after yet another proposal LASD facilities-sharing plan was rejected by Bullis Charter School. The unofficial offer, announced in a district press release on March 16, proposed splitting the charter school between two shared campuses within the district — an idea Bullis officials said would not be acceptable.

LASD and Bullis have been locked in a sometimes-litigious battle for years — with both parties unable to reach agreement on where the charter school should be located. In recent months, Bullis has been

adamant that the district should close an entire school, redraw attendance boundaries and redistribute the displaced students throughout the remaining campuses.

Officials from the charter remained firm on that demand on March 16, dismissing the proposal to share Covington Elementary School between current LASD students and all K-6 Bullis students while keeping seventh- and eighth-grade Bullis students at Egan Junior High School, which currently houses the entire charter school.

Ken Moore, chair of the Bullis board of directors, said he was caught off guard by the announcement that LASD planned to explore another plan to split Bullis between two campuses, since the two education organizations are in the midst of mediation talks, and since Bullis has made it clear that its program requires all of its students to be housed at a single site.

"It didn't seem to be a very reasonable attempt to comply with Proposition 39," Moore said, referring to the state law governing charter schools, which dictates a school district must offer a charter school within its boundaries "reasonably equivalent" facilities.

"How's that remotely reasonably equivalent?" Moore asked incredulously. "They are splitting

the school, which is illegal."

Kelly Toshach, co-president of the Springer Elementary School PTA, said that she hopes Bullis and LASD will be able to come to a mutual agreement. However, she echoed the sentiments expressed in the letter, noting that she was particularly concerned with the idea of closing a neighborhood school and redrawing the individual schools' boundaries.

The letter asked all who received it to "work with your PTA leaders to stand together as a district to prevent the closure of any LASD school."

In response to the joint PTA-LAFE letter, Moore said he understood the concerns of local parents over how the charter school will affect their lives and their children's lives.

"Unfortunately, it appears the intent of the PTA communication is to maintain the illegal status quo," he said. ■

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### Pre-Qualification of Trade Contractors

In order to receive plans and bid, Trade Contractors must possess a current and active license to perform the work listed, submit and certify the required Responsibility Questionnaire information and be pre-qualified by the District. All contractors must have substantiated K-12 public school project experience to be prequalified.

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**Only Pre-Qualified Contractors will be permitted to bid.** Pre-Qualified Contractors will be required to attend a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 2pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Alta Vista High School, 1325 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA. Opening of the sealed bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 2pm. Bidding documents will be available to pre-qualified contractors on or about March 27, 2012. Pre-qualified contractors are advised to verify dates and times of the mandatory pre-bid conference and bid opening prior to the above listed dates. Responsibility Questionnaires and instructions for submission can be obtained by calling Matt Hannigan at (408) 246-6237 or by email [matt@kramerpd.com](mailto:matt@kramerpd.com). Contracts will require a 100% performance bond, a 100% Labor and Materials Bond and a Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the submitted bid. These projects are subject to the State Labor Code. Labor Code 1720-1816 regarding the payment of prevailing wages and submission of certified payroll statements will be enforced. Contractors submitting bids shall also be required to submit certifications of compliance with the procedures for implementation of the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Contracting Goals. Contractors are allowed according to PCC sec. 22300 to submit securities in lieu of retention.

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in the community by serving two years on the human relations commission, two years on the planning commission and two years on the advisory board for the Community Health Awareness Council. He's endorsed by the Democratic Party and the Sierra Club, according to his website.

McAllister, who owns Mountain View's Baskin Robbins, has spent four years on the city's Planning Commission where he's known as a

proponent of slow growth practices. In the 2008 election he was just shy of winning a seat and a few hundred votes ahead of Clark. According to his website, he's endorsed by former Mayor Matt Pear and fellow commissioner Laura Brown.

Parks commissioner Thida Cornes and planning commissioner Lisa Matichak confirmed rumors that they were considering the race as well, but have decided not to run.

Prospective candidates have until August to file papers with the City Clerk's office. ■

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## Scorpion School of Kenpo

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## New principals for MV Whisman schools

By Nick Veronin

Two new principals are set to start at Mountain View schools. Geoff Chang will head Crittenden Middle School and Tyler Graff will lead Stevenson PACT, said Mountain View Whisman School District officials on Friday.

The positions Chang and Graff are filling are opening up as two central administration officials — Stephanie Totter and Mary Lairon — are retiring, and several principals within the district are being shifted around to take over their work.

“We’re excited about the new perspectives that Graff and Chang will bring to our district, both as a result of their leadership training programs as well as their leadership experiences,” Superintendent Craig Goldman said, noting that all of the district’s central administration and principals are composed of a healthy mix between internal and external hires.

“We like the idea of a good balance,” he said. “Promoting people from within ensures we choose candidates who understand our district’s culture, while choosing people from outside brings new perspectives and new ideas to the table.”

Chang is currently the assistant principal of Lower Manhattan Community Middle School in New York City. A graduate of Princeton University, he earned master’s degrees in special education and secondary social studies from Queens College and in educational leadership from Columbia University. He has taught social studies and English in New York City Schools, spent a summer teaching English in China, and served as a selection manager for the New York City Teaching Fellows Program, district officials said in a press

release March 16.

Graff is currently a resident principal intern at William E. Russell Elementary School in Boston, Massachusetts. He earned his bachelor’s degree and multiple subjects teaching credential from California State University, Chico. In May, he will complete his master’s degree in school leadership at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Graff previously taught elementary grades in the Cambrian School District in San Jose, and his experiences include a summer as a foreign exchange teacher in Nanjing China, according to the district.

Karen Robinson, the current principal of Crittenden will be taking over for Stephanie Totter, assuming the position of superintendent of administrative services.

Cathy Baur, current principal of Monta Loma, will be taking over many of Lairon’s former duties as the new director of curriculum, instruction and assessment.

Angela Lyon, current principal of Stevenson, will move in to Baur’s role at Monta Loma.

According to Goldman, the district conducted “a broad interview of both internal and outside candidates” before deciding on Chang and Graff. The district advertised nationally for candidates.

Each school within the district assembled a team responsible for interviewing 10 applicants and narrowing that group down to three, Goldman said. An administrative board, which included Goldman, interviewed the top three from each school before making final recommendations to the district board.

Although they each have East Coast credentials, both men are from the Bay Area and say they are looking forward to returning home district officials said. ▀

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## Eric Salvatierra

Eric Cristian Salvatierra, age 39, passed away on Friday, March 9th in Menlo Park, California.

Eric was a devoted father and husband who will forever be remembered for his compassion, humility, intellect, kindness, fun-loving wit, and unwavering loyalty to family, friends, and colleagues.

Eric was born in Tucson, AZ on March 29th, 1972, the son of Hector and Joan Salvatierra. He grew up as the youngest of five children in a close family. He graduated from Brophy College Preparatory School in Phoenix in 1990, where he was voted most likely to succeed.

Eric attended college at Georgetown University, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Business Administration and Finance in 1994. He was President of Beta Gamma Sigma and received the Dean’s Citation for his leadership in 1994. Eric was also a member of the Georgetown Varsity Lightweight Crew team.

Eric met his wife Meredith Ackley when they both worked as camp counselors during college and were married in Sonoma County in 1999. At Meredith’s 40th birthday party, Eric described her as “his star, his ever bright and guiding light.”

Eric worked as an equity analyst for Goldman Sachs in New York before moving to California with Meredith in 1998 to attend Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business. But before Eric was due to start at Stanford, his life changed course when he took a summer internship with a little known Internet company called eBay. Drawn by eBay’s innovative business model, Eric soon decided to defer his Stanford studies to stay at the company.

As one of eBay’s earliest finance employees in 1998, Eric helped build the foundation for the company’s long-term success. Over the 14 years that Eric was an employee of eBay, PayPal and Skype, he held numerous high level leadership positions that made a lasting impact on the company, most recently serving as Paypal’s Vice President for Customer Advocacy and Operational Excellence. In the words of eBay’s CEO John Donahoe, “Eric was one of those unique and special colleagues who was loved and admired by all.”

Although Eric was a successful business

leader, his true passion was his family: his wife Meredith and their three daughters, Lia (age 10), Eva (age 8) and Elena (age 3). His wife and children meant the world to Eric and his priority was to be present for his family. All three of his beautiful daughters inherited Eric’s soulful blue eyes and gracious spirit.

Eric snowboarded throughout the winter and road biked in the summer. He never missed a concert by his favorite artist and was well known for his DJ skills that kept the dance floor hopping.

Eric served the community in many ways through his generosity with his time, business skills and finances. He was on the board of Peninsula Bridge for two years and he was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto.

Sadly, Eric struggled with Bipolar II, an invisible illness that can be as deadly as cancer or heart disease. Since his diagnosis in the summer of 2011, he worked tirelessly with mental health professionals to manage his illness. In the end, he lost his fight with this debilitating disease.

In addition to his wife and children, Eric will be forever loved and missed by his devoted parents, Hector & Joan Salvatierra and his loving siblings: John Salvatierra, his wife Wilma and their children: Isabella & Mary Grace; Stephen Salvatierra, his wife Heather, and their children: Madeline & Natalie, Mary Salvatierra and her husband Doug Lively, and Marc Salvatierra; his uncle Dr. Oscar Salvatierra, his wife Pam; and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

He is also loved and grieved by his beloved in-laws, Molly & Harry Ackley, and his sister-in-law Julia Ackley and her husband, Cameron Burks and their children, Sadie and Hannah.

In lieu of flowers, the Salvatierra-Ackley family has asked that donations be given in Eric’s name to three organizations:

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Commonly we have understanding that stress is related to Adrenaline level. The adrenaline coming from adrenal glands was designed to give extra energy to boost up our body. In traditional Chinese Medicine, stress, emotions and physical health are closely connected. Mood levels depend on liver functions to a greater degree, which is support by kidney.

Collapse of stress may load on heart, blood vessels, lungs, liver, muscle system, nerves system, and auto immune system, may affect many organs or body function.

In order to deal with stress, I encourage you to develop a positive thought, such as positive thinking and positive image on the subconscious mind, even smile to yourself is good way to start release the depression. Looking for a Chinese Medicine treatment is another way to have fewer side effects and have more efficient address the stress away from your life.

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## Hackers hit pay dirt in in 'underwear run'

DOJO BACKERS STRIP DOWN TO RAISE MONEY FOR BUILDING UPGRADES

By Daniel DeBolt

A Saint Patrick's Day "underwear run" helped Mountain View's Hacker Dojo raise money towards getting its building code compliant after the city threatened to close the community center for computer programmers.

Just over 40 people dressed down for an outer garment-optional "Fire Escape Race" and bake sale at the Dojo, which raised \$3,500, bringing total contributions over the last six weeks to \$60,000.

The non-profit's leased building is in need of several improvements to meet codes,

including fire sprinklers and exits to legally hold large events of 49 or more people. The Dojo has had to cancel such events following a city crackdown.

"We couldn't register more runners because we couldn't go over the limit," said Katy Levinson, development director for the Dojo. "We probably could have made more money."

The Dojo has become an incubator for tech start-ups, including media-sharing website Pinterest, whose CEO Ben Silberman reportedly spent long hours at the Dojo

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JAMES TENSUAN

Runners prepare to brave the cold before Hacker Dojo's fundraising race on Saturday.

## Corporations are not people, council says

By Daniel DeBolt

The City Council on Tuesday passed a resolution in support of efforts to amend the U.S. Constitution to abolish "corporate personhood."

Mayor Mike Kasperzak introduced the resolution, which addresses the Supreme Court's 2010 "Citizens United" decision, which has allowed "unlimited corporate spending to influence elections" through the creation of political action committees known as SuperPACs, Kasperzak said.

"The serious consequences of the Supreme Court's decision have been revealed by the farcical and entirely legal million-dollar plus SuperPAC created by comedian Stephen Colbert," Kasperzak wrote in his pitch to the City Council. "It is clear that our Supreme Court got it wrong this time."

The council's Libertarian members, Tom Means and John Inks, were the only votes against the resolution, with Inks voting no and Means abstaining after raising questions about whether it was an appropriate matter for the council to address.

Several dozen friends and

members of Occupy Mountain View came to the meeting to show their support. Alison Hicks and Josh Wolf spent 10 minutes speaking in favor of the resolution.

"Constitutional rights should be reserved specifically for natural persons," Wolf said.

"Allowing (corporations) to spend unlimited cash to influence politics is not free speech," Hicks said.

Hicks noted that it is possible for SuperPACs to be involved in local elections as well, and noted that it has become an issue in San Diego.

"We have worked in Mountain View pretty hard to reduce the effect of money in our elections," said council member Ronit Bryant, pointing the voluntary spending cap, which was at \$19,000 in 2008. It's become a tradition to stay under the limit and those who do are reimbursed over \$2,000 by the city to help publish ballot statements.

"Compared to other cities we are extremely modest," Bryant said. "I think that's the correct way to go for everyone."

Speaking in support of "corporate personhood," Inks spent more time than usual defending his position. The term has "util-

ity" in the law, he said.

"I can get a feel for why this term corporate personhood is being developed in the law," Inks said. "Abolishing the term denies rights to non-government entities subject to the rules of government entities. I think that starts to go backwards in terms of the Bill of Rights."

Inks also said language in the resolution was "inflammatory" and said, "If we were to move to abolish this fictional term we would create chaos in the law."

The resolution points out that corporations were never mentioned in the Constitution and among its numerous statements says, "large corporations, profits and survival are often in direct conflict with the essential needs and rights of human beings."

Council member Macias responded to Inks.

"Corporations are not people, my friend. The constitution has been about expanding human rights. It didn't include certain groups of people as humans. We overreach when we start to think about non-living entities as having human rights; they don't." ▽

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## El Camino board explains need for more members

OFFICIALS MAKE CASE FOR EXPANDING BOARD, ADVISORY COMMITTEES

By Nick Veronin

El Camino Hospital is reaching out to the community in an effort to help people better understand the recent decision to recruit and appoint new board and committee members to oversee the health care organization.

In a pair of public forums set for this week, held March 19 at El Camino's Los Gatos campus and March 21 in Mountain View, hospital officials sought to explain the recent decision to create several new advisory committees and add four members to one of its boards of directors — by appointment, not election.

In order to understand the planned expansion, one must first understand how the hospital's two-board system works. For nearly 50 years, El Camino Hospital and the El Camino Hospital District have been overseen by a single board functioning in a dual capacity, hospital and district board member Wes Alles explained.

The planned expansion will only affect the hospital board, growing to a nine-member body. The

district board will remain as a five-member body.

### Two boards in one

The hospital board is charged with the business of running the hospital — selecting chief administrators, running promotional campaigns and overseeing projects like the acquisition of the Los Gatos campus.

The district board deals exclusively with issues pertaining to the El Camino Hospital District, including managing taxpayer money — funds are always reinvested in projects that either benefit the community or improve El Camino Hospital's flagship location in Mountain View, and do not go toward salaries, Alles said.

Board member Uwe Kladde's announcement in January that he would resign his position on the hospital board while remaining a member of the district board highlighted the little-known division between the two bodies.

Hospital board meetings and district board meetings, which had

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CRIME BRIEFS

ASSAULT WITH PIPE

Police are searching for a man accused of attacking an acquaintance with a metal pipe outside of a house party in the early hours of March 16.

The guest reportedly attacked the host of the house party at about 1 a.m. after the host asked the man to come inside to use the restroom — it appeared the man was urinating on the fence at the time, according to Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie.

The man turned around holding a metal pipe about 3 feet long and 1/2 inch in diameter and allegedly struck the host's head twice, Wylie said. Backpedaling in an attempt to dodge the blows, the victim tripped over something, fell and hit his head

on the pavement, causing him to black out, she said.

Hearing cries for help outside, the host's wife went to investigate and saw the attacker kneeling over her husband with the pipe in his hands. The man dropped his weapon and fled.

The couple did not call police until March 17, Wylie said. The victim received multiple stitches and was diagnosed with a concussion.

Wylie said police believe they know the identity of the attacker but they will not release his name until he is formally charged.

"We are actively searching for him and believe we will have him in custody soon," Wylie said. "We do not know what the motive was for the attack, but alcohol was involved."

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Interviews by Nick Veronin, photos by Michelle Le.

## Do you think texting behind the wheel is as dangerous as driving drunk?



*"I don't think texting and driving is as dangerous as drinking and driving. With texting you can just text, 'Yes,' or 'I'm driving' but drinking you go crazy and it's dangerous."*

**Alice Fong, Hong Kong**



*"Texting and driving is the same as drinking and driving, because when you're texting you're taking your eyes off the road and when you take your eyes off the road you can't see where you're going. When you're drunk you can't pay attention — same thing."*

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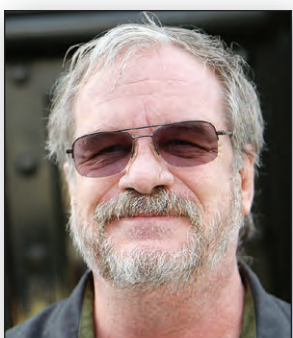
*"I definitely think text-driving is just as bad as drunk driving. It's taking your mind off the road and it's not good either way."*

**Michelle Mendenhall, Sunnyvale**



*"I think texting while driving is as dangerous as drinking while driving, simply because the amount of time that you keep your eyes off the road can really create some problems."*

**Andy Russell, Saratoga**



*"I think it is dangerous to text and drive. Basically, you just have to watch the road. You cannot text and watch the road at the same time."*

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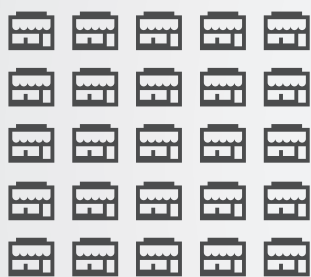



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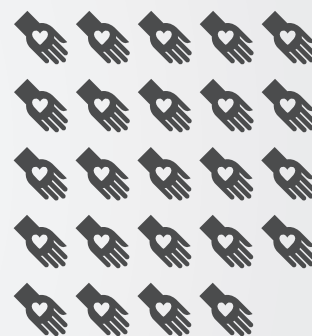



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