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Rail price drops \$30B

By Gennady Sheyner

California's proposed high-speed rail system would extend from the Central Valley to the Los Angeles Basin within the next decade and would cost \$30 billion less than previous estimates indicated under a new business plan that the agency charged with building the system released April 2.

The revised business plan, which the California High-Speed Rail Authority's board of directors expects to discuss and approve on April 12, estimates the cost at \$68.4 billion and departs in many key ways from the draft the agency released in November. The new plan commits to building the system through a "blended" design under which high-speed rail and Caltrain would share two tracks on the Peninsula. It also calls for early investment in the northern and southern segments (known as the "bookends") of the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles line, including the long-awaited electrification of Caltrain on the Peninsula.

No train to nowhere

The revised plan also specifies for the first time that the first usable segment of the rail line would be a 300-mile segment from Central Valley south to the San Fernando Valley. This stretch, the plan states, "will be transformational in creating a passenger rail nexus between one of the fastest growing regions in the state with the state's largest population center."

This "initial operating section" would extend from Merced through Bakersfield and Palmdale to the San Fernando Valley, according to the business plan. The prior plan committed only to an "initial construction segment" — a set of train-less test tracks between north of Bakersfield and south of Merced (this segment was characterized by many critics as a "train to nowhere").

At a press conference in Fresno

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ALL TOGETHER NOW

Members of Ho'oku'i, a new outrigger canoe club, embark on their practice at Shoreline Lake on April 2. Ho'oku'i — Hawaiian for "to join together" — can be seen practicing in its 45-foot canoe Monday through Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. during the racing season, which runs through the end of July. The club plans to offer free, monthly Community Days with seminars and hands-on activities. The next one is set for Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information is at ShorelineLake.com.

Army: toxic cleanup is not our problem

DESPITE INVESTIGATION, SOURCE OF ORION PARK'S TOXICS STILL MYSTERIOUS

By Daniel DeBolt

Activists and regulators are at odds with the U.S. Army over toxics contaminating Orion Park, a former housing complex site just outside Moffett Field.

While toxics have been found in groundwater samples and even in the indoor air of homes once on the site, the Army's draft "site investigation" report for Orion Park recommends the toxics not be cleaned up by the Army and "recommends no further action for the TCE plume underlying the Site."

The Army's position hinges on the claim that there was no on-site source of the toxics, which could put the cleanup responsibility on someone else.

expert Lenny Siegel, director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight. They say the Army has not proven its claims of no on-site source, and Siegel said the Army is shirking its legal obligations for site cleanup. The Army has also been ordered to take responsibility for Orion Park's environmental condition by the Department of Defense.

'Who's to say it would not get contaminated again?'

Laurie J. Decker, Army Environmental Command

"Because no sources of TCE were found on site, the Army plans to seek site closure," the report concludes.

The Army's claims are disputed by the EPA and Mountain View resident and toxic cleanup

TCE is trichloroethylene, the carcinogenic solvent once used by nearby defense department and computer industry operations, which dumped it and

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Judge halts challenge to school bond

By Nick Veronin

A Superior Court judge has stopped a local man's legal action against Mountain View's elementary- and middle-school district, an official with the district said.



Steve Nelson

On Monday, April 2, Judge Kevin McKenny denied Steve Nelson's application for an order shortening time for filing as well as his motion for the issuance of a writ of mandate, said Craig Goldman, superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District.

Nelson sought to force the Mountain View Whisman School District to change the language of the supporting literature for Measure G — a \$198 million parcel-tax-supported bond for improving schools set to appear on the June 5 ballot. According to Nelson, the district was trying to scare the public into supporting the measure by overstating the risk of asbestos and lead at district schools.

When reached by the *Voice*, Nelson said he had no comment on the court's decision.

Nelson's challenge was denied for not being timely, because the district presented evidence countering Nelson's claims and a "petitioner's belief is an inadequate basis for a writ," according to Judge McKenny's notes, which Goldman sent to the *Voice*.

The district-drafted argument in favor of Measure G, submitted to the county's registrar of voters and set to appear in voter guides, states that the \$198 million bond is needed to make improvements and

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Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Daniel DeBolt

How do you make sense of shootings like the recent massacre in Oakland?



"Some people are just really mentally imbalanced. It's disturbing he was able to get access to a gun and inflict so much damage. People like that are not stable. They need help."

Ned Tozun, Mountain View



"I heard he was tired of being made fun because of his low income bracket. That's not to say he was right in doing so, but if that was the case, people need to be a little more sensitive and tolerant."

Gema Wood, Mountain View



"I heard he was made fun of for his accent when he spoke English. All this pent up aggression, I guess it just causes people to snap. People don't know how to deal with it in a more responsible way."

Evelyn Koh, San Francisco



"If people are that disgruntled at a school, I hope I never find myself in that situation at work. It seems like a personal issue rather than a social problem."

Alex Thayer, Seattle



"Maybe he was just down on his luck and felt overwhelmed about everything and just took it out on the wrong people in the wrong way."

Sharlena Vinyard, San Jose

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CRIME BRIEFS

INTERRUPTED BURGLARY

East Palo Alto police arrested a man and two teenage boys suspected of burglarizing a Mountain View home on March 30.

The victim of the burglary, a 38-year-old woman, returned to her home in the 1400 block of Ernestine Ln. shortly before 10 a.m., and found a thief was inside, said Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie.

The woman was returning from a brief errand when she saw a teenage boy sitting in the passenger seat of a gold Infiniti sedan parked out in

front. As she turned into the driveway, she saw the boy look at her and honk the car's horn, Wylie said.

She found a man in her living room, smashing through a double-paned sliding glass door.

The woman ran back out to the garage, and the man followed her, got into the Infiniti and drove away.

A detective, who had been working on a March 27 burglary reported on the 1400 block of nearby Lloyd Avenue, recognized the description of the Infiniti. A tipster living on Lloyd Avenue had written down

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POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

1900 block Latham St., 3/28
400 block Bryant St., 3/28
200 block San Antonio Rd., 3/28
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 3/28
400 block San Antonio Rd., 3/28
1400 block Plymouth St., 3/30
first block Eldora Dr., 4/3

BATTERY

200 block Pettis Av., 3/31
300 block Sierra Vista Av., 4/2
St. Josephs School, 4/3

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

600 block Showers Dr., 3/28
Ross, 3/28
500 block Showers Dr., 3/29

GRAND THEFT

400 block Ravendale Dr., 4/2
500 block S. Rengstorff Av., 4/3

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

1200 block Lubich Dr., 3/29
1400 block Ernestine Ln., 3/30
2300 block Heather Ct., 3/31

ROBBERY

1200 block Grant Rd., 3/30

STOLEN VEHICLE

2500 block Grant Rd., 3/29

VANDALISM

200 block Blossom Ln., 3/28
1400 block W. El Camino Real, 3/30
500 block Franklin St., 3/31
600 block Willowgate St., 4/3

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 2 article, "Property manager charged with grand theft," the name of Grace Morio-

ka's attorney is mistakenly reported as Rhesa Rubin. Her attorney, who is quoted, is Dianne de Seve.

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'Renegade' robot aims for global domination

MVHS ROBOTICS TEAM TAKES REGIONAL TITLE, HEADS TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

By Nick Veronin

Renegade-the-robot is on a winning streak. The Mountain View High School robotics team piloted their latest machine, Renegade, to victory last weekend at a massive competition held at the San Jose State University Event Center.

The Spartan team, took home the top spot in the FIRST Silicon Valley Regional tournament on March 31. It was a big win for a team that has had a great year. The group will take Renegade to St. Louis at the end of April for the international FIRST Robotics Championship — FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and

Technology."

"I'm really excited for the championship," said Teresa Zarmer, the team's co-president. Zarmer stopped running around the Event Center for a few minutes to talk about the four years she has spent with the team.

"I know that I learned a lot — starting out as a match scout and now I run the scouting department," she said.

Zarmer began her tenure with the team in her freshman year at Mountain View High School. Back then she was responsible for scouting other robots during competitions.

She would watch the other teams compete from the crowd and report back to her team

members in "the pit" — where the engineers, electricians and computer programmers work on the machine in between bouts. They would take her information and make adjustments accordingly, while the drivers would formulate future plans of attack.

Now Zarmer coordinates all that, in addition to running fundraising efforts (the team's annual operating budget is about \$30,000), runs team meetings, makes travel arrangements, and keeps the team as organized as she can.

"It is fun," she said. "It's quite complicated."

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NICK VERONIN

Austin Schuh, left, and Maxwell Taylor Mountain View High School's robot off the field of play.

New hope for city's burrowing owls

By Daniel DeBolt

Burrowing owls being driven close to extinction by development pressures may have a chance of survival under a new plan that aims to preserve 300 acres of owl habitat inside Mountain View's Shoreline Park.

In a study session last week, five city council members expressed support for the plan, which was also lauded by members of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society.

Last year three pairs of owls hatched 10 chicks, which is lower than good years, such as the 22

chicks hatched in 2003. Under the new plan, the city has now proposed goals for increasing the number of breeding pairs to 10.

Shoreline Park hosts one of the largest groups of the owls in the region, where their numbers overall have been declining since the 1980s. But city staff say they have found the key to increasing their numbers.

"Mountain View hates to underachieve and I hate the fact we are underachieving with the burrowing owls," said council member Laura Macias. "It is easy to make fun of the goofy little creatures, but

we really do want to save them."

Hunting grounds are the key

City staff members say that until recently, preservation efforts focused on nesting habitat for the owls, including the construction of artificial burrows. But biologists have determined that a lack of decent hunting grounds is the real key to their decline.

City biologist Phil Higgins told the council that the owls are currently subsisting too much on insects and the area needs to be attractive to owl prey such as mice



and ground squirrels, which also dig the burrows that the owls live in. City staff has been surprised to see that piles of buildings materials such as stacks of pipes, have created great foraging grounds for the owls.

"If you want quality habitat you need taller vegetation," to allow rodents, Higgins told the council.

But once vegetation grows around their nests past nine inches, the owls can no longer see predators and will abandon their burrows, Higgins added. The danger of tall grass is why many owls prefer to live on the manicured golf course, although "golf balls have killed at least one

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COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

\$1.2 million condos approved for 324 Bryant St.

By Daniel DeBolt

Talk about pricey. The developer of a condo project on Bryant Street estimates that he'll get an average of \$1.2 million for each unit.

The City Council approved the seven-unit project last week, which will replace a 1927 home at 324 Bryant Street on a .26-acre lot. The three-story units range from 981 to 2,367 square feet and each comes with a patio and a garage. Architects on the city's Design Review Committee gave a thumbs-up to its design. The average price was mentioned in a city staff report.

Council member Laura Macias was the only member to vote against the project, saying she preferred that the 1927 home stay, though it was not deemed historic. Member Jac Siegel expressed similar concerns about developing "every little quarter-acre" of downtown,

but voted for the project. Member Tom Means was absent.

"I guess the idea of replacing that cute little 1927 house with this is not that appealing to me," Macias said.

Mayor Mike Kasperzak and council member Ronit Bryant expressed support for the project, with Bryant praising the new access to the street that neighboring properties will have because of the project.

With a total estimated value of \$8.4 million, the project brings the city \$252,000 in new below market rate housing fees, \$168,000 in park fees and \$11,280 in new property taxes.

Eric Peterson of Pacific Peninsula Architecture said after two years of work, "We feel the project as represented will be something Mountain View will be pleased to see developed." ■



The Mountain View City Council has scheduled a study session for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 to consider the Fiscal Year 2012-13 recommended budget for the General Operating Fund including various recommended City fees. The study session is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like the City Council and staff to know your views, please send a letter to the City Council at P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039 or an e-mail to city.clerk@mountainview.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012.

The report will be available on Friday, April 6, 2012 on the City's website at <http://laserfiche.mountainview.gov/WebLink/Browse.aspx?startid=35382&&dbid=0>. Copies of the report will be available for review by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2012 at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office, 500 Castro Street, 3rd floor, Mountain View, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View.

City of Mountain View Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget Schedule remaining (tentative):

April 10	Study Session: Fiscal Year 2012-13 General Operating Fund Narrative Budget Report
May 1	Study Session: Fiscal Year 2012-13 Narrative Budget Report – Other General, Special and Utility Enterprise Funds and Reserves Proposed Capital Improvement Program
June 5	Public Hearing: Proposed Budget
June 12	Public Hearings: Budget and CIP Adoption (including City Utility Rates)

April crackdown on distracted driving

By Nick Veronin

Law enforcement all over the state will be on high alert this month, looking for drivers using their cell phones to text or talk without a headset, officials with the Mountain View police and California Highway Patrol said.

April marks the second annual "National Distracted Driving Awareness Month," and the California Office of Traffic Safety wants drivers to know that more than 200 local police departments—including the Mountain View Police Department — and 103 CHP offices will be taking part.

You may have seen the television ad, produced by the OTS: A police officer pulls over an undead driver and asks the groaning ghoul behind the wheel if he knows why he was

stopped.

"Uggghhh..." is the reply. "Don't be a zombie," the ad warns, implying that those who choose to focus on their handsets, instead of the road, are a lot like the clumsy, brain-craving monsters in horror movies — able to move in a general direction, but mostly unaware of their surroundings. And dangerous.

"Drivers need to ask themselves, 'Is that phone call or text message worth my life or the lives of those around me?'" asked CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow, in a press release. "The answer is simple, it's not worth it."

The Mountain View Police Department recognizes National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, according to spokeswoman

Liz Wylie. However, she said, the department has only planned two specific days where extra officers will be deployed with the explicit task of nabbing drivers violating California's two "hands free" laws.

The first extra-enforcement day was April 3, Wylie said. The next will be April 18.

Last April, police in Mountain View issued 2,344 citations for "hands-free" violations. Statewide more than 52,000 cell phone citations were issued over the same period, according to the CHP press release — four times California's monthly average.

A first-time ticket for driving while texting or using a cell phone without a headset is \$159, at minimum. A second violation will cost a driver at least \$279.

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the license plate number of a gold Infiniti sedan.

At 10:47 a.m. the car was found by Palo Alto police on Cooley Avenue in East Palo Alto, Wylie said. A man and two teens were standing with the car. Police found items that had been taken from the Ernestine Lane home — two pairs

of earrings and a Garmin GPS unit. The man had glass shards in his hair and fresh cuts on his hand.

Police determined that all three were involved in the break-in. The two teens — a 17-year-old from Mountain View and a 15-year-old from East Palo Alto — were cited and released to the custody of their parents, while the man, 20-year-old Luis Rodriguez of East Palo Alto, was booked into county jail.

SHOPLIFTING SCUFFLE

After attempting to make off with liquor and scuffling with some employees, two teenagers were arrested on charges of robbery outside Nob Hill Foods on Grant Road on March 30, police said.

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leaked it into the ground. In October the EPA confirmed that TCE is “carcinogenic to humans by all routes of exposure” and says that inhalation can cause “hepatic, renal, neurological, immunological, reproductive, and developmental effects.” It’s most dangerous when the vapors rising from the ground are trapped in buildings.

A dilemma?

Laurie J. Decker, Chief of Public Affairs for the U.S. Army Environmental Command, initially called the Army “an innocent land owner” that did not know about the contamination when it took over the site from the Air Force in 2000 (The Navy owned the site previously), but later confirmed in an email that the Army did know.

While it’s acknowledged that at least part of Orion Park’s toxics came from nearby plumes being cleaned up by the Navy and several tech companies, the Army’s claim that there was no on-site source is under dispute by the EPA, which says testing

was inadequate in its official comments on the report.

Decker says the off-site sources “create somewhat of a dilemma.”

“Who’s to say it would not get contaminated again?” she said.

Orion Park is now home to a new Army reserve training and command post, and Decker noted that new buildings have vapor barriers and ventilation systems installed to help prevent a soldier’s exposure to TCE vapors.

Army’s positions challenged

Siegel said there is one caveat to the Army’s legal responsibility to pay for cleanup: if another party is found to have at least contributed to the site’s contamination, and has enough money to pay for cleanup, the Army could be reimbursed. But Siegel and the EPA say that the Army has not proved a connection to nearby superfund sites, which would probably be easier than trying to disprove the existence of an on-site source.

Despite the Army’s conclusions, Siegel says Orion Park’s groundwater data seems to indicate that there was an on-

site source. In its official comments on the Army’s report, superfund remedial project manager Alana Lee and Water Board project manager Elizabeth Wells say that the Army’s investigation has “insufficient data” to explain certain “hot spots” or “locations of concern” as areas where there may have been a source of contamination. “Therefore, the Army’s recommendation for ‘no further action’ is premature,” writes Lee and Wells.

“Even if you rule out everything else, there’s always the possibility of midnight dumping,” Siegel said. Siegel said that he recently traveled to a toxics site in Long Island where there was no known source of toxics, but the ground was contaminated badly, probably by people from nearby industries who “got rid of their barrels of stuff” by dumping it on the site. In such a scenario the Army would be legally obligated to clean up the mess.

Cheaper to clean?

In the long run, Siegel says it is cheaper to clean up the toxics than to maintain vapor intrusion barriers and special

ventilation systems on buildings. And while the homes are gone, the quality of the area’s groundwater is still a major concern, not to mention the fact that the southeastern end of the plume has already migrated into NASA Ames, which is trying to clean up a plume already on its property.

He recalled the EPA’s testing of some of the apartments once located at Orion Park that found indoor air levels of TCE above acceptable limits. A chaplain who served the military families at Orion Park said the TCE was a major concern, though many were hesitant to talk publicly about it, Siegel recalled. He also believes the TCE was why housing developer Clark Pinnacle pulled out of plans to build housing at Orion Park a few years ago.

“You are required by law to protect people even if they are your own people,” Siegel said of the Army and its staff and soldiers who now use the property.

EPA officials say they are in ongoing negotiations with the Army over the site’s cleanup. They noted that the Army is responsible for Orion Park under an order issued in 2008 by Wayne Army, deputy under-

secretary of the department of defense, that the Department of the Army “will be responsible for (Orion Park’s) environmental condition.”

EPA officials said they did not want to discuss the situation on the record.

“Cleaning up Superfund sites and ensuring the protection of public health as we re-use these properties are important priorities,” EPA project manager Lee said in an email.

While the Army investigation recommends “no further action,” Decker said in an email Wednesday, “The Army is not claiming that cleanup of the groundwater contamination on and near (Orion Park) is not needed.” She repeatedly made the claim that the Army did not cause the problem and notes that previous investigations also could not find an on-site source of toxics.

The Army’s report can be found on the EPA’s Region 9 website: tinyurl.com/7ow3m6s. Comments on the report should be sent to Amanda.R.Michels.civ@mail.mil.

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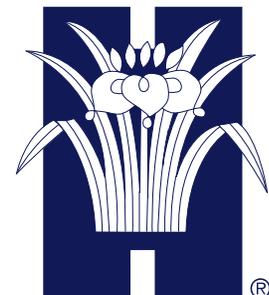


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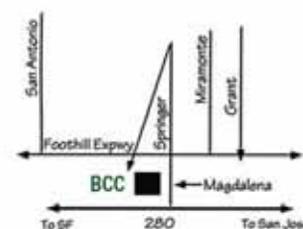


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OWLS

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owl,” said Public Works Director Mike Fuller.

To address their habitat needs, city staff proposed fencing in certain areas where informal trails have allowed burrows and foraging grounds to be disturbed. Vegetation would also be planted to encourage rodents, mowing would be done around their burrows and signs would be placed in key areas to keep people at a distance. City workers and contractors will continue to be trained in how to deal with the owls, which may be crucial as areas that are damaged can take up to two years to recover, said Fuller.

The proposal would preserve 100 acres of Shoreline Park’s 750 acres as high-quality nesting habitat, another 100 acres as high-quality foraging habitat and another 100 acres as medium-quality foraging and nesting habitat.

City staff members say that under the new plan they aim to see 10 breeding pairs a year, each producing at least three chicks. They also want to see an increase in the number of pairs which are breeding successfully to between 50 and 75 percent.

The expense for the entire project would be \$15,000, and come from the Shoreline Community Fund. The only critic of the expense was council member John Inks, while other members described it as a good value. Member Tom Means was absent.

“Mountain View has poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into mitigation” for the owls, Inks said. “It’s a little hard to tell how effective that has been or how effective additional steps will be.”

New preserves

To ensure that there will be plenty of space for the owls, the city has proposed large new preserve areas, including much of Shoreline Park’s northeastern meadows and Crittenden Hill, which is near Google’s Crittenden campus. That is in addition to filling in two ponds at Shoreline Golf Links to provide less habitat for nuisance waterfowl

and more foraging grounds for the owls.

There’s also the “whale pit,” a nine-acre lot along Shoreline Boulevard just north of the kite flying area, which is currently used to store piles of gravel, sand and other materials. One of the few potential building sites in the park, it was a potential site for the city’s failed attempts to build a convention center. Council members seemed happy giving it to the owls.

“Inside the park I have no interest in building anything,” said council member Ronit Bryant.

The whale pit is one of the few parts of the park not filled with landfill, which means the owls won’t be disturbed by maintenance crews who go around patching methane gas leaks in the landfill’s clay cap or filling in settled areas with dirt to prevent puddles from forming on parts of the landfill.

A sign and owl viewing area near the “whale pit” has also been discussed, Fuller said, allowing visitors to take a trail from the parking lot in the kite-flying area to see the owls. The owls could be Mountain View’s version of “Old Faithful” for tourists, joked Mayor Mike Kasperzak.

Conservationists approve

Wildlife conservationists turned out to support the plan, which some said could reverse the trend of a declining owl population.

“As a person who spent their entire life dedicated to bird conservation I think this plan is outstanding,” said Stephanie Ellis of the San Francisco Bay Area Bird Observatory. “It is putting Mountain View on the map. It could reverse the trend.”

“Having a full time biologist on staff will make this a success,” said the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society’s Shani Kleinhaus, who has worked with the city on the plan for over a year. Kleinhaus said a dedicated mower was also a necessity for the biologist, who must pay “a lot of attention to details.”

City staff members say a full-time biologist is a possibility, but for now they are proposing to train another wildlife biologist on staff to help Higgins with the owls. ▣

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HSR

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Monday morning, the rail authority's board Chair Dan Richard emphasized the significant difference between the agency's previous proposal for the system's initial phase and the one laid out in the new business plan.

"Beginning next year, we will begin construction here in the Valley not of a mere track but a fully operational 300-mile electrified operating segment that will connect the valley to the Los Angeles Basin," Richard said.

Caltrain improvements

The business plan also offers a firmer commitment from the rail authority to improve Caltrain and to rely on existing tracks on the Peninsula. This marks a dramatic departure from the rail authority's initial vision for the system — a four-track system along the Peninsula with high-speed rail on the inside tracks and Caltrain on the outside. The four-track design was widely panned, with many Peninsula residents and city officials expressed concerns about the seizure of property and the visual barriers a four-track system would necessitate.

The authority began to back

away from the four-track design in its November business plan, which was amenable to the "blended" two-track approach. But the newly revised business plan cements its commitment to the blended design, which was first proposed a year ago by State Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, and state Assemblyman Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park.

The blended approach, which places a greater emphasis on improving existing infrastructure than the four-track design, is expected shave more than 30 percent off the \$98.5 billion price tag cited in the November plan. The new document pegs the cost of the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles system at \$68.4 billion — still significantly higher than the \$40 billion price tag presented to state voters in 2008.

The main driver behind the major cost spike between 2009 and 2011, according to the revised plan, is a greater reliance on tunnels and elevated structures throughout the system. The plan notes that the possible length of elevated structures went up from 77 miles in 2009 to between 113 and 140 miles under the current plan. The length of tunnels, meanwhile, increased from 32 miles to between 44 and 48 miles.

The proposed \$68.4 billion system features new infrastructure between San Jose and Los Angeles, shared electrified tracks on the Peninsula and an upgrades to the Metrolink Corridor between Los Angeles and Anaheim.

"The benefits of investing in high-speed rail will be delivered far cheaper than previously estimated," the revised business plan states.

Funding concerns, Peninsula critics

Even with the lower cost estimate, funding remains a major wildcard. California voters had approved a \$9.95 billion bond for the proposed system when they passed Proposition 1A in 2008. The bond measure requires the new system to be capable for whisking passengers between San Francisco and Los Angeles in about two-and-a-half hours.

The rail authority hopes to build the system through a combination of bond funding, federal grants, local contributions and private investments. So far, the system has received about \$3 billion in grants from the federal government. At Monday's press conference in Fresno, Karen Hedlund, deputy administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, praised the plan.

The new business plan is the latest milestone for a project has been facing intense scrutiny throughout the state and particularly on the Peninsula.

Republicans in Sacramento remain vehemently opposed to the project. Their counterparts in Congress have been equally adamant about resisting President Barack Obama's proposal to connect 80 percent of the nation through high-speed-rail systems in the next 25 years.

The rail authority's new business plan, by committing to the blended system and to early investments on the Peninsula, aims to win over some of the project's toughest critics. The rail authority's proposal to help electrify Caltrain — a long-awaited project that has languished under inadequate funding — was greeted with great enthusiasm last week by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which approved an agreement with the rail authority that includes a funding plan for the electrification.

Richard said Monday that upgrades to existing rail services, including Caltrain, "will provide near-term benefits" while also building "a portion of the system that we will ultimately be using."

But the new document is unlikely to assuage all of the Peninsula's

concerns. Members of the Palo Alto council remain concerned about the fact that the rail authority's environmental impact report for the system still describes a four-track system. Councilman Pat Burt and others have also raised flags at recent meetings about the prospect of the rail authority seeking exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) — exemptions that would allow the agency to expedite its environmental-review process.

Authority board chair Richard cited on Monday recent media reports about the rail authority seeking CEQA exemptions and assured those present that the agency plans to fully comply with environmental law.

"Despite recent reports, we're not looking for CEQA exemptions," Richard said. "We're doing a full environmental-review process."

"This plan is about more than just high-speed rail as a stand-alone system or a 'cool train,' if you will," Richard said. "Our plan sees high-speed rail as a strategic tool in an integrated transportation system to meet California's growing mobility needs." ▣

Gennady Sheyner is a reporter for the Voice's sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly.

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CRIME BRIEFS

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reportedly saw one of the two teenage boys sneak two bottles of Jack Daniels whiskey into a backpack, said Liz Wylie, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

After one teen left the store, an employee confronted the boy with the backpack, Wylie said.

That's when the teen made a break for it, Wylie said. He ran out into the parking lot and shoved one of the two pursuing employees, according to the police report, and headed to a Dodge Charger where the other teen sat behind the wheel.

There was a struggle as the fleeing teen attempted to get into the Charger and the employee tried to hold him, Wylie said. The employee was hit multiple times by the teen, a few times in the groin.

The two teens were arrested for robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery and taken to juvenile hall. One of the bottles of Jack Daniels, valued at \$46.99, broke, the other was returned to the store.

Police said a 17-year-old from East Palo Alto allegedly stole the liquor and fought with employees, and a 16-year-old from Portola Valley was the teen behind the wheel of the would-be getaway car, Wylie said.

SUSPICIOUS MAN ON CAMPUS

Police are seeking the man they suspect lunged at a 9-year-old female Bubb Elementary School student Thursday morning, March 29, on the school's campus.

Extra safety precautions were triggered at all Mountain View elementary and middle schools after a "stranger on the Bubb campus approached one of our students in a suspicious manner," an official with the Mountain View Whisman School District said in an email to district parents.

The student was unharmed and the suspect's intentions are still unclear.

The 9-year-old girl was returning to class from a trip to the bathroom, said Liz Wylie, the Mountain View Police Department's public information officer. The girl saw the man leaning up against a tether ball pole. Wylie said that the man lunged at the girl when she came within 6 feet of him. The girl ran away and the man ran in the opposite direction.

"Despite an exhaustive search," Wylie wrote in the report, "the man was not found."

Police believe the man is white, in his 50s, with thinning gray hair and is heavyset, and was wearing gray jeans and a navy blue polo shirt. A sketch is online at mv-voice.com.

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NELSON

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upgrades to schools and facilities throughout the district for various reasons — including to make schools “safe from asbestos, lead and other hazards.”

Nelson's maintained that the inclusion of those two words — “lead” and “asbestos” — was intended to “purposefully mislead” the public. He claims that the school board has greatly exaggerated the risk posed by asbestos and lead paint in older school buildings as a scare tactic aimed at garnering voter support.

Goldman denied all of Nelson's accusations, and said district lawyers made their case to the court and McKenney put a stop to Nelson's legal action.

Measure G, should it pass, will be supported by area homeowners who would pay up to \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. It requires a yes vote of 55 percent to pass. It would come on top of Measure C, the eight-year, \$3 million voter-approved parcel tax that went into effect in 2009. Depending on parcel size, property owners are assessed anywhere from nearly \$150 to over \$1,000 a year under Measure C.

For his part, Nelson said he was never opposed to the school dis-

trict getting that money. Nor was he against the taxpayers footing the bill. Nelson insists he only felt the community needed to be more involved in the process of deciding how the money would be spent.

Goldman said it seemed that Nelson simply wanted to throw a wrench in the spokes of the process for some other reason. Goldman noted that Nelson had attacked the bond measure using other rhetoric before abandoning it to settle on the “lead and asbestos” argument.

“Mr. Nelson has let us know that he's willing to do anything to deny our students access to safe efficient and modern facilities,” Goldman said. “This latest action demonstrates his willingness to file a frivolous lawsuit in order to impede the district's ability to renovate and upgrade student classrooms and facilities.” Goldman noted that fighting the lawsuit cost the district many hours of administrative and clerical time — gathering documents, hiring a law firm and having discussions with attorneys.

Nelson defended his legal action.

“I always advocate for schools, but it matters for me how the money is spent. ... (This is) an OK bond. But we really need a great bond,” he said. ▀

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A small business

There are many on the team like Zarmer with roles that do not directly involve the building of the robot. The team has a treasurer, a secretary, a webmaster and public relations representative — all of them students.

Each FIRST team is essentially a small business, explained Karen Mahoney, a member of the Silicon Valley Regional FIRST planning committee and public relations subcommittee. Science and engineering are not the only skills the teens get a chance to practice, although that is a large part of the process.

"It's lots of hours per week, but it's really rewarding," Nick Crispie said. As team captain, Crispie is in charge of the design and construction of the 60-inch tall, 130-pound Renegade. He oversees bringing the robot to and from the field of play at competitions, and he helps show new team members the ropes.

"It's loads of fun, especially when you're doing well," Crispie said.

This is his third year on the team, and he said he really has come to appreciate all the "real-world" problem-solving he has a chance to engage in.

"Probably the most important thing is management and working together to move toward a certain goal with a certain schedule in mind. The whole experience is really hard to get inside of school, so that's why this program is really valuable," he said.

Basketball-shooting robots

The three-day long competition at the Event Center brought together about 50 teams from all over the state in head-to-head in matches of Rebound Rumble — a

game in which teams (or alliances) of three robots each try to avoid running into each other as they scoop up miniature basketballs and shoot them into one of three hoops. Two teams play at the same time on opposite sides of a court.

Extra points can be earned at the beginning of the match, when robots must shoot baskets autonomously (without the aid of human with a remote control), and at the end, when one bot from each team must balance on either end of a seesaw in the middle of the court — a feat which requires the drivers of opposing robots and on opposite ends of the playing field to move their machines in unison and bring them to rest so that both ends of the seesaw platform are off the ground.

The audience let out gasps and cheers as the Mountain View robot first struggled, but ultimately managed to balance with an opposing machine on the teeter-totter at the end of two matches on March 30.

Some of those gasps and cheers were likely coming from Apple Computer co-founder Steve Wozniak, who was one of the competition's judges.

Wozniak called the FIRST program is fantastic, saying it gives students the chance to learn in a way they couldn't in school.

"You go out there, you come up with ideas, you build things — ideas of things that don't exist yet. Nobody else fed you the plans. These aren't learned out of a book. It isn't somebody else's knowledge. It's your own," Wozniak said. "When you're done, you've done it yourself. That's so motivating."

Zarmer and Crispie are both looking forward to St. Louis, where they will have the chance to meet with more than 170 teams from all over the world, exchange ideas and maybe even make some new friends. And, of course, they hope to win it all. ■

More winning robots

"Renegade" is not the only competitive robot produced by local high school students. Los Altos High School's robotics team placed fifth out of 50 teams at the Silicon Valley Regional FIRST Tournament.

In fact, FIRST is not the only competitive robotics league in which a local team is excelling. Green MacHHHHine, a robotics club for Mountain View, Homestead and home-schooled high school students, is gearing up to head to Anaheim for the VEX Robotics World Championship on April 13.

Green MacHHHHine — whose H-heavy name comes thanks to the group's affiliation with the 4-H youth organization — visited the VEX champion-

ship last year, as well.

VEX competitions are structured differently than a FIRST tournament. The Green MacHHHHine team's robot will play a different game than the FIRST robots do; and the robots are required to perform in an assortment of side challenges and tests.

As in FIRST, high schoolers participating in VEX learn a great deal about engineering and are also encouraged to learn web design and other 21st century skills, such as video editing. The Green MacHHHHine team was awarded \$750 for placing first in a contest to see who could produce the best VEX educational video — a short film, which teaches a robotics concept.

—Nick Veronin

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Owls have friends at City Hall

Life is not easy for the small flock of burrowing owls who live on a small patch of habitat in the midst of Google offices, the Shoreline Golf Links, and the thousands of visitors who venture to the recreation area at the end of Shoreline Boulevard.

The owls — only nine inches tall — have survived at Shoreline for 25 years, nesting in abandoned gopher holes and foraging for the ground squirrels that are the bulk of their diet. They are designated a species of special concern in California, vulnerable to extinction due to diminishing habitat and declining populations.

The increasing pressure is taking its toll. Encroaching development and other factors have led to the lowest owl census in years — just three nesting pairs who produced 10 chicks last year. In better times (2003) 22 chicks were hatched at Shoreline.

Clearly, if the owls are to survive here, more needs to be done and last week staff members presented a new blueprint for how the city could enhance the nesting and foraging capability of the owls with a goal of boosting the population to 10 nesting pairs which would be expected to produce up to 30 fledges or chicks a year.

For the plan to be successful, biologists say more areas must be set aside for the owls to find food, a key factor that has caused the population to struggle in recent years. Until now, it was thought that nesting habitat was

the most important factor in the owls' success. But after more study and seeing the survival rate drop, the 2012 plan focuses more on finding foraging habitat, such as was recently created at the Golf Links when several ponds were filled, creating more high-quality foraging area. Two other 100-acre tracts have also been identified in the study as high- and medium-quality foraging habitat that should provide the owls plenty of hunting grounds for the foreseeable future.

To meet this goal, biologists say only a modest budget of \$15,000 will be needed for fencing, new educational signs and some planting and irrigation. The city already employs Phil Higgins, a part-time biologist and owl expert, who monitors the Shoreline owl population.

The draft plan also will designate specific areas as a burrowing owl preserves where posts will be installed to mark the boundaries. The preserves also will be designated on Shoreline maps that are handed out to the public. Informal trails in the preserve will be removed and the city will provide minimum access roads for maintenance. Existing paved or gravel trails will remain.

All of this is good news for the present and future of the burrowing owls at Shoreline. It is encouraging to see the City Council continue to support this worthy cause. We hope the current effort will allow the owls to flourish and reach the goal of 10 nesting pairs in the near future.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

EMBRACE FOOD TRUCKS

I was disturbed to see such outright support for the restaurant business in last week's editorial "Food trucks need some rules."

While I agree that a rule set to govern and regulate food trucks is a good idea in regards to health, food safety and public safety, to institute new rules to regulate competition and innovation would be against the very entrepreneurial spirit this tech-savvy town holds dear.

I would encourage the city officials to take a cheap Southwest Air flight to Austin, Texas, arguably one of the most hip and attractive cities in the Southwest; extremely similar to our beloved San Jose, Silicon Valley and Mountain View where "caravan" food outlets have been thriving alongside traditional eateries.

When a group or couple want to frequent a sit down restaurant the ubiquity of food trucks is not a concern or factor. Allowing for more choice though, for the lunch crowd especially, will actually only

strengthen downtown fare. And those who invested in a bad model cuisine that might be faltering will need to either step up their game or move on, just as it is now except with the added pressure (good, healthy competitive pressure) of caravans forcing their hand early to be sure their business plan and research was solid in the first place.

For example, though I love gelato, who says that there should only be one choice? Why shouldn't I also be able to choose to walk a little bit further to, let's say the Caltrain parking lot, or the one on Dana across from Sushitomi where maybe a truck serves a new style of ice cream?

Truly popular truck fare sometimes leads owners to greater investment in their food and operations. As market-driven interest builds, it may actually lead to a solid business plan to open a traditional restaurant, distilled from experiences gained from selling out of their vehicular food shacks.

Similarly, you should look into

the reverse story where the former Palo Alto Oaxacan Kitchen restaurant closed in favor of taking their cuisine to Saturday farmers markets, teaching classes in Mexican cuisine and now operate a truck.

Yes, I believe there should be a modern set of rules to govern the health and food safety rules to be

followed by caravan eateries, but never should regulation be used to favor or disfavor something new just because it's new and threatens old stalwart businesses and competition. In fact, it should encourage it!

Richard Gardner
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Melts in your mouth, and in your hand

NEW MALL RESTAURANT SERVES UP A MENU OF SQUISHY COMFORT FOOD

By Sheila Himmel

On a cold Tuesday night, not much is happening at Stanford Shopping Center. Yet the Melt is doing a brisk business. Who doesn't love a grilled cheese sandwich, right?

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vacuum-cleaner people, design non-stick sandwich presses that require very little butter and don't squish the bread. The sandwiches emerge hot and soft.

Which is great if you're very old or very young. But for anyone between, say, 7 and 85, a little crunch would be nice, to remind yourself that you're eating and not just swallowing. Just about every food item at the Melt is soft, almost drinkable.

All the soups are pureed. You can watch them being aerated

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Within minutes my dining companion and I downed a boatload of calories and fat — and, with a grilled s'more for dessert, a bit of sugar. We felt uneasy when we left the Melt. Full, yes, but like we'd had dinner at a day-care center.

It isn't cheap, especially when you consider the ingredients and lack of labor involved. A small sandwich is \$5.95. (The Classic, sharp cheddar on potato bread, packs 590 calories and 35 grams of fat.) A cup of soup is \$3.95. (Tomato basil is just 110 calo-

ries, 6 grams of fat.) Buy them together on the combo, \$8.75, and they throw in a Barbie-size bag of potato chips. (Unstated calories and fat.) Grilled dessert sandwiches are \$3.95.

We tried the tomato basil soup and the creamy wild mushroom soup. Both were smooth and warm and tasted like their ingredients.

Similarly, though, both sandwiches were soft and bland. Bread varieties are: potato, sourdough, eight-grain, garlic, whole wheat and gluten-free. But the two we tried, potato and garlic, didn't taste or feel all that



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The Melt is a recent addition to Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto.

different. You can add, for free, bits of bacon and/or tomato. This helped beef up the Classic, but on the Italian Job, fontina and provolone cheese merged into indistinctness.

But that's always been the idea behind the grilled cheese sandwich. Thanks to the Food Timeline, we learn that ancient Roman cookbooks offer the earliest recipes for cooked bread and cheese, and that the American version owes its birth in the 1920s to the inventions of inexpensive sliced bread and American cheese. World War II sailors enjoyed "American cheese filling sandwiches" and soon so did school and company cafeterias, often including a side of tomato soup. Grilled cheese sandwiches were open-faced until the 1960s.

The Melt, located where Smith & Hawken used to sell garden tools, is very pleasant, with high ceilings and comfortable blond-

finished plywood booths. It's fun, with '50s-style globe lamps, subway-style white-tiled walls, splashes of bright orange signage, and metal cafeteria-style trays. All the cups, spoons and napkins are bio-compostable.

Naturally, many of the drinks are organic (milk) or natural (Izze sparkling juice and soda). Beer runs \$3.50 for the Anderson Valley's Boont Amber Ale and \$2.75 for the urban hipsters' Pabst Blue Ribbon. Also popular are mini-cans of Francis Coppola Winery's Sofia sparkling wine.

We didn't spring for drinks, but because of that unfinished feeling we did split a grilled s'more sandwich. This involves milk chocolate melted into a smidgen of marshmallow — or marshmallow sauce, it was hard to tell — between finger-sandwich slices of indistinct bread. A graham cracker would have been nice. ▣

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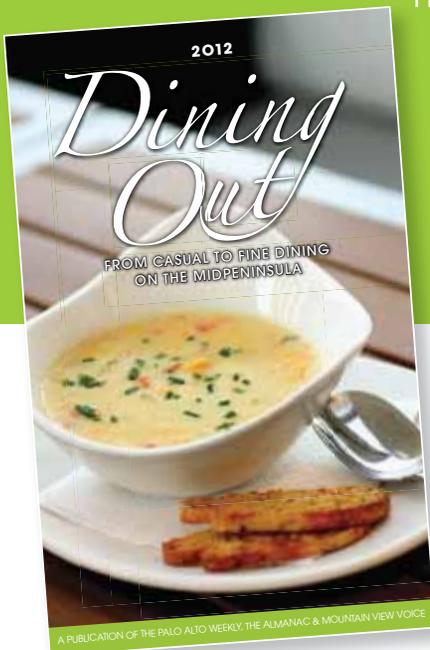
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Free Spanish Bicycling Education Classes Offered in Mountain View



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 cyclist
- 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

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MOVIE TIMES

21 Jump Street (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:40 & 4:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 7:20 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 2:15, 5:05, 8 & 10:40 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream (1935) Stanford Theatre: Tue.-Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 3:40 p.m.

American Reunion (R) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:40, 2, 3:40, 4:50 & 7 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 8, 10 & 10:40 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 8:20 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 12:25, 1:15, 2:15, 3:05, 3:55, 5, 5:50, 6:40, 7:50, 8:40, 9:30 & 10:40 p.m.

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

Casa de Mi Padre (R) Century 20: 11:25 a.m. & 4:55 p.m.

The Deep Blue Sea (R) ★★★1/2 Guild Theatre: 4:15, 7 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1:45 p.m.

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

Footnote (PG) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre: 4:15 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. also at 7:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1:45 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:55 p.m.

Friends with Kids (R) Century 20: 10:05 p.m.

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

Jiro Dreams of Sushi Aquarius Theatre: 4:45, 7 & 9:15 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2:30 p.m.

John Carter (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: 4 p.m.; In 3D at 1 & 7:05 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Manon Century 20: Sat. at 9 a.m. **Palo Alto Square:** Sat. at 9 a.m.

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

The Prisoner of Zenda (1937) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 5:35 & 9:25 p.m.

The Raid: Redemption (R) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:40 & 7:40 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 10:20 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 10:10 p.m.

Robin Hood (1922) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Titanic 3D (PG-13) Century 16: Noon (standard 2D); In 3D at 11 a.m.; 3:10, 4:10, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 1:30 p.m. (standard 2D); In 3D at noon, 4:05, 5:40, 8:10 & 9:45 p.m.

What Price Hollywood? (1932) Stanford Theatre: Tue.-Thu. at 5:50 & 9:55 p.m.

Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:20 & 5 p.m.; In 3D at 11 a.m.; 12:30, 1:30, 3:10 & 4:10 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. (standard 2D) also at 8 & 10:30 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. (standard 2D) also at 7:40 & 10:05 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. also at 6:10, 7:10, 9 & 9:55 p.m.; In 3D Mon.-Thu. also at 7 & 9 **Century 20:** Noon, 2:30, 5:10, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.; In 3D at 11:10 a.m.; 12:50, 1:40, 3:25, 4:20, 6, 6:50, 8:40 & 9:35 p.m.

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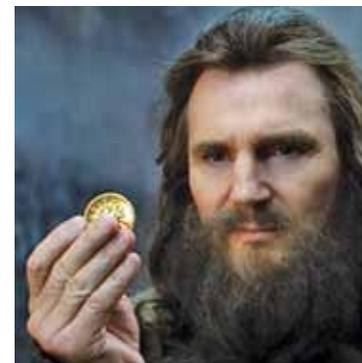
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MOVIE REVIEWS



Liam Neeson as Zeus in "Wrath of the Titans."

WRATH OF THE TITANS

★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) While "Wrath of the Titans" may not be escapist fantasy entertainment at its finest, the film's strong cast and striking visuals make for a thrilling theatrical ride. A follow-up to 2010's "Clash of the Titans," "Wrath" finds the heroic Perseus (Sam Worthington) enjoying the quiet life of a humble fisherman alongside his only son, Helios (John Bell). An ominous visit from Perseus' immortal father, Zeus (Liam Neeson), forces him to toss his fisherman's net in favor of a sword. Worthington seems to have matured as an actor and is more engaging here than in previous roles. Although the visual effects are impressive, there are times when the sensory barrage overwhelms the audience. "Wrath" is a cinematic treat for fantasy enthusiasts and for those who appreciate Greek mythology. *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of fantasy action and intense sequences of fantasy violence. One hour, 39 minutes* — T.H.

THE DEEP BLUE SEA

★★★1/2

(Guild) This exquisite realization is as vital as can be in depicting the timeless tortures of the romantically damned. Rachel Weisz stars as Hester Collyer, who we meet in the throes of a suicide attempt in her London flat, circa 1950. Hester recently abandoned her husband, High Court judge Sir William Collyer (Simon Russell Beale) to cohabit with the dashing — and considerably younger — RAF war vet Freddie Page (Tom Hiddleston). For the most part, the story unfolds over the course of 24 hours, as Hester finds herself caught "between the devil and the deep blue sea." Director Terence Davies orchestrates the film with confident pacing and elegant mise-en-scène, Florian Hoffmeister's camera gently drifting, rising, spinning, never quite showy but fully in concert with the soundtrack's string-laden Samuel Barber. "The Deep Blue Sea" is near-thoroughly dour — as Hester puts it, "Sad perhaps, but hardly Sophocles" — but it's also captivating and likely to be remembered as one of the year's best.

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MOVIE CRITICS

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'OF MICE AND MEN'

TheatreWorks presents 'Of Mice and Men.' Adapted for the stage by Steinbeck, this is a portrait of the strength of friendship and the depth of the American dream. April 4-29. \$19- \$69. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Connections Academy hosts Info Session Central California Connections Academy, a tuition-free virtual public school, will host a free information session in Mountain View for families interested in learning about its online program and individualized approach to education. April 10, 6:30-8 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 840 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 619-533-7971. www.connectionsacademy.com

Elder Fraud Attendees can join Janet Berry, Deputy District Attorney for Santa Clara County, as she helps identify scams that target seniors. Attendees can learn how these scams work and how they can protect themselves and their loved ones from being victimized. April 12, 1 p.m. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation Introduction to the meditative development of mindfulness. Five-week course taught by Insight Meditation South Bay teachers. No registration required. April 12, 7-9 p.m. St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Hoppin' Hounds' The ninth annual Doggie Easter Biscuit Hunt in Los Altos Hills. People and dogs hunt through Byrne Preserve in search of "dog-healthy Easter Biscuits." The on-leash event benefits the Palo Alto Animal Services shelter. April 7, 9 a.m. Free. Westwind Community Barn, 27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-947-2518. www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/

DANCE

Ballet Class For the Love of Dance studio is

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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

FILM

Modern Architecture Film Series FILM+conversation 2012 benefits the Los Altos Neutra House. April 12: Beautiful Simplicity: Arts & Crafts Architecture in Southern California; May

10: People in Glass Houses: The Legacy of Joseph Eichler, June 14: Eames: The Architect and the Painter. Filmmakers participate in person or via Skype. 7-9 p.m. \$50 Series; \$20 each; students half price. Los Altos Neutra House, 181 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-4164. neutrahouse.org

HEALTH

Lunch N' Learn Speaker: Dwight Chen M.D. on gynecological conditions and minimally invasive treatments. April 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m. El Camino Hospital, Conference Rooms A & B, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View.

LIVE MUSIC

Belly Dancing with Katia Morocco's Restaurant will feature music from the Arab world in a belly dancing performance from Katia at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, April 4-25, 5-9:30 p.m. Free Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

ON STAGE

'The Government Inspector' An unfortunate case of mistaken identity sends a whole Russian village spiraling into a tizzy of panic and greed when a government inspector comes to call in this adaptation of Nikolai Gogol's classic comedy by Jeffrey Hatcher. April 12 - May 5, 8 p.m. \$26-32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.busbarn.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Easter Sunday at Stanford Memorial

Church Christian interdenominational service in historical Memorial Church. Rev. Scotty McLennan, dean for religious life, will preach and Rev. Joanne Sanders, associate dean for religious life will preside. Music featuring University Organist Dr. Robert Huw Morgan and the Memorial Church Choir. April 8, 10-11 a.m. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762.

First Night Passover Seder Attendees can celebrate Passover at Etz Chayim with one of three concurrent seders: Glee seder with Rabbi Cartun, On One Foot Seder with Ilana Goldhaber-Gordon, and Musical Tot Seder with Rabbi Rachel Solomin. All seders include catered kosher-for-Passover dinner and wine/juice. Everyone welcome. April 6, 5-9 p.m. \$10-\$60. Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 650-813-9094. www.etzchayim.org

Stanford Easter Concert "Be Not Afraid, Only Believe: An Easter Celebration of Christ." Music and the spoken word to celebrate the life and sacrifices of Jesus Christ with choir, organ, string, and brass performances. Speaker: W. Lincoln Watkins. April 10, 7:30 p.m. Stanford University Memorial Church, Stanford University Quad, Palo Alto.

Sunrise Easter Service The First Presbyterian Church will gather at sunrise near the 100-foot cross outside and greet the morning celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Coffee and refreshments served following the Service. April 8, 6:30-7:15 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-968-4473. www.fpcmv.org

SPORTS

Group runs The running store On Your Mark has organized four weekly running groups, with

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TALKS/AUTHORS

Author's Luncheon American Association of University Women, Palo Alto Branch hosts Author's Luncheon, a benefit event to send seventh grade girls to Tech Trek math/science camp. Reservations required. April 7, 12-2 p.m. \$40. Michael's at Shoreline, 1900 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-380-3617. www.aauw-paloalto.org/AuthorsFlyer12

Local Women on Trekking, Teaching in Nepal Three current and former members of the Los Altos/Mountain View AAUW chapter will show and tell about their adventures trekking with an all-woman guide team in the Annapurna range of Nepal in November of 2011. One of the trio also spent extra time teaching with the NGO Empowering Women in Nepal. April 11, 5:30-7 p.m. \$5. 1st Republic National Bank Community Room, 400 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-2031.

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Jack Boyd, senior advisor to the center director of the NASA Ames Research Center, and also ombudsman and historian, describes the mission of the Ames History Office and reflects on his career in environment at Ames. The talk will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

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File No.: 561780
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This business is owned by: An Individual.
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(MVV Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2012)

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File No.: 562293
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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File No.: 562778
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File No.: 562116
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: March 21, 2012
To Whom It May Concern:
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(MVV Mar. 30, Apr. 6, 13, 2012)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
Date of Filing Application: March 29, 2012
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: GRAN FIESTA CORP.
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